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Conversations Bureau Programs Highlight Ethnic, Religious Diversity in the Region

With generous funding from the Nissan Foundation of Middle Tennessee, we are pleased to announce a series of public conversations that explore the experiences of foreign-born Middle Tennesseans and provide the opportunity for meaningful exchange among our diverse inhabitants.

"[Routes to Roots: Migration](#)," facilitated by Dr. Antonio Vasquez of MTSU, uses audio, visual, and text excerpts of migration stories to launch a conversation among audience members about domestic/international and historic/contemporary journeys from home to new destinations, and the context of doing so. The "Routes to Roots" conversation occurs at Casa Azafrán on March 18 and the Promise Land Community Club on March 30, with more to be scheduled.

"[Neighbor2Neighbor: Muslims in Community Life](#)" is a conversation series that explores the experiences of Tennessee Muslims in the myriad facets of daily and civic life.

Each conversation begins with brief stories from guest participants followed by a facilitated discussion about those stories in a broader community context. The series began in February and continues monthly through June. Topics include: **Muslim Women Speak, the Refugee Experience, Being Muslim in an Election Year, and the Islamic Family Experience.** The "Neighbor2Neighbor" series is possible in partnership with the Faith & Culture Center, the Muslim Women's Council, and the Nashville International Center for Empowerment.



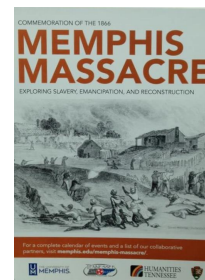
Photo by the Faith & Culture Center

Please [visit our website](#) for event details and schedule updates. Humanities Tennessee is grateful to our partners and to the Nissan Foundation for the opportunity to provide an educational platform that encourages dialogue among and civic engagement of Tennesseans.

Public Events Commemorate the Memphis Massacre, Reconstruction Era

Humanities Tennessee is proud to provide support to the University of Memphis for **"Memories of a Massacre: Memphis 1866,"** a series of public events occurring across the city through May. Through lectures, book discussions, exhibits and other events the project will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Memphis Massacre, and explore the impact of these violent events on federal policies and constitutional law in the Reconstruction Era.

"Memories of a Massacre" aims to spark community-wide recognition of the role of Reconstruction in defining freedom and citizenship, in fundamentally changing our national identity, and of how its legacy resonates in the present day.



[Visit the project website](#) for more information and resources, a full calendar of events, and check out the [official project blog](#)—join the conversation!

March to the 19th Initiative to Engage Women's History Statewide

In 2020, the United States will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. This defining event enfranchised millions of American women with the right to vote and forever changed the landscape of American society. Yet almost 100 hundred years later, women's voices, experiences, and stories remain underrepresented in America's collective narrative. This has a direct impact on women's position in today's society.



To address this issue head on, **Chick History, Inc.**, in partnership with Humanities Tennessee, will launch **March to the 19th, a five-year storytelling and community outreach project.** The initiative will rebuild women's history in Tennessee over the next five years to commemorate the centennial of the 19th Amendment, give voice to countless women, and create a unique experience for Tennesseans across the state.

[Click here to read more about this exciting project.](#)

The first "Bootcamp" is at OZ Arts in Nashville, April 28, with registration opening March 1. [Click here to register and learn more.](#)

Humanities Tennessee is pleased to be a partner in support of this important effort. For more information about the project, please visit: chickhistory.org/march.

Announcing Two Summer Workshops for Creative Young Writers!

Do you know a young creative person who likes to write, has journals full of stories and poems, or likes to practice songwriting or comic books? Mark your calendar and let them know about these fun, engaging opportunities to improve their writing skills and make some friends in the process.

- **June 19-25** [Appalachian Young Writers' Workshop](#) for 10th-12th graders at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate
- **July 10-16** [Tennessee Young Writers' Workshop](#) for 8th-12th graders at Cumberland University in Lebanon



Both programs are week-long residential workshops for young people who have an interest in creative writing and want to explore that interest in a supportive environment with outstanding faculty. Scholarships are available. Join us!

