

TENNESSEE ARCHIVIST

The Newsletter of the Society of Tennessee Archivists



The John Seigenthaler Center at Vanderbilt University will be the site of the upcoming Society of Tennessee Archivists Annual Meeting, October 26-28 in Nashville, Tennessee. This year's meeting offers attendees an opportunity to connect with colleagues and to learn about what is perhaps the most active user and advocate for archival repositories – the genealogist and family historian.

The meeting program follows the theme of ***Roots: Unearthing Family History in Tennessee Archives*** with sessions featuring a wide variety of speakers, including presentations and panel discussions by local authors, professional genealogists, historians, and archivists. Two outstanding pre-conference workshops are also available, “Keeping the Faith: Family History Research in Nashville’s Religious Archives,” and “Conservation Basics for Family Collections.” This year also marks the beginning of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, so there will also be multiple sessions that touch on how archivists have contributed to the commemoration of this once-in-a-lifetime remembrance.

John Seigenthaler, founder of the First Amendment Center, will present the keynote address on Thursday afternoon, reflecting on his life experiences as a journalist, author, civil rights activist, and First Amendment advocate. In addition, there are presentations by John F. Baker, Jr., author of *The Washingtons of Wessington Plantation*, professional genealogists from the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society, a student-led panel discussion, and tours of two local archives within easy walking distance from the Center. Additionally, a very special awards dinner is planned for Thursday evening featuring our invited guest speaker, author and novelist, Lisa Alther.

Mark your calendars for October 26-28, and make plans to join us at STA 2011. See you in Nashville!

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Editors' Message

Greetings, *Tennessee Archivist* readers! We are excited to be taking the editorial helm of the STA's fine newsletter and we are honored that you have entrusted us with keeping it on course. We are deeply indebted to Jay Richiuso and Ashley Bowers for their hard work on the newsletter over the last few years, and we intend to keep the format and basic content to which you have become accustomed intact.

Sarah is a familiar face among STA members. She has an undergraduate degree in history from Sewanee and a master's degree in history from The Ohio State University. After several stints in academic libraries, Sarah decided to pursue the MLIS at UTK so that she could combine her academic interests and work experience into a new career path in archives. She currently works at Cleveland State Community College Library, where she administers the Southeast Tennessee Digital Archive and the college archives. Her interests include digital libraries, metadata, and the history and future of the book.

Chapel is new to STA. She holds an undergraduate degree in anthropology with a focus in primate studies from UTC. She then worked in the zoological park field as an educator and finally as the Manager of Interpretation for the Nashville Zoo where she became well-versed in exhibit design, interpretive education, volunteer management, and artifact (biofact) collection and preservation. She is currently working as the Archives Specialist in the Special Collections Department of UTC as she completes her MLIS from UTK (May 2012). Her interests include digital libraries, bioinformatics, interactive exhibit design, and the application of Web 2.0 tools for archives.

In this issue, look for our regular features: President's Message, Vice President's Message and materials related to our upcoming conference "Roots: Unearthing Family History in Tennessee Archives". Complementing the material on the conference is a brief history of The John Seigenthaler Center and First Amendment Center as told by Gordon Belt. Debuting is our new column "Student Affairs", which will be a regular feature of every newsletter. Join us in welcoming our first regular student columnist, Amanda Carter to the *Tennessee Archivist* fold. Welcome, Amanda!

We would like for all readers of the *Tennessee Archivist* to find value in what you read in these pages. We encourage you to participate and be active with your contributions and suggestions. We welcome feedback and hope that you will let us know what we can do for you and how we can make *Tennessee Archivist* the best, most informative newsletter that it can be.

Warmly,
Chapel D. Cowden and Sarah Shippy Copeland



President's Message



A couple of years ago I took a leave of absence from my job as archivist of the **Center for Popular Music** at MTSU and spent the year in Vermont with my husband, who was there writing a book through an NEH grant. It was a wonderful year, and I often get asked, "What did you do?" Besides enjoying the beautiful Vermont scenery, I did something that I've wanted to do since I was 14 years old. I delved into my family genealogy. Now I have the "disease." I somehow knew that if I ever let myself get started, the hunt for Pooles, Ozleys, Cockrells, and Vances would take over my life. I stayed up all night, dreamed about it, cried over relatives I never knew existed, and my husband thought I was obsessed. I gave credence to

the phrase: "Genealogists don't die, they just lose their census." There I was in Vermont learning about all these ancestors through the Internet, and not a one of them lived above the Mason-Dixon line.

