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Augusta and the Civil War in 1861 Symposium November 11-12, 2011

The Augusta Canal National Heritage Area, the Augusta Civil War Roundtable, the Augusta Museum of History, the Augusta-Richmond County Historical Society, the Center for the Study of Georgia History at Augusta State University, Historic Augusta, Inc., the Lucy Craft Laney Museum of Black History, and the Morris Museum of Art present a symposium exploring the rich history of the Civil War. The two-day program focuses on the people, places, and events occurring in the Augusta community during the conflict. A similar symposium will be held annually during the next five years, with each examining the events of the correlating year 150 years ago.

The 2011 symposium begins at the Old Medical College on Friday, November 11, with the Edward J. Cashin Memorial Woodrow Wilson Lecture "Lincoln as a Southerner," presented by Dr. Orville Vernon Burton, noted historian, director for the humanities, art, and social sciences at the Clemson Cyber Institute, and author of *The Age of Lincoln*, winner of the Chicago Tribune's Heartland Prize for Non-Fiction. The program continues on Saturday, November 12, at the Morris Museum of Art. The day-long program features lectures by Dr. Ronald Bailey, distinguished senior lecturer, history and Africana studies, Savannah State University, Dr. Lee Ann Caldwell, director, Center for the Study of Georgia History, Augusta State University, Dr. Erskine Clarke, emeritus professor of American religious history, Columbia Theological Seminary, and Dr. David Connolly, Department of History, Georgia College and State University, and a bus tour of several important sites within the city of Augusta connected to the events of 1861, including the Augusta Arsenal, the Augusta Museum of History, and First Presbyterian Church.

Friday's lecture and reception are free and open to the public. Saturday's events are \$15 per participant for either three morning lectures and lunch, **or** the afternoon bus tour and lecture at First Presbyterian; or enjoy all of Saturday's activities for \$25 per participant. Advance registration is required by calling 706-828-3867.

The symposium is made possible, in part, by funding from the Augusta State University Center for the Study of Georgia History and the Porter Fleming Foundation. This project is also supported by the Georgia Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities and through appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly.

Schedule:

Friday, November 11, 2011

Old Medical College of Georgia

6:30 p.m.: **Edward J. Cashin Memorial Woodrow Wilson Lecture**

“Lincoln as a Southerner,” presented by Dr. Orville Vernon Burton, noted historian, director for the humanities, art, and social sciences at the Clemson Cyber Institute, and author of *The Age of Lincoln*, winner of the Chicago Tribune’s Heartland Prize for Non-Fiction

7:30 p.m.: Reception

Friday’s events are free and open to the public.

Saturday, November 12, 2011

Morris Museum of Art

8:30–9:00 a.m.: Registration, coffee, and snacks

9:00–10:00 a.m.: “Henry Cumming and the Secession Debate,” presented by Dr. David Connolly, Department of History, Georgia College and State University

10:15–11:15 a.m.: “Augusta and the Formation of a Confederate Church,” presented by Dr. Erskine Clarke, emeritus professor of American religious history, Columbia Theological Seminary

11:15–11:45 a.m.: Lunch

11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.: “African Americans and the Civil War: Causes, Conflict, and Consequences,” presented by Dr. Ronald Bailey, distinguished senior lecturer, history and Africana studies, Savannah State University

1:00 p.m.: Board a bus for a tour emphasizing Augusta in 1861. Stop at the Augusta Arsenal, the Augusta Museum of History, and First Presbyterian Church

3:30 p.m.: “Augusta in 1861,” presented by Dr. Lee Ann Caldwell, director, Center for the Study of Georgia History, Augusta State University

4:30 p.m.: Return to the Morris Museum of Art

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