



Friday, April 5 + Saturday, April 6, 2024

A SYMPOSIUM AND CELEBRATION in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Center for the Study of the American South (UNC South), the award-winning journal *Southern Cultures*, and the 50th anniversary of the renowned Southern Oral History Program. This weekend program will engage our founders, alums, faculty, students, staff, and community members in conversation across the generations, exploring what this time of extraordinary change requires of us as a community and as the leading center for the study of the US South. Daytime sessions on Friday and Saturday require registration and are free and open to the public.

Friday, April 5, 2024

SOHP “Homecoming” Lunch @ The Love House

12:30 -2 PM

Let us welcome you back to Love House with an SOHP “homecoming” lunch as we celebrate 50 years of listening and storytelling together.

ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP FOR EDUCATORS

1:30-3 PM

Led by UNC Doctoral Candidates and SOHP field scholars, Hooper Schultz (History) and Sophie To (Public Health), and student interns from Spring 2024 Hist 593: SOHP Internship Seminar.

Location: Special Collections Learning Center, Room 504, Wilson Library
Registration required, no fee

30/50 EXHIBIT

**2:00-4:00 PM (Fri) and
10:00 AM-4:00 PM (Sat)**

“Rooms Unvisited: A History of the Center for the Study of the American South”

Location: The Center for the Study of the American South
Love House | 410 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC

30/50 KEYNOTE

4:00-5:30 PM

Bettina Love, Columbia University, *New York Times*–bestselling author of *Punished for Dreaming*, in conversation with Blair LM Kelley, Director, Center for the Study of the American South and Joel R. Williamson Distinguished Professor of Southern Studies, UNC-CH

Location: Pleasants Family Assembly Room, Wilson Library, 200 South Road, UNC-CH

CHAMPAGNE OYSTER ROAST | By Invitation

Time: 6:00–8:00 PM

Location: The Center for the Study of the American South | Love House Lawn

Saturday, April 6, 2024

30/50 SYMPOSIUM

9:00 AM–4:15 PM

All Saturday Panels and Meetings Will Take Place at Wilson Library
200 South Road, UNC-CH Registration required, no fee

EXHIBIT

“Tell About the South,” Wilson 504: pop-up exhibit of CSAS history and its major initiatives from the Southern Historical Collection. Materials on view throughout the day.

BREAKFAST

9:00–9:30 AM

Brandwein’s Bagels & lox, fruit, juice, coffee.

Location: Wilson Library Lobby

WELCOME & INVOCATION

9:30–9:45 AM

WELCOME, CSAS Director Blair LM Kelley and Vice Provost for University Libraries and University Librarian, Maria Estorino

Poetry Invocation: Southern Cultures Poetry Editors Gabrielle Calvocoressi & Destiny Hemphill

HISTORY: WHY WE DID WHAT WE DID

9:45-10:45 AM

Panel discussion with CSAS, Southern Cultures, and SOHP founders and faculty leadership, including Jacquelyn Dowd Hall, emeritus professor, UNC, and founder of the Southern Oral History Program at UNC-Chapel Hill; John Shelton Reed, former director of the Howard Odum Institute for Research in Social Science and founding co-editor of *Southern Cultures*; Harry Watson, Atlanta Distinguished Professor of Southern Culture and former director of CSAS; Bill Ferris, emeritus professor, UNC and former chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Blair LM Kelley, Current Director of CSAS, moderated by Jim Leuloudis, Ruel W. Tyson Distinguished Professor and Director of the James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence at UNC

BREAK

10:45-11 AM

50 YEARS OF ARCHIVING & AMPLIFYING THE SOUTH’S DIVERSE VOICES

11:00 AM-Noon

Round-table discussion with previous and current SOHP directors including Jacquelyn Dowd Hall, emeritus professor, UNC, and founder of the Southern Oral History Program at UNC-Chapel Hill; Della Pollock, emeritus Professor, UNC, and Founding Executive Director of the Marian Cheek Jackson Center for Saving and Making History; Rachel F. Seidman, American Women’s History Initiative Curator, Smithsonian Institution’s Anacostia Community Museum; and Seth Kotch, Associate Professor, American Studies,

UNC, and Director of the Southern Oral History Program. The panel will be moderated by Renée Alexander Craft, Professor, Communication, UNC and Acting Director, SOHP.

LUNCH

Lunch on your own, or boxed lunch available from Neal's Deli in Carrboro, NC: choose veggie or protein sandwich, or veggie salad; comes with one side, cookie, and drink (\$20)

Noon-1pm

VOICES OF SOHP COMMUNITY PARTNERS & COLLABORATORS

Discussion amplifying the invaluable work of several community partners and collaborators invested in representing the broad tapestry of Chapel Hill voices. Panelists include: George Barrett, Executive Director, Marian Cheek Jackson Center, Danita Mason-Hogan, Civil Rights Educator and Oral Historian, Heidi Kim, UNC Professor, English and Comparative literature and Director, UNC Asian American Center. The panel will be moderated by Renée Alexander Craft.

1:00-2:00 PM

30 YEARS OF FACING SOUTH WITH SOUTHERN CULTURES

Short meditations on mission and meaning in an evolving region: *Southern Cultures* Executive Editor Ayse Erginer, Deputy Editor and Art Director Emily Wallace, Associate Editor Irene Newman, Guest Editors Michelle Lanier, Danielle Purifoy, Charles Hughes, Andy Horowitz, and Zandria Robinson. Moderators, *Southern Cultures* Faculty Editors Tom Rankin, Gina Bradley, and Marcie Cohen Ferris

2:00-3:00 PM

BREAK

3:00-3:15 PM

SOUTHERN FUTURES ON THE SOUTH'S FUTURE

Closing discussion with southern futures' students, faculty, and partners

3:15-4:15 PM

30/50 KEYNOTE

Sherrilyn Ifill, inaugural Vernon E. Jordan Jr., Esq. Endowed Chair in Civil Rights, Howard Law School; former President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, in conversation with Errin Haines, Editor-at-Large, *The 19th*

5:30-6:30 PM

Location: Pleasants Family Assembly Room, Wilson Library Registration required; no fee

ANNIVERSARY GALA: COCKTAIL RECEPTION & DINNER

6:30-9:00 PM

Location: Second Floor Gallery, Wilson Library

\$250/per person

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To create the best program possible, we greatly appreciate your [PRE-REGISTRATION](#). Thank you.

For event questions, please contact:

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