



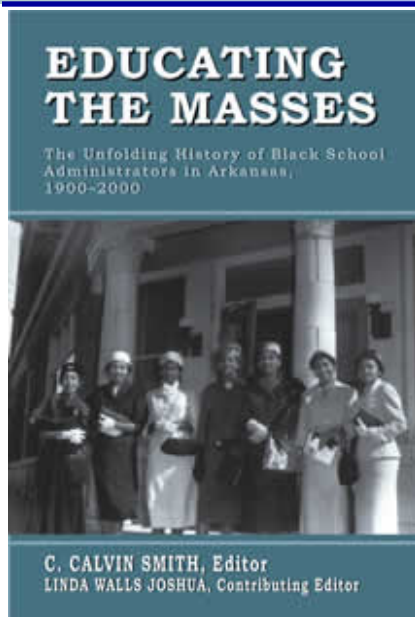
Delta Studies Center

A Message From the Center By: Peggy R. Wright

This summer has not only been hot, but full of new collaborations and partnerships on tourism efforts and initiatives between DSC and new emerging groups. Tourism is a economic boost for a lot of the small communities that we work in and with our funding from the Ford Foundation, we were able to inform and provide communities with possible resources to assist in their efforts.

As we continue in our efforts to promote cultural heritage tourism, we hope that more communities will see what opportunities lie in telling their stories. Whether they be found at school or family reunions, in old school buildings or even in cemeteries, there are stories to be told and documented that will draw people to each of our towns.

Distinguished Professor Publishes new book....



Dr. C. Calvin Smith, former ASU professor of history and current Distinguished Professor of the ASU-Heritage Studies Ph.D. Program has published a new book, "Educating the Masses: The Unfolding History of Black School Administrators in Arkansas, 1900-2000" sched-

uled to be released November 2003.

The book is a gallery of unsung heroes within the Arkansas Educational system in the twentieth century. It outlines the challenges, hard work, and achievements accomplished by the many African American administrators and teachers within a system where even the education for white children was underfunded.

For more information about this and other books offered by the University of Arkansas Press, please contact:

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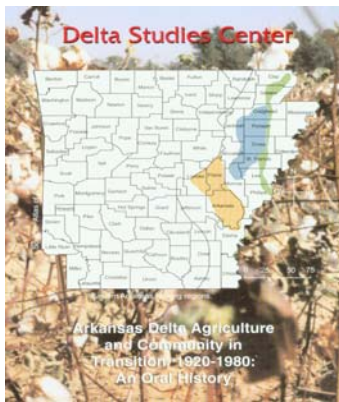
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Oral History Photographic Traveling Exhibit on permanent display in Little Rock



The ASU Delta Studies Center's Oral History photographic traveling exhibit "Arkansas Delta Agricultural and Community in Transition, 1920-1980: An Oral History," is now on permanent display at the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Little Rock, Arkansas. The exhibit is displayed on the 5th floor of the Federal Building located at 700 West Capital and can be visited from 8:00

a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday.

The exhibit captures the heart of the Delta Region, through the voices of its people. Delta Studies Center interviewers in 1998, traveled to 17 Eastern Arkansas counties to conduct over 106 interviews with people who experienced various aspects of the Delta during the 60 year period covered in the project.

Peggy R. Wright, Coordinator of the Delta Studies Center and Dr. Brady Banta, Dean B. Ellis Library Director of Archives and Special Collections, served as co-managers of the project. Drs. Calvin Smith and Larry Ball, formerly of the ASU History Department were project co-directors. Other members of the project team were Christine Perry, DSC Research Assistant, Rasheda Hamilton, Vaneta Harvey, Pat Snodgrass, Lynne

Zollner, and Natasha Washington Project interviewers and Burr Swann, Project manager, for Delta Studies Center Rural Development Initiative.

Funding for the project was provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the Natural Resources Conservation Service, under the auspices of the East Arkansas Resource Conservation and Development Council, with additional support from Congressman Marion Berry. Arkansas State University provided in-kind and matching funds for the project.

The exhibit is also available for community civic groups. To book the exhibit for your event contact the Delta Studies Center at (870) 910-8034 or (toll free) at (877) 731-3020.

Dr. Lonnie Williams joins ASU as new Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

The Delta Studies Center would like to take this opportunity to welcome Dr. Lonnie Williams to ASU.

Williams is the new Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. He officially began his appointment on April 16, 2003. Dr. Williams comes to Arkansas State University from the University of Arkansas Fayetteville (UAF) where he was also Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student affairs. His duties at UAF included supervision of as many as 10 departments and other administrative roles.

His role here at the university will be to support the

management and over-site of the growing Student Affairs Division. This division includes student life, university police, student government, student activities, and financial aide.



*Dr. Lonnie Williams
New Associate Vice Chancellor
for Student Affairs*

in over the years include assistant dean of students, coordinator of minority affairs, and night manager of the Student Union.