So I sort of envy all of you archivists out there that deal with genealogical records. Of course I am biased when it comes to the importance of archives in the lives of everyday people. But I love to hear those stories of the "Wow" or "Ah Ha!" moments of personal discovery in the archive. Cymbals and fanfare aside, as archivists, we provide a great service to the people of Tennessee, whether we work in government, local history, special collections, religious, or corporate archives. Sir Hilary Jenkinson wrote that "The Archivist's career...is one of service. He exists in order to make other people's work possible... His Creed, the Sanctity of Evidence; his Task, the conservation of every scrap of Evidence attaching to the Documents committed to his charge; his Aim to provide, without prejudice or thought, for all who wish to know the Means of Knowledge."

In turn, STA plays an important role in providing a service to all archivists, allied professionals, students, and those interested in archives across the state. I encourage all of you to think about how STA can better serve the membership and also what you might have to offer STA. Make plans now to attend the upcoming STA annual meeting, *Unearthing Family History in Tennessee Archives*. The annual meeting is one of the best services STA provides. Kudos to Vice-President Gordon Belt for organizing and preparing an excellent program of speakers and sessions. I, for one, am very excited about learning yet more ways to feed my genealogical addiction.

—Lucinda Cockrell

Quote from: Sir Hilary Jenkinson, *"The English Archivist: A New Profession,"* 1948, page 38.

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Vice President's Message



I am very pleased and honored to welcome my fellow STA members this year to the **John Seigenthaler Center** for our Annual Meeting on October 26-28, 2011 at the Freedom Forum's First Amendment Center on the campus of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Coinciding with "Tennessee Archives Month," the theme for this year's meeting is "*Roots: Unearthing Family History in Tennessee Archives*." Sessions will focus on genealogical resources available at Tennessee archives and historical repositories, including traditional materials as well as "hidden" and digital resources. In addition to making plans and preparations for our annual meeting, I must confess that I have been bitten by the genealogy bug, and have spent some time researching my own family history. I have written about some of my discoveries on my blog, ***The Posterity Project***.

One of the discoveries that I made while visiting the Tennessee State Library and Archives was my great-grandfather's World War I draft card. I also learned through family records kept by my mother that my maternal grandfather served heroically in the U.S. Army during World War II, having fought during the Invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge. Through records held at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., I learned that my paternal grandfather enlisted in the Civilian Conservation Corps, and sent a portion of his wages back home to help his family during the Great Depression. I am also uncovering some interesting stories about some possible Melungeon and Native American ancestry in my family tree. I even discovered a distant relative who was held prisoner by British loyalists during the Battle of Kings Mountain in the Revolutionary War.

Recent visits to the Tennessee State Library and Archives and to the Nashville Metropolitan Archives by the NBC hit television show, *Who Do You Think You Are?*, have also highlighted the importance and depth of archival records in Tennessee. The records held in Tennessee's archival repositories are rich with information that can not only shed light on our celebrities' pasts, but can also help you discover your own family history. This year's annual meeting will provide you with an introduction to just a few of these resources. We have a variety of exciting speakers scheduled who will share their own stories, and perhaps shed some light on a few mysteries within your own family tree. We have also teamed up with the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society to bring together a group of panelists with nearly a century of experience researching family histories.

Because this year marks the start of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, we are also featuring sessions which focus on that bloody conflict and the rich archival resources available here in the "Volunteer State" that help to document the American Civil War. I'm also excited to have scheduled tours of the newly renovated spaces at the nearby Disciples of Christ Historical Society and Archive, and at Vanderbilt's Special Collections Library.

Further details and a registration form are included in this edition of the STA Newsletter. I hope to see you at STA2011, and join me in this time of learning and fellowship.

—Gordon T. Belt, STA Vice-President/President-Elect

Calling All Archivists!

Pull out your laptop, Ipad, pencil or quill and tell us all about it! We are always seeking submissions for *Tennessee Archivist*. Tell us about your archive, a co-worker, a special project, a digital Collection – the topics are limitless. Please send ideas and submissions for upcoming newsletters to Chapel at chapel-cowden@utc.edu or Sarah at scopeland01@clevelandstatecc.edu.

