

Heritage Studies Ph.D. Program Projects

The Arkansas Heritage SITES Office provides leadership for a number of natural and cultural heritage tourism projects in the region conducted by students in the Heritage Studies Ph.D. program at Arkansas State University. Students assist communities and heritage sites through classes, field schools, practicum experiences, independent studies and graduate assistantships. Below are some of the major student projects in the region led by the Arkansas Heritage SITES Office.

Special Topics Class: Preservation Issues for Heritage Sites, 2003

- Historic Structure Reports for Rosenwald School in Sunset, Debbye Turner Home in Jonesboro, Old Post Office in Jonesboro, Old Marion Hotel in Marion, Dyess Colony Administration Building, others
- Master Plan development and Restoration Assessments for Hemingway-Pfeiffer Museum, Southern Tenant Farmers Museum and Lakeport Plantation

Special Topics Class: Heritage Tourism, 2004

- Heritage Tourism Assessments for Parkin Sawdust Community, Sultana Disaster site near Marion, historic Jonesboro cemeteries, Wittsburg natural area, Kress Building in Blytheville, Native American foodways, other potential Delta tourism attractions



Special Topics Class, Preservation Issues for Heritage Sites, 2005

- Historic Structure Reports for The Forum in Jonesboro, Greyhound Bus Station in Blytheville, African-American churches in Mississippi County, Bolivar Cemetery in St. Francis County, Fargo Agricultural School in Monroe County, others

Special Topics Class, Heritage Tourism, 2006

- Research and Development for Arkansas Delta Music Heritage Trail
- Biking Route Mapping for the Mississippi River Trail

Special Topics Class: Historic Preservation Field School, 2008

- Architectural Surveys for 66 residential properties in Wynne, Arkansas, for nomination of East Hamilton Avenue to the National Register of Historic Places as a Residential Historic District

Independent Studies:

- Marketing Plan for Arkansas Delta Byways, Francesca Muccini, 2003
- Development of the Hemp Industry in Kentucky and its Relationship to the Johnsons of Lakeport, Rose Ong'oa-Morara, 2005
- Grantsmanship for African-American Heritage Projects, Aketa Guillory, 2006
- Kress Building Renovation Planning and Development, Leslie Hester, 2008
- Preservation and Development of



- George Berry Washington Memorial Monument near Earle and African-American Cemetery in Marianna, Albert Jones, 2008-2009
- Arkansas Museum Association Survey of Interpretive Methods, Lenore Shoults, 2009

Practicum Projects:

- Research and development of Barn Tour along Crowley's Ridge, Sherry Laymon, 2003
- Research on Building Murals along Crowley's Ridge, Sherry Laymon, 2003
- Research and exhibit development for Southern Tenant Farmers Museum (2003-2004) and companion book publication, *Plowing New Ground: The Southern Tenant Farmers Union and its Place in Delta History* (2007), Van Hawkins
- Participation in Arkansas Archeological Training Program and Development of African American Cemetery Preservation Workshop and related activities, Aketa Guillory, 2006

Graduate Assistantship Projects

- Video Presentation: Lakeport Oral History Excerpts, Nicole Smith-Neal, 2003
- Oral Histories, African Americans in the Delta, Nicole Smith-Neal, 2003-2009
- Research on Antebellum Clothing at Lakeport, Rose Ong'oa-Morara, 2004
- Research on the Floorcloth at Lakeport, Rose Ong'oa-Morara, 2004



- African American Cemetery Preservation Project at Lakeport Plantation (three sites), Aketa Guillory, 2004-2009

- Oral Histories, Lakeport African American Community, Aketa Guillory, 2004-2009
- Grant resources and writing for Lakeport Plantation special projects, Kathy Dillon, 2005
- Visitor Surveys along Crowley's Ridge Parkway, Suzanne Simpson, 2006
- Update of Arkansas Delta Byways web site, Fatme Myuhtar, 2006
- Research and Development for Great River Road Crops Brochure: Haley Wimpy Fitzgerald, 2006
- Staffing for Development and Operation of Southern Tenant Farmers Museum: Simon Hoskins, Sarah Waltermire, Lisa Perry, Jodi Morris, Cindy Grisham, Albert Jones, 2006-2009
- African American Heritage Research, Northern Ohio School, Parkin, Nicole Smith-Neal, 2006-2009
- Leadership in creation of Sunken Lands Chamber of Commerce and Tyronza Historic District, Cindy Grisham, 2007-2009
- Documentary, *Lakeport Plantation: The Land, the Lives, the Labor*, Nicole Smith-Neal, 2007
- "Wearing What Cannot Be Spoken," Kanga Cloth Research, Rose Ong'oa-Morara, 2007
- "Keepers" Oral History Project in Communities throughout the Delta, Jodi Morris, 2007
- Oral History interview for Mississippi County, Cameron Klein, 2008
- Lakeport Archeological Field School, Aketa Guillory, 2009

Service on Dissertation Committees (Arkansas Heritage SITES Director)

Completed

- *Pfeiffer Country: The Tenant Farms and Business Activities of Paul Pfeiffer in Clay County, Arkansas 1902-1954*, Sherry Layman, 2005. Book publication in 2009
- *In the Eye of the Beholder: The Little Rock Central Crisis as a Television Event*, Mike Bowman, 2008

In Progress:

- Gloria Boyd-Robinson
- Sherry Sanders Gray
- Aketa Guillory
- Gary Jones
- Jodi Morris
- Lenore Shoults
- James Tichgelaar
- Sarah Waltermire



Cindy Grisham setting up Farmers Market