

FAULKNER AND SLAVERY



The University of Mississippi Faulkner & Yoknapatawpha Conference Oxford, Mississippi • July 22–26, 2018

The University of Mississippi announces the Forty-Fifth Annual Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha Conference. The conference is sponsored by the Department of English and the Center for the Study of Southern Culture and coordinated by the Office of Outreach and Continuing Education.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

During his apprenticeship and early years as a published writer, William Faulkner evinced little serious interest in the issue of slavery or in the lives of the enslaved: their experiences, words, deeds, consciousness, personal relationships, or historical legacies. This is perhaps surprising, given the fact of slaveholding, and the likelihood of sexual liaisons between enslavers and the enslaved, in Faulkner’s own family history. After 1930, however, the year he moved his family into an antebellum town house built by a slaveholding Mississippi planter, Faulkner turned repeatedly to the subject of slavery over subsequent decades of his writing career. The forty-fifth annual Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha conference will take up as its guiding concern the question, “What did slavery mean in the life, ancestry, environment, imagination, and career of William Faulkner?” In addition to four keynote lectures, the conference program will include panel presentations, guided daylong tours of North Mississippi and the Delta, including a “Behind the Big House” tour of former slave quarters in Holly Springs, Mississippi, and sessions on “Teaching Faulkner” led by James B. Carothers, University of Kansas; Terrell L. Tebbetts, Lyon College; Brian McDonald, Lancaster, Pennsylvania School District; Charles Peek, University of Nebraska at Kearney; and Theresa M. Towner, University of Texas at Dallas.

The conference will begin on Sunday, July 22, with a reception at the University Museum, after which the academic program of the conference will open with two keynote addresses, followed by a buffet supper on the grounds of Faulkner’s home, Rowan Oak. Over the next four days, a busy schedule of lectures and panels will also make room for an afternoon cocktail reception, a picnic served at Rowan Oak, the guided tours, and a closing party on Thursday afternoon, July 26. Throughout the conference, the University’s J. D. Williams Library will display Faulkner books, manuscripts, photographs, and memorabilia. The University Press of Mississippi will exhibit Faulkner books published by university presses throughout the United States, and there will be a display, with books for sale, by Faulkner collector Seth Berner, who will also give a brown bag lunch presentation on “Collecting Faulkner.” In addition, collaborators on the Digital Yoknapatawpha Project, a database and digital mapping project at the University of Virginia, will present updates on its progress at a special conference session.

SOUTHERN WRITERS, SOUTHERN WRITING
GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE

The twenty-fourth annual Southern Writers, Southern Writing Graduate Conference is set for July 19–21, 2018, at the University of Mississippi. Both critical and creative submissions will be accepted, dealing with all aspects of southern culture. Submissions to the conference are not limited to literary studies—we are interested in all interdisciplinary approaches to southern culture. Deadline for submissions is 5:00 p.m., April 1, 2018. E-mail sswswgradconference@gmail.com for more information.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The registration fee for the conference is \$150 for students and \$300 for other participants. The fee includes admission to all program events, a buffet supper on Sunday, a reception on Tuesday, a picnic at Rowan Oak on Wednesday, conference session refreshments, and a closing reception on Thursday. The fee does not cover lodging, the optional guided tours of Faulkner Country, and meals, except for those aforementioned.

Please note that conference registration is now online. See instructions below.
Student Group Discount Package. A special package is available for five or more students who attend the conference as a group. The package includes a reduced conference registration fee of \$100 for all student members; the designated group leader will receive a complimentary registration. Accommodations, travel, and meals (other than those covered by the conference registration fee) are the responsibility of the individual. To initiate a group registration, please contact Drew Windham, jawindh1@olemiss.edu, or 662-915-6724. A limited number of waivers of the registration fee are available for graduate students who are not presenting work at the conference but are interested in attending. Contact Jay Watson at jwatson@olemiss.edu for details. Refunds: A refund will be made, less a \$20 service charge, for conference registrants who cancel their plans no later than July 12. No refunds will be made after that date. To initiate a cancellation request, please contact Drew Windham, jawindh1@olemiss.edu, or 662-915-6724.

