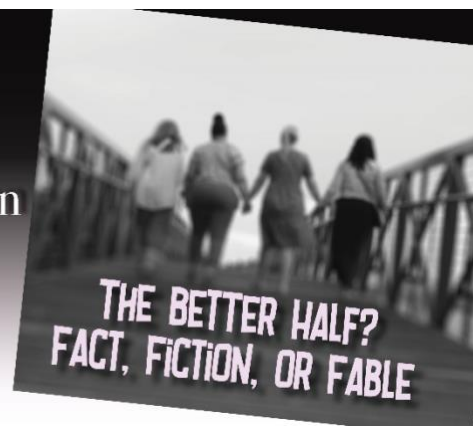

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Thursday, February 23, 2023 - Natchez Convention Center, 211 Main Street

8:30 a.m. **Opening Ceremony with President Jane Hulon Sims**, Copiah-Lincoln Community College, **Mayor Dan Gibson**, City of Natchez and **Vice-President Sandra Barnes**, Copiah-Lincoln Community College Natchez Campus.

Recognition of William Winter Scholars and Vance Fellows

9:00 a.m. **“And We’ll Call Her ‘Miss America’: 1921 and the Birth of a Complicated Ideal.”**
Amy Argetsinger, *The Washington Post* journalist and author of *There She Was: The Secret History of Miss America*.
Sponsored by United Mississippi Bank

9:45 a.m. **“It is the Secrets that Make Us Real.”** **Julie Hines Mabus**, author of *Confessions of a Southern Beauty Queen*.

10:30 a.m. **“Skirt Chasing, Petticoat Government, and Wearing the Pants: The Feminist, Feminine History of Fashion.”** **Dr. Kimberly Chrisman-Campbell**, author of *Skirts: Fashioning Modern Femininity in the Twentieth Century*.
Sponsored by the Seni Group

11:15 a.m. **Book Signing**

BREAK FOR LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

11:30 - 1:00 p.m. **Ticketed Event: “There She Is, Queen’s Luncheon,”**
The Carriage House, 401 High Street, Natchez, MS. Tickets \$40.

Lynda Lee Mead Shea, Miss America 1960 (Miss Mississippi 1959)

Cheryl Prewitt Salem, Miss America 1980 (Miss Mississippi 1979)

Asya Branch, Miss USA 2020 (Miss Mississippi 2018, Miss Mississippi USA 2020)

Kimberly Morgan Myles, Miss Mississippi 2007

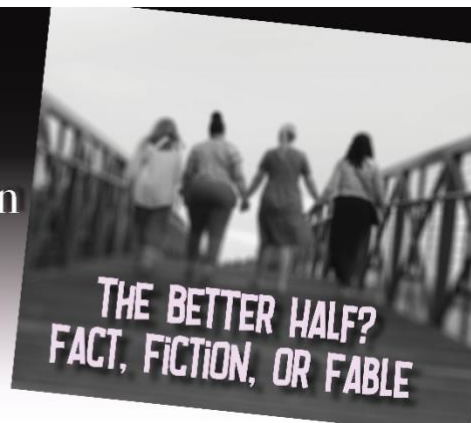
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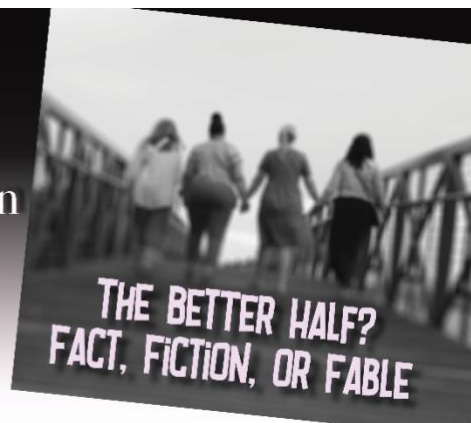
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- 1:30 p.m.** **“The Secret History of Home Economics in Mississippi and Beyond.”** Danielle Dreilinger, author of *The Secret History of Home Economics: How Trailblazing Women Harnessed the Power of Home and Changed the Way We Live.*
Sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Aubrey Lucas
- 2:15 p.m.** **“The Frenchwomen Who Helped Found Natchez.”** Streamed via Zoom: Dr. Joan DeJean, University of Pennsylvania, author of *Mutinous Women: How French Convicts Became Founding Mothers of the Gulf Coast.*
Sponsored by Judy and Jim Wiggins
- 3:00 p.m.** **Book Signing**
- 3:15 p.m.** **“Privateers, Slavers, and Independence: Southeastern New England Women’s Politics and Family as Expressed in their Needle Arts, 1750-1810.”** Lynne Zacek Bassett, Costume and Textile Historian and Museum Consultant.
Sponsored by Marion and Carolyn Vance Smith
- 4:00 p.m.** **“One Enslaved Woman’s Life: Piecing Together a Narrative.”** Kristen Green, author of *The Devil’s Half Acre: The Untold Story of How One Woman Liberated the South’s Most Notorious Slave Jail.*
Sponsored by Stratton Bull
- 4:45 p.m.** **“La Belle Américaine: Virginie Avegno Gautreau and the Franco-American Society of ‘Madame X’.”** Dr. Cybèle Gontar, Guest Curator of The Cabildo, Louisiana State Museum, New Orleans, LA.
Sponsored by Silas Simmons LLC, Certified Public Accountants and Advisors
- 5:30 p.m.** **Book Signing**
- 5:30 p.m.** **Vintage Fashion Style Show:** Curated by Judy Wiggins.
- Food and Libations** prepared by Yolanda Morgan. Music by LLJuna Grennell Weir. Cash Bar available.
- 6:30 p.m.** **Screening Event: *Rhythms of the Land*,** a documentary followed by Questions and Discussion with the filmmaker, **Dr. Gail P. Myers.**