Williams earned all four of his degrees at UAF. Receiving a bachelors degree in business administration, a masters degree in education, a specialist degree in higher education administration, and his doctoral degree in adult education.

In accepting the position at ASU, Williams said "I have a genuine desire, commitment and enthusiasm for impacting students' lives. I am looking forward to getting started and playing an active role in Student Affairs at ASU."

A native of Stephens, in Ouachita County, Dr. Williams has worked in higher education for the last 26 years with 22 of those years in student affairs. Some of the positions he has served

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Preservation of African-American Cemeteries Conference to be held in September...

On September 19-20, 2003, the Preservation of African-American Cemeteries (PACC) will convene for a two day conference on cemetery preservation in Helena, Arkansas. The theme for this event is "Reclaiming Our Past To Preserve Our Future. If our cemeteries are to honor our dead, what kind of statement are we making in their honor?"

The conference objective is to deepen the understanding of the relationship between the important task of cemetery preservation and humanities education for all ages and cultures. It will give the citizens of Arkansas an opportunity to network and learn inno-



valuable techniques to research and provide perpetual care of cemeteries as a place where historical/cultural/religious heritage is authenticated. A tour will be provided of historic cemeteries and a panel of speakers will instruct and teach guests the

valuable information necessary for the education and preparation of cemetery restoration, documentation, and preservation.

This conference is sponsored in part by a grant from the Arkansas Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information about PACC or the conference, please contact:

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"Reclaiming Our Past To Preserve Our Future" Conference Schedule

Friday-September 19, 2003

10:00 a.m. - 10:30

Welcome/Greetings:
Phyllis Hammonds - PAAC, Inc.,
President

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Dr. C. Calvin Smith - First Distinguished Professor of the Heritage Studies Ph.D. Program - ASU

12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Lavona Wilson & Jama Best
Arkansas Humanities Council Grant
Funding and possible resources for
cemetery projects.

1:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Lunch & Historical Tour: Following a stop for lunch (lunch not included in registration) the tour will take you to the sites of historical AA Cemeteries in Phillips Co., Oak Grove, Dixon and Spring Lake cemeteries. The tour will then continue with a visit to Centennial Baptist Church, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and nominated for the National Historical Landmark Register. It's founder Rev. E. C. Morris is buried in

Dixon cemetery. The tour will conclude with a visit to the Tri-County Genealogy Society where our morning speaker, Carla Robinson will guide the tour.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Free Time

6:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Evening Welcome

6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Where Do Cemeteries Go When They Die? Presenters: Mr. Curtis Sykes & Tamela Tenpenny-Lewis

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Reception - One on One with
Conference Presenters.

Saturday - September 20, 2003

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Welcome/Greetings-Phyllis Hammonds
- PACC, Inc., President. Conference
Purpose - Dr. C. Calvin Smith

9:30 a.m. - 11:15 p.m.

Panel Discussion: Representatives from
the State Health Department, Arkansas
Cemetery Board, Afro-American

Historical & Genealogical Society,
Representatives from various
cemetery associations, Arkansas
Black Mayors Association, and State
Government Officials.

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Carrie V. Wilson - Preservationist,
Indian Burial Grounds

12:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Awards Luncheon - Keynote Speaker
- Dr. Michael Trinkley Archeological
Researcher - St. Louis, Missouri

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Featured Speaker: Roberta N.
Hughes-Wright - Author, Lay Down
Body, Detroit, MI

3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Break

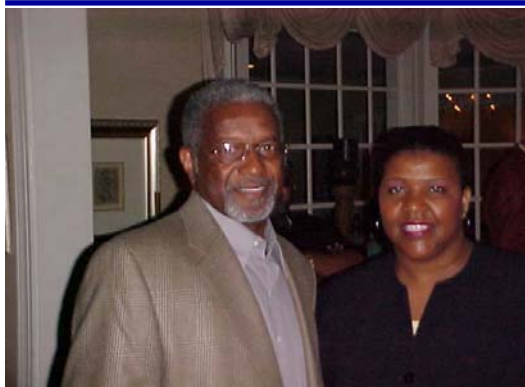
3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Frank Latimer - Arkansas
Historic Preservation Program

4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks - PAAC, Inc.
President, Tamela Tenpenny-Lewis,
Conference Chair.

Dr. George Grant becomes new Dean of Library



[Left to Right] Dr. George Grant, New Dean B. Ellis Library Dean with former S-TAC President Ruby Henderson

Dr. George Grant, Black Caucus of the American Library Association award winner and former Dean of the H.T. Sampson Library located on the Jackson State University campus has joined the ASU staff as Dean of the Dean B. Ellis Library. Dr. Grant officially started in his new position in the Spring of 2003.

He was welcomed to the ASU campus with a dinner held in his honor at the home of Marlon Sr. and Ruby Henderson sponsored by the Strong-Turner Alumni Chapter.

The Delta Studies Center welcomes Dr. Grant to the Arkansas State University Staff family.