Scholarships & Awards

John H. Thweatt Archival Advancement Award

Nominations for recipients of this year's John H. Thweatt Archival Advancement Awards are now being accepted. Individuals, groups, and organizations that have made significant contributions to the advancement of archives and archival issues within Tennessee are eligible to be nominated. This year's awards will be presented at the Society of Tennessee Archivists Awards dinner, Thursday evening, October 27, 2011. Please send recommendations, documentation, and other materials relevant to nominees by **September 30, 2011**, to:

**Jim Havron, Thweatt Awards
Society of Tennessee Archivists
MTSU Box 242
1301 East Main Street
Murfreesboro, TN 37132**

The Mary Catherine Barnes Scholarship Fund

The Mary C. Barnes Scholarship Fund was established in 1998 by the Metropolitan Government Archives and the Friends of the Metro Archives for the purpose of providing monetary assistance to new archivists in Tennessee. The scholarship provides monetary assistance to attend the biannual meetings of the Society of Tennessee Archivists. Applicants for the scholarship fund should be: (1) Employed at least one year in an archives or a related field with archival duties in a Tennessee city or county archives, library or historical society, and (2) spend at least 50% of the work day in an archival domain as defined by the Academy of Certified Archivists.

Those wishing to apply for the scholarship should submit a letter of introduction, a current resumé and proof of employment which fulfills the above requirements (such as a job description) by **September 30, 2011** to:

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Metro Nashville Archives
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Nashville, TN 37215**

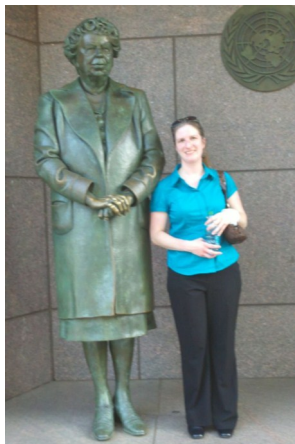
Society of Tennessee Archivists Student Scholarships

In an effort to encourage student participation in the organization, the Society of Tennessee Archivists is pleased to announce the availability of two student scholarships to its annual meeting. The scholarships cover registration fees to attend annual meeting sessions, lodging expenses at the conference hotel (when travel from the student's home to the conference exceeds 50 miles), and a complimentary ticket to the Society's annual banquet. The scholarships also provide a stipend of \$100 to help cover costs of gas and food expenses. Recipients of the STA Student Scholarships will be recognized with a certificate at the organization's banquet.

See pages 15-16 for eligibility information, application form, and submission information. Please note that the application deadline is **September 30, 2011**.

Student Affairs

New to the STA Newsletter this month is our inaugural student issues column. Each newsletter we will hear from our student columnist on issues relevant to the archival community. We believe that this new addition will add value for our student readers and professional readers alike.



Hello, *Tennessee Archivist*! It will be my privilege to make a few “Student’s Column” contributions to this wonderful resource for archivists in and around Tennessee. My name is Amanda J. Carter and I am currently in graduate school for Information Science at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. I am also the 2011 President of the student chapter of the Society of American Archivists. While UT does not yet have a specified concentration in archival science, that does not stop those of us interested in learning more about archives and special collections from finding ways to gain experience and familiarity with the hidden goldmines of archives throughout Tennessee and beyond. I have been fortunate enough to find the bulk of my experience at the Modern Political Archive at the Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy on UT’s Knoxville campus, and I am looking forward to the Archives and Records Management class available this fall.

Initially, when I was asked to contribute to a “Student’s Column” for the *Tennessee Archivist*, I must admit that I wondered why anyone would be interested in the experiences (or lack thereof) of a student. Most of you reading this probably already use more archival knowledge daily than we students could learn in the entirety of our library degree. That is when I realized what a great opportunity for outreach this could be. It can serve as a reminder to those of you who have been in the field for a while that there are still students very interested in learning about what you do, why you do it, and how you do it. It can also serve to let those of us interested in learning more about archival science realize that we are not alone in our desire to learn its processes and procedures. More importantly, this column can connect those of us with little direct experience to those of you who are experienced and willing to share your wisdom. Finally, I hope to share, and maybe even spread, my enthusiasm about all-things-archives. I look forward to being a part of the *Tennessee Archivist*.

Amanda J. Carter, SAA-UTK President & MLIS candidate

“Roots: Unearthing Family History in Tennessee Archives” Tennessee Archives Month October 2011

Watch for your poster in the mail!

October is Tennessee Archives Month, an opportunity to raise awareness about the value of archives and archivists across our state. STA encourages archivists to develop a celebration that is suitable to your particular repository. If you would like more information on what Archives Month is, information on how to celebrate Archives Month, or suggestions on planning an Archives Month event, download a copy of our Tennessee Archives Month Action Guide from <http://www.tennesseearchivists.org/archivesmonth.html>



We have a Facebook page! Follow this [link](#) and join our group to get in the conversation!

