



2019 Fall Grant Awards

Grants Awarded: 25

Total Funds Awarded: \$48,850.00

4th Annual Ogeechee International History Film Festival
Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, Statesboro
\$2,000

This three-day film festival is the longest running, juried, open submission international history film festival in the world, and it features screenings of professional and amateur films, panel discussions, and a competition for high school student films. The festival is a collaboration between Georgia Southern University's history department and the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau. The festival is free and open to the public and scheduled for February 2020 in Statesboro.

And So She Did: Women of the Chattahoochee Valley
The Columbus Museum, Columbus
\$2,000

This exhibit of historical artifacts will help tell the story of the women of Columbus, Georgia, and its surrounding areas, with special focus on the fight for women's suffrage and the ratification of the 19th Amendment. The exhibition will also address historical divisions of race, class, and sexuality within the fight for women's rights and will open in spring 2020.

Coffee County Memory Project/PLAY BACK & FAST FORWARD
Ash Foundation for the Coffee County Historical Society, Douglas
\$2,000

This audiovisual museum exhibition will mark the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of Coffee County schools. More than 100 oral history interviews and personal experiences of community members who were students at the time informed the development of the exhibition, which will be displayed at the Heritage Station Museum in Douglas.

Digital Education Tools
The Wren's Nest, Atlanta
\$2,000

This digital project will introduce adult and youth audiences to the museum, Joel Chandler Harris, and his legacy by updating The Wren's Nest's current virtual tour, and adding two curated tours, and an interactive version of the Harris family tree to the museum's website.

Economic History

Georgia Council on Economic Education, Atlanta

\$2,000

This teacher workshop, developed by the Georgia Council on Economic Education (GCEE), provides training, lesson plans, and additional resources for 5th and 8th grade Georgia teachers to teach economic concepts in the context of history. GCEE conducts these workshops across the state, modeling sound and research-based instructional theory by master teachers.

Embracing the History Around Us: Housing in the J.P. Carr Community

Conyers Rockdale Council for the Arts, Conyers

\$1,500

In its second year, this symposium will induct a new class into the Black Heritage Hall of Fame and focus discussions on housing in the historic J.P. Carr Community, which emerged as public housing in the 1960s as a result of the closing of Milstead Mill in Rockdale County. A section of this public housing was segregated to black families, and this symposium will begin to tell the stories of this community.

Forsyth and Monroe's African American History

City of Forsyth Convention and Visitors Bureau, Forsyth

\$2,000

This self-guided tour presented by the City of Forsyth Convention and Visitors Bureau in collaboration with the Monroe County Commissioners, the Monroe County Historical Society, and the Hubbard Alumni Association, aims to highlight the African American heritage of the City of Forsyth and Monroe County. The brochure will feature histories of African Americans in the community and contextualize the small, rural community's place in the national movement towards equality.

From Being Property to Owning Property

The Mitchell Young Anderson Museum, Thomasville

\$2,000

This event will include lectures and performances designed to offer a glimpse at what might have inspired and provided guidance to a generation of people who went from being born into slavery to building a neighborhood, known as the Stevens Street District, now a nationally recognized historic African American community in Thomasville, Georgia, tracing its origins to just after the Civil War.

Greek Music, Poetry, and Performance

Georgia State University, Center for Hellenic Studies. Atlanta

\$2,000

World-renowned Greek singer and songwriter Alkinoos Ioannides will deliver a keynote address on the place of music, lyric, and public performance in ancient and modern Greek culture at this half-day symposium in Atlanta. The symposium will include a performance by Mr. Ioannides himself, and additional lectures on Greek lyric and Greek tragedy by scholars at the Center for Hellenic Studies.

IV: A Documentary Theatre Intervention

Mercer University, Macon

\$2,000

This play seeks to illuminate the stories, successes, and struggles of women and men who have Stage IV metastatic breast cancer. The work is informed by interviews with metastatic breast cancer patients, their spouses, caretakers, parents, and children, and is anchored by the poetry of the late Anya Silver, the 2015 Georgia Author of the year and Mercer University professor, who died from metastatic breast cancer in 2018. The play will be performed in Macon and Atlanta, with each performance featuring a panel discussion with humanities scholars as well as individuals living with metastatic breast cancer.

“La Cubana City”—Thomasville in the 1890s

Pines and Palms: The Georgia-Florida Artists Association, Inc., Thomasville

\$2,000

This seminar will highlight the Cuban cigar manufacturing community in Thomasville in the 1890s and will explore the arts, history, and culture of an industrial suburb known as “La Cubana City,” created by Georgia businessmen and a Cuban labor force. Dr. Jean Stubbs will deliver the keynote lecture, and the event will also feature an exhibit of photographs from the time period and a reception with Cuban music, food, and dance.

Phoenix Flies: A Celebration of Atlanta Historic Sites

Atlanta Preservation Center, Atlanta

\$2,000

This three-week festival will focus on Atlanta’s historic, architectural, and cultural heritage, with educational and informational events and tours throughout metro Atlanta in March 2020. The events and tours are designed to reveal a complete, diverse, and comprehensive overview of the city’s significant historic and cultural sites, places, and organizations.

