

**SOS Conference Agenda**  
**February 8-10, 2024**  
**LSU Lod Cook Alumni Conference Center**

**THURSDAY, February 8, 2024**

8:00 – Breakfast & Attendees Sign in and Pick up Registration Materials

9:00 – ***Welcome & Purpose***

**Joyce Marie Jackson**, Conference Coordinator & Chair, Department of Geography & Anthropology, LSU

**Roy Haggerty**, LSU Executive Vice President & Provost

**John Pierre**, Conference Co-Coordinator & Chancellor, Southern University Law Center

9:30 – ***Indigenous Issues & Culture***

Moderator—Petra Hendry, Emeritus Professor of Education, LSU

**Zachary Isenhower**, Instructor, Dept. of History, LSU

**Monique Verdin**, Citizen of Houma Nation & Director of the Land Memory Bank & Seed Exchange

**Christine Verdin**, Pointe-au-Chien Nation, Executive Director at Ecole Pointe-au-Chien

11:00 – ***Africans in Louisiana: A True Story of Glory***

Moderator—Lori L. Martin, Associate Dean of College of Humanities and Social Sciences

**Ibrahima Seck**, Professor, University of Cheikh Anta Diop (Dakar, Senegal) and Director of Research, Whitney Museum & Plantation (Edgard, LA)

12:00 – Lunch

1:00 – ***Woods and Swamps are Filled with Runaways: Marronage in Louisiana 1800 -1820***

Moderator—Allen Vital, Chief of Staff, Southern University System

**Douglas Chambers**, Emeritus Professor, History Department, University of Southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg)

2:00 – ***Double Jeopardy: Enslaved & Incarcerated Women***

Moderator—Freddie Evans, Independent Scholar, Author

**Marianne Fisher-Giorlando**, Emerita Professor of Criminal Justice, Grambling State University; Member, Board of Angola Prison Museum & Cultural Center

3:00 – ***Descendants Truth & Reconciliation/GU272***

Moderator—Preston Castille, President, Helix Community Schools; Adjunct Professor of Law, Southern University Law Center

**Father Timothy P. Kesicki**, President, Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States

**Monique Trusclair Maddox**, Board Chair and CEO, Descendants Truth & Reconciliation Foundation

**Joy Banner**, Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Descendants Project

4:00 – ***Professor Gwendolyn Midlo Hall: From Mexico to Memoirs***

Moderator—Freddi Evans, Independent Scholar & Author

**Kathe Hambrick**, Exec. Director of Amistad Research Center; Founder of River Road African American Museum

4:20 – ***Professor Gwendolyn Midlo Hall: A Family Story of Community Activism for Social Justice***

Moderator—Stephen Finley, Chair, Dept. of African & African American studies, LSU

**Haywood Hall**, ADEM Emergency Medicine Specialist; Telemedicine & Global Health Leader and Ashoka Changemaker Fellow, San Miguel de Allende (Mexico)

5:15 – Break

6:00 – 8:00 – ***Reception & Cultural Entertainment***

(Modern/progressive jazz for first hour; second hour we kick it up a notch NOLA style and are joined by special guests: Black Masking Indians and Zulu Masqueraders)

**FRIDAY, February 9, 2024**

8:00 – Breakfast & Attendees Sign in and Receive Registration Materials

9:00 – ***Welcome***

**Roland Mitchell**, Dean LSU College of Human Sciences and Education

9:15 – ***Remembrance, Revelation, and Reparations: The Tran-Atlantic Slave System and Its Afterlife in a Time of Global Crisis***

Moderator—Allen Vital, Chief of Staff, Southern University System

**Isaac Saney**, Assoc. Professor & Coordinator of Black and African Diaspora Studies, Dalhousie University, Halifax (Nova Scotia)

10:00 – ***Let the Stories Begin: Brown University as First Case Study for Universities Studying Slavery***

Moderator—Stephen Finley, Chair, Dept. of African & African American Studies

**Ruth Simmons**, Senior Advisor to the President on Engagement with HBCUs, Harvard University; Distinguished Presidential Fellow at Rice University

11:00 – ***Universities Studying Slavery Consortium: Three Case Studies***

Moderator—Petra Hendry, Endowed Emeritus Professor of Education, LSU

**Ashley Schmidt**, Assistant Director of the Gibbyons Project, University of Virginia

**Patricia Parker**, Director, Institute of Arts & Humanities: Co-chair, University Commission on History and Race, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

**James L. Lelodis**, Associate Dean for Honors Carolina; Co-Chair, University Commission on History and Race, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