The John Seigenthaler Center and First Amendment Center: At A Glance

By Gordon T. Belt
Library Manager, First Amendment Center

The John Seigenthaler Center, located on the Vanderbilt University campus in Nashville, and host site for the 2011 Society of Tennessee Archivists annual meeting, is home to teaching facilities and offices of the First Amendment Center and Diversity Institute. The facility is run by the Freedom Forum and is named for John Seigenthaler, founder of the First Amendment Center, founding editorial director of USA TODAY and chairman emeritus of *The Tennessean*.

The current facility opened in 1993 in a new building funded by a \$2 million grant from the Freedom Forum. The building, which also houses the Vanderbilt Institute for Public Policy Studies, incorporated the former residence of the president of Peabody College, now a part of Vanderbilt University. Work was completed in November 2001 on an \$8 million building expansion, which is home to offices and classrooms of the Diversity Institute, a library, and administrative offices of the Freedom Forum.

The First Amendment Center was created on Dec. 15, 1991, the 200th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights — the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution. In remarks announcing the creation of the First Amendment Center, Seigenthaler said it would be “a catalyst for study ... of the values of free expression and religious liberty protected by the First Amendment.”

Today, the First Amendment Center serves as a forum for the study and exploration of free-expression issues, including freedom of speech, of the press and of religion, and the rights to assemble and to petition the government. First Amendment Center’s mission is to support the First Amendment and build understanding of its core freedoms through education, information and entertainment. The center’s programs provide education and information to the public and groups including First Amendment scholars and experts, educators, government policy makers, legal experts and students. The center is nonpartisan and does not lobby or litigate.



The center’s Web site, www.firstamendmentcenter.org, is one of the most authoritative sources of news, information and commentary in the nation on First Amendment issues. It features daily updates on news about First Amendment-related developments, as well as information and detailed reports about U.S. Supreme Court cases involving the First Amendment, and commentary, analysis and special reports involving free expression, press freedom and religious-liberty issues.

The First Amendment Center is also home to the First Amendment Center Library, a special collections library established to provide research and support materials for the Freedom Forum and First Amendment Center staff. The collection consists of monographs, reference books, periodicals, newspapers, videocassettes, DVDs, and working files. The focus of the collection is the First Amendment, newsroom diversity, freedom of information and the mass media industry.

For more information about the First Amendment Center, please visit our website at www.firstamendmentcenter.org, or contact the First Amendment Center Library at (615) 727-1600, ext. 1423.

Proposed Annual Meeting Program, October 26-28, 2011

(Please note that this is a tentative program and the schedule may vary, so please rely upon the schedule you will be given at registration. All session titles, topics, and presenters are confirmed as of August 2011.)

Wednesday, October 26

Pre-Conference Events

All pre-conference sessions will take place in the John Seigenthaler Center building at the First Amendment Center on the campus of Vanderbilt University.

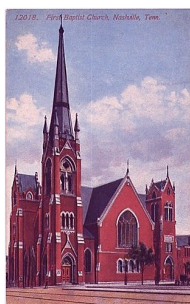
**8:30 am –
3:00 pm**

Pre-Conference Workshop A

First Amendment Forum

Keeping the Faith: Family History Research in Nashville's Religious Archives

Presented by Barbara Baltz, Lynn Fleishcer, Andrea Gales, Taffey Hall, Sarah Harwell, Jim Havron, Therese Howell, J. Mark Lowe, Gail Miller, Greg Poole, Laine Sutherland, and Janet Walsh



Ever wondered if your ancestor served as a minister or other church official? Or what church life was like on the frontier? Curious about baptismal records? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you won't want to miss this workshop on family history research in Nashville's religious archives. This workshop provides practical information to genealogists about what sources are where. The workshop also provides information about finding religious materials at state, county, and municipal offices and strategies for finding religious ancestors in court records and southern manuscripts.

****OR****

**1:00 pm –
4:00 pm**

Pre-Conference Workshop B

Conference Room 106

Conservation Basics for Family Collections

Presented by Carol Roberts, Director of Preservation Services Section of the Tennessee State Library and Archives



Carol Roberts presents an overview of archival preservation techniques of caring for historic family records. Family collections and scrapbooks can easily be preserved through proper storage and care. Many different types of media can be preserved easily using good archival storage techniques, basic cleaning and repair techniques, and even using current digital options available today.

