



Prismatic Revelations: African American Stories of Resilience

Friday, February 14, 2025

Tennessee State University, Avon Williams Campus

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| 8:30AM | Registration begins |
| 9:00AM | Opening Remarks
Tim Walker, Metropolitan Historical Commission
Linda T. Wynn, conference co-founder and co-chair, Tennessee Historical Commission |
| 9:25AM | <i>To Pave the Way for His People: A Life of Preston Taylor</i> , Dr. Edward J. Robinson, Texas College |
| 9:50AM | Reflections on: <i>My Black Country: A Journey Through Country Music's Black Past, Present, and Future</i> , Alice Randall, Vanderbilt University |
| 10:15AM | BREAK |
| 10:45AM | <i>From the Black Visitor Perspective: Preparing Sites of Enslavement to Build and Sustain Relationships with Black Visitors</i> , Tammy Gordon, Greenwood Seneca Foundation |
| 11:10AM | <i>Tennessee Life Photography</i> , DaShawn Lewis, photographer |
| 11:35AM | Performance #1: <i>Voting, Love, and Black History</i> , Dr. Michelle J. Pinkard and Soul Fire poetry group, Tennessee State University |
| 12:00PM | LUNCH |
| 1:30PM | Remarks, Dr. Samantha Morgan-Curtis, Dean of College of Liberal Arts, Tennessee State University |
| 1:35PM | <i>Why Don't We Know Who Bombed Z. Alexander Looby's House?</i> , Betsy Phillips, Nashville Scene and Vanderbilt University Press |
| 2:00PM | <i>The Lawson Longevity: The Architecture of the U. S. Nonviolent Movement</i> , Dr. Dennis Dickerson, Vanderbilt University |
| 2:25PM | Performance #2: <i>The Nashville Student Movement and the Leadership of the Selma Campaign</i> , Elliott Robinson, Nashville Public Library |
| 2:50PM | "A Great Cloud of Witnesses": <i>Listening to Nashville's Marginalized Voices</i> , Dr. Learotha Williams, Jr., Tennessee State University |
| 3:15PM | Closing remarks, Dr. Learotha Williams, Jr., conference co-chair, Tennessee State University |

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