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The fifth annual

E.O. Templeton Jr.

History & Genealogy Fair



Saturday, June 2, 2018

Mitchell Memorial Library Auditorium

Mississippi State University



# E.O. Templeton Jr. History & Genealogy Fair

*Location: All general sessions in the Library Auditorium, concurrent sessions in ELI and Special Collections.*

8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. .... Registration

9:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m. .... Opening Remarks  
Dean Frances Coleman, Mississippi State University Libraries

9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. .... *The Highs of Oktibbeha County, Mississippi*  
Anita Boyd, African-American Genealogist

10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m. .... Break - DOOR PRIZES AWARDED

10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. .... Concurrent Workshops  
*Overview of On-line Genealogy*  
led by DeeDee Baldwin, History Research Librarian, Mississippi State University Libraries

*Introduction to Genealogy Research in Special Collections*  
led by Jennifer McGillan, Coordinator of Manuscripts, Mississippi State University Libraries

11:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m. .... Lunch - DOOR PRIZES AWARDED  
Performance of *Tales from the Crypt* by students from the Mississippi School for Math and Science

Optional tour of Templeton Museum, Grisham Room, and Grant Library /  
Special Collections open for genealogy research

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. .... Concurrent Workshops  
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*Introduction to Genealogy Research in Special Collections*  
led by Jennifer McGillan, Coordinator of Manuscripts, Mississippi State University Libraries

2:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m. .... Break

2:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m. .... Panel Discussion of DNA Research  
Jennifer McGillan, Coordinator of Manuscripts, Dr. Alexandra Finley, MSU History Department,  
Richard Hill, independent researcher and author of *Finding Family*

3:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m. .... Break - FINAL DOOR PRIZES AWARDED

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. .... *Digital Preservation of Family Records*  
Jessica Perkins Smith, University Archivist, Mississippi State University Libraries  
DeeDee Baldwin, History Research Librarian, Mississippi State University Libraries

4:30 PM .... Closing Remarks  
Jennifer McGillan

# About our Speakers

## Anita Boyd

In 2006, like many others, Anita began researching her family tree after watching the PBS television series, *African-American Lives*. She quickly became hooked on genealogy when she discovered the family secret: her grandfather's grandmother's family were once enslaved by her grandfather's grandfather's family. When she is not researching her Boyd Family, she researches Boyd in-laws, including the High Family—the subject of today's presentation.



## Alex Finley

Dr. Finley is a historian of slavery, race, and gender in the nineteenth-century South. She is particularly interested in the experiences of enslaved women and the economic significance of their labor. Her current project looks at women in the domestic slave trade, focusing specifically on the role of women's domestic, reproductive, and sexual labor. She argues that women's coerced, waged, and household work, including sewing, washing, cooking, cleaning, and nursing, formed the foundation upon which the rest of the slave trade functioned. More broadly, she emphasizes the economic significance of domestic work, which often goes unrecognized in traditional economic histories. As many of the women she studies are of African and European descent, she is also interested in mixed race studies and the place of mixed race people in nineteenth-century conceptions of race.



## Dr. Richard Hill

Dr. Richard Hill was the first adoptee known to have identified his birth family through genetic genealogy DNA tests. His full-length book about his search is *Finding Family: My Search for Roots and the Secrets in My DNA*. Midwest Book Review calls it “Impressively informative, exceptionally well written, an inherently fascinating and compelling read from beginning to end.” Richard is passionate about educating adoptees, genealogists and others on the most effective use of DNA testing. He answers thousands of DNA questions annually through his web site, <https://www.dna-testing-adviser.com/> and his DNA Testing Adviser Facebook Page. His Twitter account is @RichardHillDNA.



# Tales from the Crypt Student Presenters

## Erin Williams

Erin, the daughter of Michelle & Victor Williams of Hattiesburg, portrays Susan Casement Maer. A native of Australia, Susan Casement Maer was the Editress and Owner of the *Columbus Dispatch* newspaper from 1881 until her death in the first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. She was one of Mississippi's first female newspaper owners, and her paper was later sold by her son and merged with the *Columbus Commercial* to establish the *Commercial Dispatch*.

## Austin Cosby

Austin is the son of Elizabeth and Eric Cosby of Starkville. Austin portrays Henry Lewis Whitfield, a President of M.S.C.W. (now M.U.W.) who was elected Governor of Mississippi in 1923, defeating Theodore Bilbo. A progressive leader in his time, Whitfield won the election in part because of the support of Mississippi women, who were able to vote for the first time in 1923!

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We hope to see you again next year.



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