5:00 pm

Early Arrival Dinner (Optional) Pay for your own – TBA

Thursday, October 27

Morning Events & Sessions

All sessions will take place in the John Seigenthaler Center building at the First Amendment Center on the campus of Vanderbilt University.

8:00 am

Registration for Annual Meeting (Pick Up Information Packets)

**9:00 –
10:00 am**

Session 1 Lecture Hall

The Washingtons of Wessyngton Plantation: Stories of My Family's Journey to Freedom

Presented by John F. Baker, Jr.



A descendant of Wessyngton slaves, John F. Baker Jr., has written the most accessible and exciting work of African American history since *Roots*. Using photographs and documents gathered through his extensive archival research, Baker tells the story of his ancestors Emanuel and Henny Washington, who were enslaved on Wessyngton Plantation owned by the Washington family as well as the story of the hundreds of other African Americans connected with the plantation for more than two hundred years. It is a story of family, faith, and community.

****OR****

Session 2 First Amendment Forum

Understanding Records of Tennessee Courts & the Stories They Tell

Presented by Laine Sutherland, Director of Public Services, Tennessee State Library and Archives and current past president of Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society



Laine Sutherland takes you through one of the largest Record Groups at the Tennessee State Library and Archives and in county archives court records. In this mini-workshop, you will learn the basics of court history and discover a few golden records from this important historical series.

10:00 am

Refreshment Break & Recognition Conference Room 106 of New Members & 1st Time Attendees

**10:30 –
11:30 am**

Session 3 Lecture Hall

Looking Back: The Civil War in Tennessee

Presented by Jami Awalt, Archivist with the Archives Development Program at the Tennessee State Library and Archives



To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the Tennessee State Library and Archives has been sending teams of professional archivists and conservators to communities across Tennessee. During these visits, digital copies of Civil War era manuscripts, artifacts, and photographs are created. These copies, representing the rich Civil War heritage of Tennessee families, will become a part of a virtual exhibit on TSLA's website. Come see what we've "collected" so far and learn how your institution can become involved in this exciting project.

****OR****

Session 4 First Amendment Forum

Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society Panel

Moderated by J. Mark Lowe, Sue Forshee Cooper, and Gail Jackson Miller, CG



With nearly a century of combined years experience in researching family histories, professional genealogists J. Mark Lowe (pictured), Sue Forshee Cooper and Gail Jackson Miller lead a discussion of issues facing archivists, genealogists, and the general public. The audience is also encouraged to participate through a question and answer period.

**11:30 am –
12:30 pm**

Break for Lunch (Pay for your own— A list of nearby dining options will be included in your meeting information packet.)

**12:45 –
1:15 pm**

Keynote Address First Amendment Forum
By John Seigenthaler
Founder, First Amendment Center



John Seigenthaler, founder of the First Amendment Center, will deliver a keynote address touching on his many years of experience as a journalist, public servant, Civil Rights activist, and First Amendment advocate. John Seigenthaler served for 43 years as an award-winning journalist for *The Tennessean*, Nashville's morning newspaper. At his retirement he was editor, publisher and CEO. He retains the title chairman emeritus. In 1982, Seigenthaler became founding editorial director of *USA Today* and served in that position for a decade, retiring from both the Nashville and national newspapers in 1991.

Seigenthaler left journalism briefly in the early 1960s to serve in the U.S. Justice Department as administrative assistant to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. His work in the field of civil rights led to his service as chief negotiator with the governor of Alabama during the Freedom Rides. During that crisis, while attempting to aid Freedom Riders in Montgomery, Ala., he was attacked by a mob of Klansmen and hospitalized.

Seigenthaler hosts a weekly book-review program, "A Word On Words." A senior advisory trustee of the Freedom Forum, and has authored a biography of President James K. Polk, published by *Times Books* and released in January 2004.

Afternoon Sessions

**1:30 –
2:30 pm**

Session 5 Lecture Hall
The Diaries of Nannie Haskins

Presented by Dr. Minoa D. Uffelman, PhD, Austin Peay State University, with Ellen Kanervo, Sarah Kanervo, Phyllis Smith, and Eleanor Williams



Dr. Minoa Uffelman (pictured), along with Ellen Kanervo, Sarah Kanervo, Phyllis Smith, and Eleanor Williams present a 30-minute documentary film and presentation about the Nannie Haskins diaries. Nannie Haskins was a teenager in Clarksville, Tennessee who kept a diary throughout the occupation of Clarksville after the fall of Fort Donelson. Two of her brothers and many friends served in the Confederacy. Her father was a doctor and the family well connected. Nannie was well educated and experienced a surprisingly busy social life despite the war. The bulk of the diary cover the war years but she wrote sporadically until 1890 and records her marriage to an older cousin and the trials of rearing a large family on a tobacco farm in southern Kentucky.