Planet Deep South ATL2020, Keynote Luncheon with Ytasha Womack

Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta

\$2,000

The award-winning author, filmmaker, and dance therapist Ytasha Womack will lecture during *Planet Deep South ATL2020*, an interdisciplinary colloquium exploring the intellectual and creative expression of African people, to be held in February 2020 at Clark Atlanta University. Womack is the author of *Afrofuturism: The World of Black Sci Fi and Fantasy Culture*.

Reflections on the Past

Historic Westville, Columbus

\$2,000

Historic Westville will host a series of seven public lectures discussing various aspects of life in a village near Columbus, Georgia, from the 1840s to the 1860s on a range of topics from textile mills to politics to fashion. Historic Westville is a living history museum which preserves, demonstrates, and interprets village life from 1840 to 1860 in west Georgia.

Revival: Lost Southern Voices, Fourth Annual
Perimeter College at Georgia State University, Clarkston
\$2,000

This festival will celebrate lost and underappreciated southern writers. Scholars and writers will discuss their own favorite writers who are no longer read as much as they used to be, in a format that assumes that the audience has not read the work being discussed. The festival is free and open to the public to attend.

Rivers, Rails, and Roads of Oak Park: How Transportation Shaped a Rural Town in South Georgia During the Twentieth Century

Ochoopee Regional Library System, Vidalia
\$2,000

Featuring an exhibit and public discussion held at the former Oak Park High School, now serving as a community center, *Rivers, Rails, and Roads of Oak Park* will identify, document, preserve, and share the history of Oak Park, a small, rural town in Emmanuel County. The permanent collection of artifacts collected from the exhibit will be housed at the Ladson Genealogical Library, part of the Ochoopee Regional Library System.

Savannah History Remix Walking Tours

Georgia Southern University Research and Service Foundation, Inc., Statesboro
\$1,350

Graduate students of history at Georgia Southern University will develop and deliver walking tours and an accompanying website that focuses on underrepresented narratives of Savannah's history, including stories of immigrants, laborers, and members of the LGBTQ+ community to bring new voices to Savannah's historical narrative. The tours are scheduled for April 2020.

Southern Litfest 2020: A Celebration of All Things Southern

Newnan Carnegie Library Foundation, Newnan
\$2,000

This three-day literary weekend will feature a diverse group of authors and subjects, with particular emphasis on those that make the southeastern region unique. The weekend will include children's programming, a local author open house, and author talks on a variety of works. The event is scheduled for early June 2020.

Stone Mountain Freeway—30 Years of Opposition

DeKalb History Center, Decatur
\$2,000

This symposium will bring together scholars, current leaders, and community activists who challenged the Stone Mountain Freeway/Freedom Parkway to foster discussions around the role of community activism in preserving historic neighborhoods and the positive impacts activism can have on the environment.

The 2020 Atlanta Jewish Film Festival

Atlanta Jewish Film Festival, Atlanta

\$2,000

In its 20th year, the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival will continue to showcase newly released narrative, documentary, and short films from around the world, with nearly 250 filmmakers, actors, journalists, scholars, and community leaders facilitating post-film Q&A sessions for festivalgoers. The screenings will take place at six metro-Atlanta venues in February 2020.

The Six-Triple-Eight Community Education Program

6th Cavalry Museum, Fort Oglethorpe

\$2,000

Through the development of permanent exhibit and edited documentary film for use at the museum, this project will help tell and highlight the story of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, the only all black, female, U.S. Army unit to be deployed overseas during World War II. The 6888th included women from across the country who trained at the Third Women's Army Corps (WAC) Training Center at Fort Oglethorpe, and after arriving in Europe, successfully cleared a backlog of 17 million pieces of mail in six months.

Threshold New Play Festival and Discussions

Actor's Express, Atlanta

\$2,000

This lineup of new play readings by Georgia writers includes *Man from the East* by Skype Passmore and *Borderstone* by Natasha Patel. Humanities scholars will work hand-in-hand with playwrights, actors, and directors to workshop each play in production. Following each reading, the humanities scholar will lead the audience, cast, playwright, and director in conversations about the themes present in the works.

Troup Harris Reads One Book—a one book, one community program

Troup Harris Regional Library, LaGrange

\$2,000

This program seeks to promote renewed adult interest in reading and library usage through humanities scholar led book discussions of Georgia author Brian Panowich's debut novel *Bull Mountain*. In February 2020, these discussions held across the library system's service area will focus on the novel's key themes, culminating in an author-program and community forum.

"Votes for Women": Marking the Centennial of the Woman Suffrage Amendment

University of North Georgia Research Foundation, Inc., Dahlonega

\$2,000

Dr. Marjorie Spruill will give the lecture, "The Nineteenth Amendment in Historical Perspective," on the Gainesville and Dahlonega campuses of the University of North Georgia. These individual programs are designed to explore the continuing relevance of the woman suffrage movement and to place current debates about women's rights and equality in historical perspective.

Women, Sex, and Violence in GA: The 75th Anniversary Commemoration of the Execution of Lena Mae Baker

Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta

\$2,000

This symposium will explore issues surrounding women, sex, and violence in Georgia, particularly that of domestic violence and sexual exploitation. The symposium intersects with the execution of Lena Mae Baker, the first and only woman executed in Georgia's electric chair. The symposium in March 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of her execution and the 15th anniversary of her posthumous pardon by the state of Georgia. As gender, race, and social standing played key roles in the course of Baker's life, they also play important roles in the lives of contemporary women, which the symposium seeks to address through a series of panel discussions featuring humanities scholars.