



African Americans in the Nineteenth- Century West:

Symposium and Teacher Workshop

Monday, May 23, 2016
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Saint Louis University

Busch Student Center
Room 254

Photograph: Rev. Raymond Brown with a Sunday School class in front of the Second Christian Church in Hannibal, MO., some time in the late 1890s. By permission from the Hannibal Public Library.

Join us on May 23, 2016 for a teacher workshop titled “African Americans in the Nineteenth-Century West.”

The teacher workshop will follow a weekend history symposium, to be held at Saint Louis University on May 20-21, where scholars in African American history will present the latest research on the role of African Americans in shaping the social, political, and economic landscape of the nineteenth-century American West. The region covered by the Symposium and the Workshop ranges from the Ohio River Valley to California, and includes St. Louis and Missouri.

The teacher workshop, based on the information and resources presented during the symposium, is scheduled for **Monday afternoon, May 23, 2016, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Teachers who are unable to attend the research symposium are still warmly welcome to participate in the workshop.

All events will take place on the campus of Saint Louis University.

The entire program—including the keynote address, all presentations, and both receptions, is open to 30 Social Studies teachers of the greater St. Louis metropolitan area. The workshop explores the history of African Americans in our region, and will include hitherto unpublished primary sources suitable for use in classrooms. Participants will also be immersed in new and innovative ways to incorporate the history, legacy, and identity of African Americans into

classroom curricula. Highlights in addition to the teaching workshop include panel presentations by experts in African American history and several opportunities for professional networking.

Our Friday night, May 20, our keynote speaker will be Professor Quintard Taylor Jr., a pioneer in African American Western History from the University of Washington. We are also thrilled to welcome **Lynne Jackson**, a local activist and a direct descendant of Dred Scott, to give a special evening address on **Saturday evening, May 21, 2016**. For more information about the symposium, schedule of events, and location, please see <http://libraries.slu.edu/pages/aawest>

Teachers will be invited to participate in all aspects of the symposium, including receptions, dinners, and the workshop on May 23, free of charge. Participating teachers will also receive a packet of primary source materials donated by the conference presenters. Professors Jonathan Smith and Silvana Siddali of Saint Louis University will host the teacher workshop.

Refreshments will be served.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Nakia Cobbs at the St. Louis Public School Superintendent's Office: nakia.cobbs@slps.org by **April 10, 2016**.

If you have any other questions, please contact Silvana Siddali, siddalis@slu.edu, 314-977-2910.

For more information on the events of the weekend: <http://libraries.slu.edu/pages/aawest>

SCHEDULE OF WEEKEND EVENTS

The Teacher Workshop will be held on **Monday, May 23, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** at Saint Louis University, Busch Student Center Room 254. Free parking has been arranged. Directions, further information and the resource packet will be emailed to all registered participants.

Friday, May 20, 2016

Workshop participants are warmly invited to attend the research roundtable at 3:00 p.m. and the keynote address by Dr. Quintard Taylor, Jr., University of Washington, at 5:00 p.m., as well as the reception following Dr. Taylor's address.

Saturday, May 21, 2016

Workshop participants are warmly invited to attend the four research panels on Saturday, May 21, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., as well as Lynne Jackson's address and the dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, May 23, 2016

Workshop, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A packet of source materials will be provided to all participants.