



**Formers' Corner**

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**Scholars**

**Call for Papers Deadline May 1 - Slave Dwelling Conference Comes to MTSU**

The Center for Historic Preservation is partnering with the Slave Dwelling Project to bring a conference on the history and legacy of slavery to the MTSU campus this fall. If you'd like to present at this conference, the deadline for proposal submission is May 1—which is coming up really soon! Whether you'd like to present or just enjoy the presentations as an audience member, be sure to put the conference dates into your calendar: October 24-28. Registration information will be available soon.



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If you're considering answering the Call for Papers, don't think that your topic must have a direct bearing on slave dwellings specifically. While the mission of the Slave Dwelling Project is to assist in the documentation and preservation of American slave dwellings, the theme of the conference, "Slavery, Resistance, and Community," is sufficiently broad to encompass any aspect of the history and legacy of slavery.

The fifth annual Slave Dwelling Project Conference will be an opportunity to learn from some of the best scholars and students of African American history in the country. In addition, the conference will offer art and music presentations and an overnight stay at a local historic site associated with slavery or its legacy. Plus, the keynote speaker will be [Garrison Wilentz](#), author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *The Underground Railroad* (2016), so you won't want to miss this event! —*Stacey Graham, research professor*



James "Sparky" Rucker, Center intern Tara Salvati, and Center graduate research assistants Typhonic Schutte and Brian Hodges (left to right) at Crestview Cemetery in Knoxville.

**Partners**

**Apply for a Professional Services Partnership**

Does your historic site or organization have a great idea that you'd like some professional help with? We are currently accepting applications for our 2018-2019 Professional Services Partnerships.

These partnerships provide communities with an opportunity to take advantage of our professional staff and graduate research assistants' knowledge and expertise at no cost. Potential projects cover a wide range of products, including driving tours, historic structure reports, exhibitions, preservation plans, and publications.

The 2018 deadline for proposals is June 1. For a link to the application form, [click here](#). We will inform applicants of their status by the beginning of August 2018, and the new projects will begin later that month.

Our 2017-2018 Professional Services Partnership Projects have taken us across the state, and we are currently wrapping up projects in all three grand divisions. These partners and projects include Knox Heritage and the West View Community Action Group (interpretive materials for three African American cemeteries in Knox County), the Crossroads Downtown Partnership (walking and driving tour of Morristown and Hamblen County), Wolf Gap Education Outreach (driving tour of Giles County), the Upper Cumberland Development District (exhibition for the Clay County Courthouse), and the Walter Brewer Bemis Community Center (interpretive panels for this former Rosenwald school in Madison County). In addition, Center director and state historian Dr. Carroll Van Zee worked extensively with several partners in Memphis to create interpretive products in honor of the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., including driving tours of the [Memphis Heritage Trail](#) and [Soulville USA](#). —*Antoinette G. van Zee, assistant director*

**Leaders**

**Tennessee Kicks Off Woman Suffrage Centennial Commemoration**

Most of us know that Tennessee was the thirty-sixth state to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment, which finally allowed American women to vote. And, most are aware that young state legislator Harry Burn of Kingsport, Tennessee, cast the deciding ballot in the Tennessee General Assembly at the urging of his mother, Fehb Burn. What many may not realize is that American women had been advocating for suffrage for nearly one hundred years prior to 1920.



The first event sponsored by the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Centennial Collaborative attracted a large crowd at the East Tennessee History Center.

As we approach August 18th, 2020—the one hundredth anniversary of that momentous roll call inside the Tennessee State Capitol—a series of educational and celebratory events has begun to unfold. Sponsored by the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Centennial Collaborative, a statewide group of public institutions and organizations including the Center for Historic Preservation, the first of these commemorations, "The Road to Suffrage," attracted an audience of more than one hundred to the East Tennessee History Center on Sunday, March 18.

A dynamic trio of speakers revealed lesser-known stories reaching back in American history to connections with Frederick Douglass and the anti-slavery movement (Dr. Marjorie Spruill Wheeler), the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and rivalries among Tennessee's first women organizers (Dr. Carole Bury), and the surprising conclusion to the wild ruckus in Knoxville that greeted speakers on a national tour for voting rights (Wanda Sobieski, Esq.). Audience members from across the state saw the "Hurrah and Vote for Suffrage" letter to Harry Burn and heard the announcement of plans for a bronze statue of Fehb and Harry Burn to be placed across Kruttschank Park from Knoxville's Market Square suffrage memorial featuring Lizzie Crozier French, Anne Dallas Dudley, and Elizabeth Avery Meriwether.

In addition, symposium attendees heard from Rebecca Price, president of Chick History Inc., who described "March to the 19th: Protecting the Legacy," a statewide effort to scan materials related to African American women involved in voting rights. The first of these, held at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis in November, was a big success.

Follow the [Facebook page](#) of the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Centennial Collaborative to learn about future activities and events. —*Susan W. Knowles, digital humanities research fellow*

**Upcoming**

June 4—Teaching with Primary Sources—MTSU Workshop, "Teaching History Today: Content and Strategies for World and U.S. History" mini-conference, MTSU Learning Resource Center, Murfreesboro.

June 7-8—Teaching with Primary Sources—MTSU Workshop, "Primary Source Process and Strategies: From Artifacts to Text," East Tennessee History Center, Knoxville.

June 12-14—Teaching with Primary Sources—MTSU Summer Institute, "The Beginnings of a Movement," Heritage Center, Murfreesboro, with field trip to Columbia.

July 11-12—Teaching with Primary Sources—MTSU Workshop, "Expanding Citizenship from Civil War to Civil Rights," Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site, St. Louis.

October 24-28—"Slavery, Resistance and Community: The 5th Annual Slave Dwelling Project Conference," MTSU.



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