ACCOMMODATING SPECIAL NEEDS

If you require assistance relating to a disability or have special dietary requirements, please contact Drew Windham, jawindh1@olemiss.edu, or 662-915-6724 prior to the conference.

LODGING

On-campus lodging is available at the Inn at Ole Miss, which offers special conference rates. Lodging in and near Oxford is available at motels and other facilities. Conference participants should make their own reservations. Phone numbers (area code 662) are listed below.

The Barnloft at Willowdale Farm: 801-8600	512 Bed and Breakfast: 234-8043	Blue Creek Cabin: 238-2897
The Burrows: 292-2220	Castlehill Resort: 234-3735	Chancellor’s House: 371-1400
Empty Nest Guesthouse: 801-9369	The Graduate: 234-3031	Hampton Inn Conference Center: 234-5565
Hampton Inn West: 232-2442	Holiday Inn Express: 236-2500	Inn at Ole Miss: 234-2331
Little Q Ranch: 801-5764	Marriott Courtyard: 638-6014	Marriott TownePlace Suites: 238-3522
Oak Hill Stables: 234-8488	Ole Miss Motel: 234-2424	Quality Inn and Suites: 234-6000
The Ravine Bed and Breakfast: 234-4555	Super 8 Motel: 234-7013	University Inn: 234-9500
Wall Doxey State Park: 252-4231	The Z Bed and Breakfast: 713-927-1295	

Housing in University of Mississippi Contemporary Halls is also available. These residence halls feature in-room bathrooms as well as amenities such as community kitchens, lounges, and study rooms. Rates are as follows:
Single: \$50/night with linens provided
Double: \$42/night with linens provided
Reservations should be submitted to Drew Windham via e-mail at jawindh1@olemiss.edu or by calling 662-915-6724. Dormitory reservations are required by June 21 to ensure rooms.

TEACHING FAULKNER

All registrants, whether they are teachers or not, are welcome at these sessions.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Conference registration opens Sunday, July 22, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. at the David H. Nutt Auditorium. A reception at the University Museum is set for 1:00 p.m., followed by the first keynote speaker at 2:30. The conference will conclude with the closing party scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, July 26. A detailed program will be provided with the conference registration packet.

TRANSPORTATION

Those who plan to fly to the conference should book their flights to and from Memphis (Tennessee) International Airport (MEM). From Thursday, July 19, to Sunday, July 29, the Division of Outreach offers a shuttle service for conference participants who arrive at the Memphis International Airport (approximately 75 miles or 1 hour and 15 minutes drive). The cost of the shuttle is \$135 round trip or \$85 one way. Shuttle reservations must be made and paid for in advance.

If you would like to use the Division of Outreach shuttle service, please contact Drew Pruitt, Division of Outreach and Continuing Education, via e-mail at shuttle@olemiss.edu no later than July 18, 2018, in order to make your reservation. Your e-mail must include the following information:

Subject line: Faulkner Conference
Name of Passenger(s):
Flight Date(s):
Flight Number(s):
Flight Arrival/Departure Time(s):
Passenger’s Cell Phone #:
Passenger’s e-mail:
Location at which to be Dropped Off or Picked Up in Oxford:

*Schedule your flight arrival 30–40 minutes (or more) before these shuttle departure times from Memphis.

**Schedule your flight departure 3 hours (or more) after these shuttle departure times from Oxford.

***Should your arriving flight be delayed, please call 662-816-3739 and if necessary leave a voice mail message with your name and new arrival time. If you are unable to meet the next shuttle(s) you will be required either to stay over in Memphis and take the 10:00 a.m. shuttle the next day or to rent a car.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Tim Armstrong is professor of English at Royal Holloway, University of London, where he has taught since 1995. Author of two acclaimed works of new modernist studies scholarship, *Modernism, Technology, and the Body* (1998) and *Modernism: A Cultural History* (2005) as well as *Haunted Hardy: Poetry, History, Memory* (2000), he turned to American literature in 2012 with *The Logic of Slavery: Debt, Technology, and Pain in American Literature*, which was named a *Choice* outstanding academic title and won the 2013 C. Hugh Holman Prize for the outstanding book of year in the field of southern literary studies.

