

2009 (Department of History and Social Science)

Celebrating the Alabama Black Belt's American Indian Cultural and Historical Heritage

Presentations by Ashley A. Dumas on prehistoric salt production, Christopher Haveman on the Creek removal period, and Amanda L. Regnier on the battle of Mauvila and effects of the DeSoto entrada on local cultures

Featuring commentary by Gregory A. Waselkov, author of *A Conquering Sprit: Fort Mims and the Redstick War of 1813-1814*

Keynote Address on **"The Archaeology of Moundville"** by John Blitz, author of *Moundville, The Chattahoochee Chiefdoms, and Ancient Chiefdoms of the Tombigbee*

2008 (Department of Languages and Literature)

Readings and workshops with Anthony Grooms, author of *Bombingham*

2007 (Department of History and Social Sciences)

Presentation by James Pate, editor of *The Reminiscences of George Strother Gaines: Pioneer and Statesman of Early Alabama and Mississippi, 1805-1843* and *When This Evil War is Over: The Correspondence of the Francis Family, 1860-1865* and by Robert W. Halli, author of *An Alabama Songbook: Ballads, Songbooks, and Spirituals*

2006 (Department of Languages and Literature)

A two-day symposium on the literature of the Black Belt, including talks by York Mayor Carolyn Mitchell-Gosa, Richard Anderson, Donald Nobles, Susie Paul, Nancy Anderson, Alan Brown, Tina Naremore Jones, Joe Musso, Loretta Cobb, Joe Formicello, Suzanne Hudson

Featuring a reading by Melissa Fraterrigo, the 2006 winner of the Livingston Press Tartt Short Fiction Prize, from *The Longest Pregnancy*

2005 (Department of History and Social Sciences)

A two-day symposium on the history and culture of the Black Belt, including talks by Glen Eskew, Elizabeth S. Overman, Alan Brown, Denise Davenport McAdory, Gerald R. Webster, James Gentsch, Thomas Aiello, Tina Naremore Jones, Judy LeForge, A. J. Wright, Johnny Gilbert, James Harvey, Barclay T. Key

Featuring a keynote address and book-signing by Dr. Wayne Flynt