Announcing 2016 Cooperative Agreements and

Upcoming Events

Each year Humanities Tennessee supports select, ongoing projects of partner organizations that sustain—and increase access to—quality humanities programming for Tennesseans.

Our 2016 [Cooperative Agreements](#) will reach thousands of youth and adults in each Grand Division. Be sure to attend upcoming events with [Women's History Month Storytelling](#) in Chattanooga in March and [Tennessee History Day](#) in Nashville on April 9th.

WHO WE ARE

Meet Humanities Tennessee's **Langston Wilkins**, who joined the team as Program Officer in February of 2016. Langston took some time to answer a few questions about his experience and love of the humanities:



The humanities is my life. It influences my sense of self, my morals, and my understanding of the world. It also allows me to engage with peoples, places, and ideas that I would otherwise have little to no access to.

Read more about Langston [here](#).

Join Our Cause

Founded in 1973, [Humanities Tennessee](#) is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to promoting civility and a sense of community among Tennesseans. Each year, governmental funding for the humanities decreases. We rely on donations from individuals, foundations, and corporations to present programs like the annual [Southern Festival of Books](#), the [Tennessee Young Writers' Workshop](#), [History & Culture programs](#), [Chapter16.org](#), and [more](#).



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Now-June 30 - ["Flyin' Saucers Rock & Roll: The Cosmic Genius of Sam Phillips" Exhibit](#) (Nashville)
- March 3 - [Women GroundBreakers Storytelling Series: Immigration](#) (Chattanooga)
- March 8 - [Women GroundBreakers Storytelling Series: Education](#) (Chattanooga)
- March 11-12 - [SE-YA in the 'Boro: Book Festival for Young Adult Literature](#) (Murfreesboro)
- March 10-May 31 - ["Slaves & Slaveholders of Wessyngton Plantation" Traveling Exhibit @ Churchwell Middle School](#) (Nashville)

- March 16-18 - [TN Association of Museums Conference](#) (Nashville)
- March 17 - [Women GroundBreakers Storytelling Series: Civil Rights](#) (Chattanooga)
- March 17 - [Memphis Massacre Book Discussion with Dr. Stephen Ash](#) (Memphis)
- March 18 - ["Routes to Roots: Migration" Public Discussion @ Casa Azafran](#) (Nashville)
- March 19 - ["War & Terrorism" Public Discussion @ St. John's Church](#) (Stanton)
- March 19 - ["Neighbor2Neighbor: Muslim Women Speak" Public Discussion](#) (Nashville)
- March 22 - [Salon@615 with Roy Blount, Jr.](#) (Nashville)
- March 22 - ["Great Conversations-The Memphis Massacre" with Tim Huebner](#) (Memphis)
- March 24 - [Women GroundBreakers Storytelling Series: Veterans](#) (Chattanooga)
- March 25 - ["Women and Post Civil War Violence" Lecture with Dr. Beverly Bond](#) (Memphis)
- March 25 - [General Grant Program Draft Proposal Deadline](#) (Statewide)
- March 30 - ["Routes to Roots: Migration" @ Promise Land Community Club](#) (Charlotte)
- April 1 - ["Rhetoric and Commemoration" Lecture with Christi Moss](#) (Memphis)
- April 9 - [Tennessee History Day Statewide Competition](#) (Nashville)
- April 14 - ["The Memphis Massacre" Discussion with Drs. Beverly Bond and Susan O'Donovan](#) (Memphis)
- April 15 - [General Grant Program Final Deadline](#) (Statewide)
- April 23 - ["Refugees of War" Field Trip to Civil War Contraband Camp](#) (Corinth, MS)
- April 23 - ["Neighbor2Neighbor: Muslim Refugee Experience in TN"](#) (Nashville)
- April 28 - [March to the 19th Boot Camp @ OZ Arts](#) (Nashville)

[More events](#)

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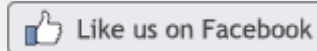


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