Edward E. Baptist is professor of history at Cornell University and the author of the award-winning study *The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism* (2014), which received the Organization of American Historians’ Avery O. Craven Award as well as the Sidney Hillman Book Prize. With support from a National Endowment for the Humanities Digital Projects start-up grant, Professor Baptist is currently at work compiling a database of runaway slave advertisements as part of a larger study of the history of surveillance and control of African American movement in the US.

Stephen Best is associate professor of English at the University of California, Berkeley. Professor Best is the author of *The Fugitive’s Properties: Law and the Poetics of Possession* (2004), which finds unexpected precedents for modern intellectual property law in nineteenth-century legal principles concerning fugitive slaves and indebted persons. A member of the editorial board of the journal *Representations*, he has also coedited two special issues of the journal, “Redress” (coedited with Saidya Hartman, 2005), and “The Way We Read Now” (coedited with Sharon Marcus, 2009), which featured his introductory manifesto on “Surface Reading.”

John T. Matthews is professor of English at Boston University and one of the most prolific Faulkner scholars of the past several decades. Matthews is the author of three monographs on Faulkner, *The Play of Faulkner’s Language* (1982), *“The Sound and the Fury”*: *Faulkner and the Lost Cause* (1991), and *William Faulkner: Seeing through the South* (2009), as well as the editor of *The New Cambridge Companion to William Faulkner* (2015) and *Faulkner in Context* (2015). Professor Matthews’s previous appearances at Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha include the “Faulkner and the Short Story,” “Faulkner at 100: Retrospects and Prospects,” “Global Faulkner,” and “Faulkner and Money” conferences.

Additional speakers and panelists will be selected from the “Call for Papers” competition.

REGISTRATION FOR FAULKNER AND YOKNAPATAWPHA IS NOW ONLINE

We hope that you will find the new registration process to be easy and convenient. Annual commemorative posters and t-shirts can now be ordered online as well. We understand that this is a big change from the past registration procedures. Should you have any questions or encounter any issues during the registration process just give us a call and we will be glad to assist.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Go to <http://www.outreach.olemiss.edu/events/faulkner>
- For detailed Registration instructions: Click “Registration Instructions” under the Registration Information heading on the website. This will bring up a printable PDF document that will take you step by step through the registration process.
- Next, return to the website listed above and click “Register Here” under the Registration Information heading to begin the step-by-step online registration process.
- Questions, comments, or concerns: contact Drew Windham at (662) 915-6724 or jawindh1@olemiss.edu

HELPFUL TIPS WHEN REGISTERING

- Please have your credit card available when you begin the registration process. You will pay at the end of the registration process.
- We only accept Visa and Mastercard credit card payments.
- Only one participant can register at a time.
- If you do not want to pay at this time, you can choose the “Bill Me Later” option and you will receive electronically a bill for your registration.
- Commemorative posters and t-shirts can be ordered separately or as an add-on to your registration.

STUDENT GROUPS

A registration discount is offered for student groups of five or more attending the conference. The student or student group leader should contact Drew Windham at (662) 915-6724 or jawindh1@olemiss.edu to register.

OPTIONAL TOURS: Thursday, July 26

You will be given an opportunity to spend a day touring one of the areas listed below. All tours depart from Oxford at 9:00 a.m. and return around 3:30 p.m. except where noted. The tours are optional and are available for an additional fee of \$110, which includes lunch.

Oxford/Lafayette County: This tour moves throughout Oxford/Jefferson and Lafayette/Yoknapatawpha County to visit a number of homes, buildings, and other sites associated with Faulkner’s life and writings. Some walking is required.