First International Conference on Race: Racial Reconciliation

On October 1-4, 2003, the University of Mississippi's William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation will host a four-day conference exploring racial reconciliation and civic renewal on the international level.

This event will mark the close of the Open Doors commemorative year dedicated to the courage of Dr. James H. Meredith '63 and to all the University of Mississippi students, faculty, alumni, and staff who have stood up for open doors and opportunity for all on campus. The year begun October 1, 2002 with recognition of James Meredith and others for their unwavering work to bring more opportunities and access to those in need. This year will conclude with the international conference on racial reconciliation with the dedication of the civil rights memorial which will be placed on the green space between the Lyceum and the John Davis Williams Library, in the heart of the

campus.

Events for the conference include:

- October 1, 2003: Memorial Dedication followed by community dinner in the circle.
- October 2, 2003: Panels and workshops centered around showcasing different methods for teaching about race.
- October 3, 2003: Presentations by practitioners and academics reflecting on local methods of conflict resolution from across the globe with Charlayne Hunter-Gault having been invited to be

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the keynote speaker. Hunter-Gault, one of the first black students at the University of Georgia, is an award-winning journalist who has covered race in the United States as well as

reporting from postapartheid South Africa.

- October 4, 2003: Presentations will continue and a plenary session with Rev. James Lawson, a noted civil rights activists and proponent of reconciliation.

For more information about this conference please contact:

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ASU-DSC's Delta Service Corps members receive awards at graduation....



[Left to Right] Shawn Brown, Vaneta Harvey, and Marquita McClina

Shawn Brown, Vaneta Harvey, and Marquita McClina were recently recognized at the Arkansas Delta Service Corps graduation held in Brinkley, Arkansas on Friday, July 18, 2003.

Brown, Harvey, and McClina, Delta Service Corps volunteers at the ASU-Delta

Studies Center, received various awards for their outstanding volunteer service during the 2001-2003 years. They participated in the "ASU-DSC Oral History and Cultural Tourism Project," where they documented the history, heritage, culture, significant historical sites, personages, and events of small communities in the region through audio and video. This work was completed over the last 22 months under the guidance of Peggy R. Wright, Coordinator and Christine Perry, Research Assistant of the Delta Studies Center. Through their work they were able to "target" and involve under-

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served" areas and populations in the broader historic preservation and cultural heritage tourism programs underway in the Delta.

All three members are graduates of Arkansas State University, with Brown and McClina receiving their bachelor's degrees from the Department of Radio/TV and Harvey receiving her bachelor's and master's from the Department of History and her specialist degree in Community College teaching.

The service awards are given out each year at graduation to those corps members who served beyond the call of duty within their perspective sites.

Delta Events held in July

The *17th Annual Arkansas Minority Business Opportunity Fair, the Conference to focus on partnerships that promote community economic development, the Preservation Workshop, and the Rites of Ancestral Return Commemorating the Colonial* were all held during the month of July.

- The *17th Annual Arkansas Minority Business Opportunity Fair* held on July 8-9th at the Statehouse Convention Center in Downtown Little Rock promoted networking among several corporations and minority businesses within the region. To get your name on the mailing list for information about next years fair send your name, complete mailing

address, phone/fax numbers, and email address to info@armsdc.org and type "BOF: in the subject line.

- The *Preservation Workshop* was held on July 11, 2003 at the Arkansas State University Museum in Jonesboro. It was hosted by the ASU - Delta Initiatives as a part of a graduate seminar on preservation issues for heritage sites. Topics covered included: National Historic Registry, Secretary of Interior Standards, Section 106 Review, Historical Structure Reports, Brownfield Sites, Archeological Sites, and Funding Strategies.
- The conference which focused on

partnerships between the public, private, and non-profit sectors to promote community economic development was held on July 15-16 in Washington DC. The theme was "Building Trust, Building Partnership, Building Communities."

- The *Rites of Ancestral Return Commemorating the Colonial* presented by the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture on the African Burial Ground Reinternment Program was held at various New York City Boroughs from July 21-29, 2003.

For more information about past and future events please check out the Delta Studies Center calendar on our website at www.clt.astate.edu/dsc.

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2003 Regional Self-Help Housing Conference

WHEN: September 16-18, 2003

WHERE: San Antonio Marriott River Walk
711 East River Walk; San Antonio, Texas; 1-800-648-4462

HOSTED BY: Little Dixie Action Agency, Inc.

SPONSORED BY: USDA Rural Development

NO REGISTRATION FEE IS REQUIRED.

PACC 1st Annual African-American Cemeteries Conference

WHEN: September 19-20, 2003

WHERE: Helena, Arkansas

HOSTED BY: Preservation of African American Cemeteries (PAAC)

SPONSORED BY: Arkansas Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities

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The National Preservation Conference

WHEN: September 30-October 5, 2003

WHERE: Denver, Colorado

HOSTED BY: Colorado Historical Society

SPONSORED BY: National Trust for Historic Preservation

MORE INFORMATION: www.nthpconference.org