**John Pierre**, Chancellor, Southern University Law Center

12:00 – Lunch

1:00 – ***Afternoon Remarks***

**Troy Blanchard**, Dean of College of Humanities & Social Sciences

1:15 – ***Buried Plantations of Southern Universities-Black LSU, 1769-1919***

Moderator—Jonathan H. Earl, Dean, Roger Hadfield Ogden Honors College, LSU

**Andrew Sluyter** – Professor, Department of Geography & Anthropology and Carnegie Fellow, LSU

2:00 – ***The Tarver Case: Challenges & Possibilities in Genealogy Research***

Moderator—Preston Castille, President of Helix Community Schools

**Leon Tarver**, President Emeritus, Southern University, Baton Rouge

3:00 – ***Let the Healing Begin: Post-Traumatic Slavery Syndrome and Beyond***

Moderator—Latasha Valenzuela-Hernandez, Ph.D. Candidate, Dept. of Geography & Anthropology, LSU

**Deleso A. Alford**, Rachel Emanuel Endowed Professor of Law, Southern University Law Center

**Gwendelyn G Washington**, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and Board Approved Clinical Supervisor

**Lisa D. Delpit**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Education, Southern University and MacArthur Fellow

4:00 – ***LSU Current Projects & Visions for Change and Forward Movement***

Moderator—Latasha Valenzuela-Hernandez, Ph.D. Candidate, Dept. of Geography & Anthropology, LSU

**Margaret Jankowsky**, Director of Urban Design, Trahan Architects  
Live Oak Plantation Collaboration with LSU

**William Stark**, Executive Director, LSU Rural Life Museum

**Petra Hendry**, Professor Emeritus of Education, LSU Day of Dialog: Healing & Reconciliation of Indigenous Cultures

Friday Evening on Your Own

Mardi Gras Parades

Restaurants

## **SATURDAY, February 10, 2024 — River Road Field Excursion**

**Note: Must pre-register for the Field Excursion to reserve your space. Seats are limited.**

8:00-8:30 – Boarding Bus for Field Excursion to River Road

9:30 – Arrive at Whitney Museum & Plantation for Guided Tour

12:00 – Board Bus and depart for River Road African American Museum

1:00 – Catered Hot Lunch on River Road

2:00 – Guided Tour of River Road African American Museum

3:00 – 4:30 - ***Genealogy: Tracing Ancestry & the Golden Rules***

Moderator—Freddi Evans, Independent Scholar, Author

**Gregory Osborn**, Library Associate, Genealogist, Historian and Licensed Tour Guide

**Jari Honoré**, Historian & Certified Genealogist, The Historic New Orleans Collection

**Alex Lee**, Archivist, Clerk of Courts, St. Landry Parish

**Karran Harper Royal**, Genealogist & Family Historian; President, Descendants of Jesuit Enslavement and Genealogical Society

4:30 – Board Bus for Return Trip to Lod Cook Hotel, Baton Rouge

5:30 – Approximate time bus returns to LSU Lod Cook Hotel

## **Meet the SOS Conference Committee**

**Joyce Marie Jackson**— Conference Coordinator; Chair & James J. Parsons Endowed Professor, Department of Geography and Anthropology, LSU

**John Pierre**—Co-coordinator, Chancellor, Southern University Law Center

**Rosanne Adderley**—Professor of History, Tulane University

**John Bards**—Assistant Professor, Department of History, LSU

**Michael P. Bibliier**—Associate Professor, English Department, LSU

**Freddi Evans**—Independent Scholar and Author

**Stephen C. Finley**—Chair, African & African American Studies; Associate Professor, Religious Studies, LSU

**Haywood Hall**—Physician and Son of Professor Gwendolyn Midlo Hall and Harry Haywood

**Petra M. Hendry**—Endowed Professor Emeritus of Education, LSU  
**Miracle Johnson**—Ph.D. Student, Dept. of Geography & Anthropology, LSU  
**Lori L. Martin**—Associate Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences; Professor, African & African American Studies, LSU  
**Heidi R. Mayeaux**—MA Student, Department of Geography and Anthropology, LSU  
**Rodgers T. Orock**—Assistant Professor, African & African American Studies, LSU  
**Latasha Valenzuela-Hernandez**—Spanish Instructor, Department of World Languages, Literatures & Cultures, LSU  
**Monique Verdin**—Citizen of Houma Nation & Director of The Land Memory Bank & Seed Exchange  
**Allen Vital**—Chief of Staff for Southern University System and Southern University A&M College

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