****OR****

Session 6 First Amendment Forum
STA Student Session
On the Record: Students Speak Out on Genealogy and Hot Topics of the Archive World, moderated by Chapel Cowden

Join current students, representing archives programs from across Tennessee, for a discussion of current issues in archives.

2:30 – 2:45 pm Refreshment Break Conference Room 106

3:00 pm

Session 7 Lecture Hall
Hot Off the Press: An Introduction to the Tennessee Digital Newspaper Project
 Presented by Louisa Trott, Coordinator, Tennessee Digital Newspaper Program

The National Digital Newspaper Program, a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress, is a long-term effort to develop an Internet-based, searchable database of U.S. newspapers with descriptive information and select digitization of historic pages. In 2010 the University of Tennessee and the Tennessee State Library and Archives were awarded funding to digitize 100,000 pages of historic Tennessee newspapers as part of this

national project. In July 2011, Tennessee's first 14,000 pages were added to the Chronicling America Web site where the public can access them for free. Tennessee's Project Coordinator, Louisa Trott, will provide a background to the project and give a tour of the Chronicling America Website.

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3:00 pm

Tours

Tour A – *Disciples of Christ Historical Society and Archives*

Presented by Sara Harwell, Vice President & Chief Archivist, Disciples of Christ Historical Society



Disciples of Christ Historical Society is housed in a beautiful Gothic stone and stained-glass structure, the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial Archives, now on the National Register of Historic Places. In addition to using the library and archives, visitors can tour our latest exhibit, "Some Assembly Required: Putting Famous Faces in Disciples Frames" and also read about important places, dates, and people who shaped the Stone-Campbell heritage on the illustrated timeline in the main hallway. The public areas, including the entrance, exhibit areas, reading room, and staff offices, have been completely renovated in the last two years.

Tour B – *Vanderbilt Special Collections*

Presented by Kathy Smith, Associate Director of Special Collections and University Archives



When touring Special Collections you will see both the public and private areas of the library as well as the Vault and exhibits. There will be two exhibits up; *The Book as Art* and another one on *Southern Politics*, both with materials from Special Collections. Visit our Reading Room, see our processing lair and join us as we see the renovated spaces in the Vanderbilt Library.

4:30 pm

End of sessions

Evening Events

5:00 pm

Reception

6:00 pm

Awards Dinner and Awards Presentations First Amendment Forum

Invited Guest Speaker: Lisa Alther



Lisa Alther was born in 1944 in Kingsport, Tennessee, where she went to public schools. She was graduated from Wellesley College with a BA in English literature in 1966. After attending the Publishing Procedures Course at Radcliffe College and working for Atheneum Publishers in New York, she moved to Hinesburg, Vermont, where she has lived for thirty years, raising her daughter. She taught Southern Fiction at St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vermont. Having lived in London and Paris, she currently divides her time between Vermont and New York City. Alther is the author of five novels -- *Kinflicks*, *Original Sins*, *Other Women*, *Bedrock* and *Five Minutes in Heaven*. Each has appeared on bestseller lists worldwide, and the five novels combined have sold over six million copies.