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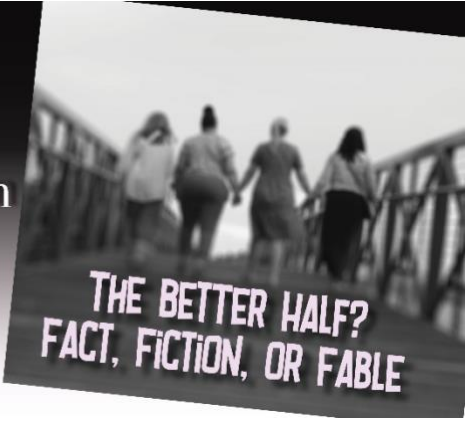
Friday, February 24, 2023 - Natchez Convention Center, 211 Main Street

- 8:30 a.m.** Presentation of Richard Wright Award for Literary Excellence to Jackson, Mississippi native, **Katy Simpson Smith**, author of *The Story of Land and Sea*, *Free Men*, and a *New York Times* Best Historical Fiction of 2020, *The Everlasting*.
- Presentation of the Thad Cochran Award of Achievement in the Humanities to **Mimi Miller, Executive Director Emeritus of the Historic Natchez Foundation.**
- Recognition of the John D. W. Guice Young Writers Competition Winners by **Nancy McFarland.**
- Book Signing following awards**
- 9:30 a.m.** “**Changing the Narrative and Telling a More Complete Story.**” Panel Discussion with **Dr. Jodi Skipper**, author of *Behind the Big House: Reconciling Slavery, Race and Heritage in the U.S. South* and **Dr. Elizabeth Bronwyn Boyd**, author of *Southern Beauty, Race, Ritual, and Memory in the Modern South* moderated by **Dr. Roscoe Barnes of Visit Natchez.**
Sponsored by Kathleen Bond and Marcia McKinzie
- 10:30 a.m.** “**Baking at the Hearth and Stove: Baking in the Southern Home.**” **Dr. Rebecca Sharpless**, Texas Christian University, author of *Grain and Fire: A History of Baking in the American South.*
Sponsored by Holly and Ned Wright
- 11:15 a.m.** **Book Signing**
- 11:45 - 1:00 p.m.** **Ticketed Event: “Brunch from the Summer Kitchen at Gloucester.”**
Dr. Leni Sorensen, former food historian at Monticello and author of *Through the Seasons: A Baker’s Dozen of Breads and Sweets from The Virginia House-Wife* presents “**Keeping a Fine Table in the Federal Era: From the Urban East to the Mississippi Territory.**”
201 Lower Woodville Road, Natchez, MS. Tickets \$40.



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- 1:30 p.m.** **“In a House Built by Slaves: African American Encounters with Abraham Lincoln.”** Dr. Jonathan White, Christopher Newport University, author of *A House Built by Slaves: African American Visitors to the Lincoln White House*.
Sponsored by Concordia Bank
- 2:15 p.m.** **“Women of the Civil War.”** Shelby Harriel, author of *Behind the Rifle: Women Soldiers in Civil War Mississippi*.
Sponsored by the Natchez National Historical Park
- 3:15 p.m.** **Book Signing**
- 3:30 p.m.** **“The Good Girl and the Bad.”** Elisabeth Grant-Gibson In Conversation with Valerie Martin, author of *Property*, *Mary Riley*, and *The Great Divorce*.
Sponsored by Bubba and Mary Ann Spell
- 4:30 p.m.** **“Southern Fiction.”** Panel Discussion with Dr. Sarah Adlahka, author of *She Wouldn’t Change a Thing* and Diane C. McPhail, author of *The Seamstress of New Orleans* moderated by Michelle Boyd, Copiah-Lincoln Community College.
- 5:15 p.m.** **Book Signing**
- 5:30 p.m.** **Screening Event: “The Saloon,”** a documentary followed by Questions and Discussion with filmmaker, Timothy Givens.