



The 28th Annual Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration:

Mississippi: A Literary Journey

Thursday, February 23, 2017—Natchez Convention Center, 211 Main Street

4:30-5:45 p.m. Cinema Event: The Making of *The Parchman Ordeal: The Untold Story*

7:00-9:30 p.m. Cinema Event: Premier of *Mississippi Madam: The Life of Nellie Jackson*.

Friday, February 24, 2017—Natchez Convention Center, 211 Main Street

8:15 a.m. Opening Ceremony President Ronnie Nettles/CLCC; Mayor Darryl Grennell, City of Natchez. Presiding: Governor William F. Winter, Director of Proceedings, NLCC.

9:00 –

9:50 a.m.- **“Mississippi and Statehood.” Dr. Chester (Bo) Morgan**, University of Southern Mississippi and author of *Redneck Liberal: Theodore G. Bilbo and the New Deal* and *Treasured Past, Golden Future: The Centennial History of the University of Southern Mississippi*.

10:00-

11:30 a.m. **“The South in Color: A Visual Journal.” Dr. William Ferris**, Center for the Study of the American South, UNC Chapel Hill—A multimedia presentation featuring the author’s new book on the exploration of the power of photographs to reveal how the power of memory and sense of place shapes the region through portraits of people and their Mississippi worlds.

11:30-1:00 *lunch break*

1:00-

1:20 p.m. **Presentation of the Thad Cochran Award for Achievement in the Humanities to Elbert R. Hilliard, (ret.) Director of MS Dept. of Archives and History**

1:30-

2:20 p.m. **Eccentricity & Elegance: Savoring Mississippi’s Charms, Denise Gee**, Food writer, journalist, and author of *Southern Appetizers*, this nationally respected Southern food author and style bonne vivant dishes on the people, places and food that has made Mississippi deliciously entertaining over the years.

2:45-

3:45 p.m. **My Triumph, Martha Rossignol**, author of *My Triumph Over Prejudice* will discuss the impact of the Civil Rights Movement on small-town Mississippi from a personal perspective.

8:30 p.m.

Music of the People. This is a ticketed event featuring Alvin Shelby and the Holy Family Catholic Choir, hosted by First Presbyterian Church, 121 Pearl Street, Natchez MS. All proceeds from this concert will go toward preservation efforts at both historic churches. This is a “coming together concert” symbolizing our community united through the arts. Holy Family is home to Mississippi’s first African American Catholic church. The presentation will include a lecture on the history and significance of these congregations at the state level. Tickets \$15.





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Saturday, February 25, 2017—Natchez Convention Center, 211 Main Street

- 8:30 a.m. Opening Remarks: Dr. Ronnie Nettles, President, Copiah Lincoln Community College
- 9:00-
- 10:20 a.m. ***A Conversation with Richard Grant***, featuring **Richard Grant**, author, *Dispatches From Pluto*. This interview format presentation will center on themes found in Mr. Grant's bestselling book on the Mississippi Delta.
- 10:30-
- 11:30 a.m. **Richard Wright Awards for Literary Excellence:** with educational presentations by the award winners, **Stanley Nelson**, Journalist, Concordia Sentinel and author of the *Devils Walking: Klan Murders along the Mississippi in the 1960s* (basis for Greg Isles' *Natchez Burning* trilogy), and **Peggy Prenshaw**, Eudora Welty Scholar, retired, Millsaps College
- 11:30 a.m.-
- 1:00 p.m. *Ticketed Event: Luncheon at the Carriage House.* Tickets \$30.
- 1:00-
- 2:15 p.m.: *A Conversation with Sally Jenkins*, featuring **Sally Jenkins** (Journalist, *The Washington Post*) co-author of *The State of Jones*. This interview format presentation will center around Ms. Jenkin's popular book on Newt Knight and the open defiance of Jones County Mississippi to Mississippi's secession and the Civil War.
- 2:15-
- 3:15 p.m. **"The Power of Storytelling: Delta Women and their Wisdom"; Alysia Burton Steele**, Assistant Professor of Journalism, Meek School of Journalism, University of Mississippi and author of *Delta Jewels*. *This presentation is similar to the Thursday presentation to area high school students but geared to a more general, adult audience.*
- 3:15-
- 4:15 p.m. **"Katrina and its Impact on Modern Mississippi"; NancyKay Sullivan Wessman**, author of *Katrina Mississippi: Voices from Ground Zero*.
- 5:30-7:45 **Benefit Cocktail Reception, Glen Auburn**, home of Dr. and Mrs. Randy Tillman, historic downtown Natchez MS. This is a *Ticketed Event.* Tickets \$60.

*The mission of NLCC is to bring quality humanities programming to our community with an emphasis on underserved populations. The goals of NLCC are simple—to inspire a lifelong love of and commitment to the humanities in the public at large, to educate its audience on a variety of topics within the humanities, and to serve the local community. **Our events, with very few exceptions, are free and open to the public.** Up to 2.0 CEUs available by contacting Emily Edwards at 601-446-1103.*

For more information, tickets, or to be included in our mailing lists, please contact the NLCC at nlcc@colin.edu, or by telephone at 601-446-1208