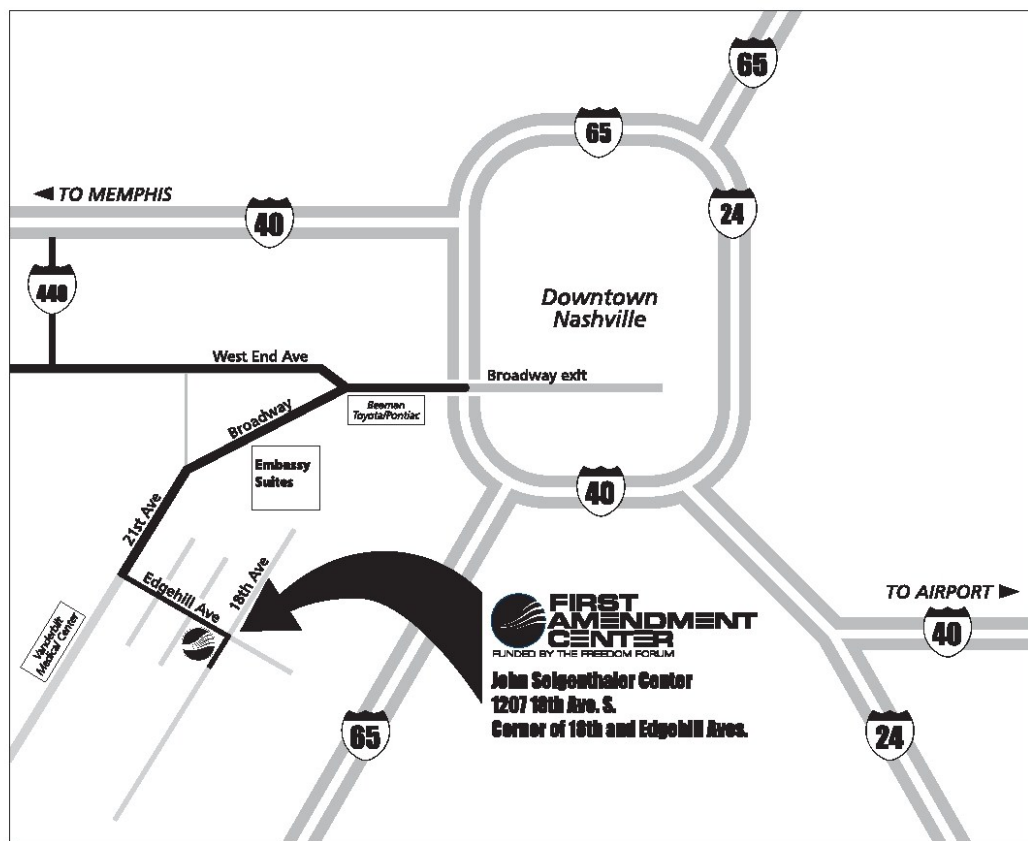
Her book, *Kinfolks: Falling Off the Family Tree - The Search for My Melungeon Ancestors*, Lisa Alther chronicles her search for the missing branches of her family tree in this dazzling, hilarious memoir. Part sidesplitting travelogue, part how (and how not) to climb your family tree, KINFOLKS shimmers with wicked humor, showing just how wacky and wonderful our human family really is.

Friday, October 28

Morning Events & Sessions

- 8:00 am** **Breakfast (Continental style)**
- 9:00 am** **Society Business Session & Door Prizes**
- 10:15 – 11:00 am** **Roundtable Discussion**
- 11:00 am** **Adjournment**
- 11:15 am** **2011-2012 Officers Meeting**

**Location of the John Seigenthaler Center
Nashville, TN**



Roots: Unearthing Family History in Tennessee Archives

Registration Form
Society of Tennessee Archivists Annual Meeting
October 26-28, 2011
John Seigenthaler Center – 1207 18th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212

Please print this form and mail to Carol Roberts / STA Treasurer / MTSU Box 242 / 1301 East Main Street / Murfreesboro, TN 37132, by September 30, 2011. Make checks payable to **Society of Tennessee Archivists**.

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Pre-Conference Workshops

____ Pre-Conference Workshop: Wednesday, October 26, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
Keeping the Faith: Family History Research in Nashville's Religious Archives. To be held at the John Seigenthaler Center. Cost – \$10

____ Pre-Conference Workshop: Wednesday, October 26, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Conservation Basics for Family Collections. To be held at the John Seigenthaler Center. Cost – \$30

Fees (Required for all session participants)

____ Annual Meeting Registration Fee – \$35
Keynote Speaker, John Seigenthaler, Founder of the First Amendment Center

____ Thursday Awards Dinner – \$20
Invited Guest Speaker: Lisa Alther, author of *Kinfolks: Falling Off the Family Tree - The Search for My Melungeon Ancestors*. [Please contact Gordon Belt by e-mail at gbelt@freedomforum.org in advance if you have any special dietary restrictions or needs.]

____ Total Amount Paid

SECTION 3. ACCOMODATIONS

STA members traveling to Nashville who require overnight accommodations are invited to consider the following lodging options:

Scarritt-Bennett Center – 1008 19th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212 | 615.340.7500 Toll-free: 1.866.420.5486 | www.scarrittbennett.org

Within easy walking distance to the First Amendment Center, Scarritt-Bennett offers overnight accommodations in a residence hall style setting in three Gothic-style buildings. Standard guestrooms are \$45.00. Upgraded overnight guest rooms include a television and wired high speed connectivity in each room. The upgraded rate is \$62.00 per room night. These rates are exclusive of the Davidson County 6% hotel occupancy tax, \$2.50 per room night convention center fees, and any applicable state sales tax.