Slavery in Holly Springs, Mississippi: This tour will visit a number of the sites associated with the annual “Behind the Big House” event during Pilgrimage week in Holly Springs, Mississippi, thirty miles north of Oxford. Stops will include Burton Place and its related slave buildings, other slave quarters at antebellum residences, the campus of Rust College (founded 1866), and the site of the Civil War “contraband camp” set up by Union forces to house escaped slaves.

New Albany and Ripley: The Falkners came to Oxford from Ripley and New Albany. The tour travels to the New Albany Museum and then on to the Ripley City Library, where participants will hear about the Ripley/Faulkner background. The tour will go to the Ripley cemetery, where Faulkner’s great-grandfather, “The Old Colonel” and model for John Sartoris, is buried beside his impressive statue.

The Mississippi Delta: This tour consists of a circuitous drive to Clarksdale by way of Charleston, Sumner, and Tutwiler. The tour focuses not only on the hunting camps of Faulkner’s fiction but also on the music of the Delta, the Mississippi blues. The Delta Blues Museum in Clarksdale is the centerpiece of our visit there. After lunch, we wind our way back to Oxford and usually return between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m.

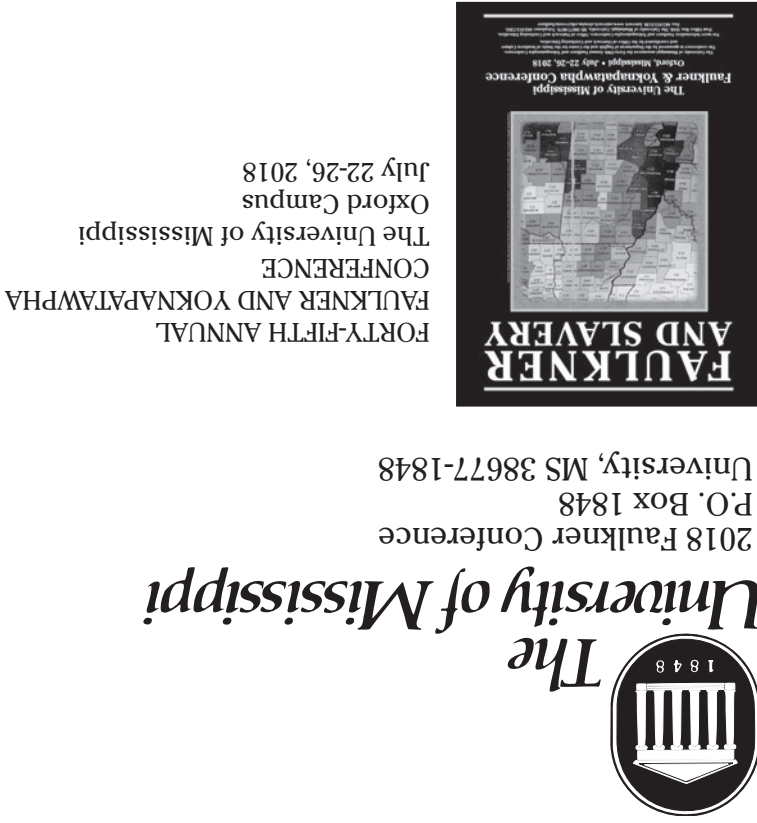
FAULKNER POSTERS

Flat copies of Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha Conference posters with illustrations by Glennray Tutor (1989, 1990, 1993, 2017), John McCrady (2003, 2005), and William Faulkner (2007) and with photographs by Martin Dain (1996, 2009), Jack Cofield (1997, 2000), Bern Keating (1998, 2014), William Odiorne (1990), Budd Studios (2002), Phyllis Cerf (2008), Alfred Eris (2010), Henri Cartier-Bresson (2011), and from the Cofield Collection (2001) and the Memphis *Commercial Appeal* (2006) are available for \$10.00 each plus shipping and handling.

SPECIAL THANKS

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