

# **Black Belt African American Genealogical & Historical Society**

## **2nd Annual Genealogy Conference and Family History Fair**

*~ Preserving Our History and Creating Family Legacies ~*

**February 14-17, 2008**

**Historic Selma, Alabama . . . the heart of Alabama's Black Belt**

Venues: Striplin Performing Arts Center (PAC), 1000 Selma Ave. and Selma-Dallas County Library (SDCPL), 1103 Selma Ave.

Costs: Conference & Fair \$75.00 (2 day), \$45.00 (Saturday) per person; Banquet \$60.00 per person

**Info: [www.bbaaghs.org](http://www.bbaaghs.org) or 334-877-4846**

### **SCHEDULE**

#### **Thursday, February 14, 2008**

9:30 am — 3:30 pm StoryCorps Griot Interviews — advance reservations required (SDCPL)  
4:30 pm — 6:00 pm Early Registration / Exhibitor Setup (PAC)

#### **Friday, February 15, 2008**

8:30 am — 12:00 noon Registration / Exhibitor Setup (PAC)  
8:30 am — 5:00 pm Vendors / Exhibitors Hall Open (PAC)  
Workshops / Lectures  
9:00 am Opening Session: B.J. Smothers, President (PAC)  
9:30 am — 10:30 am I. *The McArthur Family History in Black and White*: Gwen M. Holland (PAC)  
10:30 am — 11:00 am Visit the Exhibitors (PAC)  
11:00 am — 12:00 noon II. *Cemetery Preservation*: Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance (PAC)  
12:00 noon — 2:00 pm Lecture and Book Signing with Lunch (SDCPL)  
Donald P. Stone, author of *Fallen Prince: William James Edwards, Black Education and the Quest for Afro American Nationality*  
Visit the Exhibitors (PAC)  
2:00 pm — 3:00 pm III. *Researching School Records*: Lovie Warren (PAC)  
3:00 pm — 3:30 pm Visit the Exhibitors (PAC)  
3:30 pm — 4:30 pm IV: *Genealogy and DNA*: B.J. Smothers (SDCPL)  
4:30 pm — 5:00 pm Visit the Exhibitors (PAC)  
5:00 pm Closing Session: B.J. Smothers, President (PAC)  
7:00 pm Awards Banquet  
Concordia College, Jenkins Center, 1804 Green Street  
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor and Director of the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research at Harvard University.

## SCHEDULE—cont.

### Saturday, February 16, 2008

- 8:30 am — 12:00 noon Registration / Exhibitor Setup (PAC)
- 8:30 am — 5:00 pm Vendors / Exhibitors Hall Open (PAC)
- Workshops / Lectures
- 9:00 am Opening Session: B.J. Smothers, President (PAC)
- 9:30 am — 10:30 am I. *Getting Started in Genealogical Research*: Donald Debrow (PAC)  
II. *African American Resources at ADAH*: Frazine Taylor (SDCPL)
- 10:30 am — 11:00 am Visit the Exhibitors (PAC)
- 11:00 am — 12:00 noon III. *Finding Your Ancestors Online*: B.J. Smothers (SDCPL)  
IV: *Family Reunion Planning*: Melvin Collier (PAC)
- 12:00 noon — 2:00 pm Alabama African American Heritage Book (SDCPL)  
Project launch and information session  
David Bice, Heritage Publishing Consultants  
Lunch  
Visit the Exhibitors (PAC)
- 2:00 pm — 3:00 pm V. *Searching for Your Slave Ancestors*: Frazine Taylor (SDCPL)
- 3:15 pm — 4:15 pm VI: *Black Physicians of the Alabama Black Belt*: A.J. Wright (SDCPL)
- 4:15 pm — 5:00 pm Visit the Exhibitors (PAC)
- 5:00 pm Closing Session: B.J. Smothers, President (PAC)

### Sunday, February 17, 2008

- 11:00 am Church Service  
Tabernacle Baptist Church, 1431 Broad Street  
Rev. Rodney T. Morton, Pastor
- 2:00 pm Annual Meeting of Members (TBA)  
Luncheon