The majority of Scarritt-Bennett's Guest Rooms, both Standard and Upgraded are single occupancy with one twin size bed. Each room shares a restroom with the adjoining guestroom. All guestrooms are pre-blocked per request or by gender due to our unique suitemate situation. Check in is at 3:00pm and Check out is at 10:30am.

Embassy Suites Vanderbilt – 1811 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee 37203 | 615.320.8899 | www.nashvilleatvanderbilt.embsuites.com

Embassy Suites is offering STA members the special rate of \$129.00 per night for the dates of October 26-28 when mentioning the "Society of Tennessee Archivists Rate." 208 2-room suites with a wet bar that include a small refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker. Each suite also includes pull-out sofa, Embassy Essentials Bedding package. Parking (\$15 for self, \$19 for valet, and \$50 for bus – based on availability) Discount parking of \$10 self parking per day.

Double Tree by Hilton Nashville Downtown – 315 4th Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37219-1693 | Toll free: 1.800.222.8733 | 615.747.4814

Double Tree is offering STA members a discounted rate of \$129 per night for the dates of October 26-28 when mentioning the "Society of Tennessee Archivists Rate." Guests must book their rooms before Wednesday, October 5, 2011 to get the discounted rate. This hotel is within walking distance of many of Nashville's tourist landmarks, and just a few minutes' drive time from the John Seigenthaler Center. STA members who wish to book a room online should go to the dedicated website: http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/B/BNADUDT-STA-20111023/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Vanderbilt Marriott – 2555 West End Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37203 | 615.321.1300 | <http://www.marriottvanderbilt.com/index.php>

Marriott is offering STA members a discounted rate of \$156 per night by mentioning the special "Vanderbilt Rate" when you book your room.

Additional nearby lodging options:

Hampton Inn @ West End – 1919 West End Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37203 | 615.329.1144 | <http://www.hamptoninnnashville.com/nashville-west-end.php>

Vanderbilt Holiday Inn @ West End – 2613 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203 | 615.327.4707 | <http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/nashville/bnavb/hoteldetail>

Days Inn Vanderbilt – 1800 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203 | 615.327.0922 Toll Free: 800.329.7466 | <http://traveldaysinn.com/details.cfm?LocationID=867>

Extended Stay America Nashville Vanderbilt – 3311 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203 | 615.383.7490 | <http://www.extendedstayamerica.com/property/extended-stay-america-nashville-vanderbilt-hotel.html>

Society of Tennessee Archivists Student Scholarship Application 2011



I. Personal Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

II. Educational Information

Current Institution of Enrollment: _____

Student Status: full time graduate student _____ part time graduate student _____
 full time undergraduate student _____ part time undergraduate student _____

Degree Sought: PhD (history) _____ PhD (public history) _____
 PhD-other (please specify) _____
 MA/S (history) _____ MA (history/public history) _____ MSIS _____
 Masters-other (please specify) _____
 BA/S (history) _____ BA/S-other (please specify) _____

Educational Background: List in reverse chronological order and include fields of specialization.

Institution: _____ Location: _____
 Date(s): _____ Field(s) of Specialization: _____

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II. Additional Information

Why would you like to attend the Society of Tennessee Archivists meeting? _____

Have you ever considered a career in archives? _____

Have you ever attended any history clubs or other meetings in the history field? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, list names and dates. _____

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Other comments: _____

IV. Authorization

Have you received an STA scholarship in the past? Yes _____ No _____

If so, which scholarship did you receive and when? _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Eligibility

The STA student scholarships are open to graduate and undergraduate students in archival and related programs, such as public history, history, museum studies, and library science in Tennessee colleges and universities.

Process

To apply, students should submit the following materials by **September 30, 2011**:

- Completed Scholarship Application
- Cover letter explaining why attending the annual STA meeting will benefit the student's current and future career goals.
- One letter of recommendation from a current or former instructor.

The STA Executive Committee will review all completed applications and notify recipients by mail of their awards. The Committee will also notify individuals who applied for scholarships but were not chosen as award recipients.

Application Deadline: September 30, 2011

Mail completed application packet to:

Taffey Hall, C.A., Chair, Education Committee
Archivist, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives
901 Commerce Street, #400
Nashville, TN 37203-3630
(615) 244-0344