



The Gulf South History and Humanities Conference is an annual event sponsored by the Gulf South Historical Association, a consortium of colleges and universities from the states of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. This year's host institution is Tyler Junior College, of Tyler, Texas. Concurrently, this year we also welcome participation from the Gulf States Consortium of Medieval and Renaissance Scholars.

The Thirty-Second Annual Conference invites proposals for papers, panels, roundtables, documentaries, and performances. Our focus is the history and culture of the Gulf South states, Caribbean islands, countries of the Caribbean rim, and the Gulf's maritime history. Proposals related to this year's theme of "Pleasure & Happiness" are especially welcome. David Emory Shi, past-president of Furman University, will give our keynote address on "The Pursuit of Happiness in American History." Dr. Shi co-authors W. W. Norton's best-selling textbook, *America: A Narrative History*, and is the author of *The Simple Life: Plain Living & High Thinking in American Culture* (Oxford, 1985). Twice-nominated for the Pulitzer Prize, Shi is a newspaper essayist, NPR commentator, and a leading advocate for environmental sustainability.

Proposals will be considered if postmarked by July 1, 2014. To submit an individual paper, send a brief c.v., title, and short abstract. Panel organizers (two or more presenters, a chair and commentator, or a chair/commentator) must send a c.v., paper title, and short abstract for each participant. A complete list of conference sessions and topics will be mailed to each registrant in the first week of September 2014. To submit proposals, please contact Dr. Jeffrey Owens, President, at jowe@tjc.edu, or Dr. Robert Butts, Conference Coordinator, at rbut@tjc.edu. Proposals for GSCMRS sessions will be appropriately forwarded.

Your registration fee covers a Thursday evening reception at the historic Tremont House Hotel, attendance at all conference sessions across three days, and a one-year membership in the Association. We encourage you to dine with us at the Tremont House for breakfast and lunch on Friday, as well as our Awards Banquet on Friday night, where Dr. Shi will speak.

The Tremont House Hotel offers special conference room rates of \$139.00. Staying and dining at the hotel, in our group events, counts towards our contractual obligations and allows the GSHA the complimentary use of the hotel's meeting rooms. Guests at the Tremont House also may shuttle to the Hotel Galvez, with access to its public areas, beach, & pool. To reserve, call 409-515-2154 before September 12, and mention our group block code, 1008496GU, so the GSHA gets credit for the reservation.

For additional information, contact Dr. Deanne Nuwer, GSHA Executive Director, at deanne.nuwer@usm.edu, or the Gulf South Historical Association, c/o University of Southern Mississippi – Gulf Coast Campus, Evelyn Gandy Center, 730 East Beach Blvd., Long Beach, MS 39560. We look forward to seeing you in Galveston!
