



The 29th Annual Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration:

Southern Gothic

-Thursday evening, February 22, 2018—Natchez Convention Center, 211 Main Street
6:00-6:45 p.m. **Short Film:** Local Landscapes, Mike Chapman (photographer)
7:15-9:15 p.m. Cinema Event: Reconciliation in Mississippi, Q&A to follow; David Ridgen

Friday, February 23, 2018—Natchez Convention Center, 211 Main Street

8:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony President Ronnie Nettles/CLCC; Mayor Darryl Grennell, City of Natchez. Vice President Teresa Busby, Co-Lin Natchez Campus, Presiding on behalf of Governor William F. Winter, Director of Proceedings, NLCC.
Recognition of William Winter Scholars and Vance Fellows.

8:50 –9:30 a.m.

“What is Southern Gothic?” Dr. Matthew Guinn, Belhaven University and author of *The Scribe*, and *The Resurrectionist*.*

9:30-10:30 a.m.

“William Faulkner and the Southern Gothic Tradition.” Dr. Jay Watson, Howry Chair in Faulkner Studies and Professor of English, University of Mississippi*

10:30-11:30 a.m.

“A Question of Perspective: Mississippi Gothic through British Eyes.” Richard Grant, author of “Dispatches from Pluto” and “Crazy River” and “American Nomads”*.

1:00-1:20 p.m.

Presentation of the Thad Cochran Award for Achievement in the Humanities to Dr. David Sansing (History, University of Mississippi); and Dr. John D. W. Guice, (ret., History, University of Southern Mississippi)

1:30-2:30 p.m.

“Southern Gothic and the Blues.” Victor Bouvéron, folklorist, and Ray Cashman, blues musician. A protégé of Dr. William Ferris (UNC Chapel Hill), Mr. Bouvéron has conducted extensive fieldwork for three months in New York State, documenting old-time music in the region, as well as extensive research into blues music.

3:00-4:00p.m.

“Short Mean Fiction.” William Dunlap, artist, arts commentator and educator. He will offer a multi-media presentation on his recent book *Short Mean Fiction*, which was featured at this year’s Mississippi Book Fair*.

4:00-5:00p.m.

“The Journalism of the Ole Miss Riots.” Dr. Kathleen Wickham, professor, the Meek School of Journalism and New Media at the University of Mississippi and a faculty fellow of the first Residential College. She will present her critically acclaimed book *We Believed We Were Immortal*, a study on the journalism of the Ole Miss riots.*

5:00p.m. **Reception, NAPAC Museum**

6:00p.m. **An Evening of Blues at Rolling River Bistro with Ray Cashman.** Free Admission.

7:00 pm/8:00 pm **Ghost Tour: Glenfield Planation.** 6 Glenfield Lane. The only English Gothic style home in Natchez. This is a ticketed event . Tickets \$25.

For more information, tickets, or to be included in our mailing lists, please contact the NLCC at nlcc@colin.edu, or by telephone at 601-446-1208. All events at the Natchez Convention Center are free and open to the public--no registration necessary. For information on CEUs, contact Emily Edwards at 601-446-1103.





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Saturday, February 24, 2018—Natchez Convention Center, 211 Main Street

8:30 a.m. Opening Remarks: Dr. Ronnie Nettles, President, Copiah Lincoln Community College. Recognition of the winners of our Young Writers Competition.

9:00-10:20 a.m.

“Cold Case Investigations”, Hank Klibanoff, Robert J. Rosenthal, and Stanley Nelson. The Cold Case Investigations Panel will serve as a keynote event for the 2018 NLCC, Hank Klibanoff, a veteran journalist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, is a Professor of Practice in Emory's Creative Writing Program. **Robert (Rosey) Rosenthal** the director of the Center for Investigative Reporting, an adjunct professor at Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and the University of California at Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism. **Stanley Nelson** is the author of *Devils Walking: Klan Murders Along the Mississippi in the 1960s*, editor of the *Concordia Sentinel*, and a past recipient of the Richard Wright Award for Literary Excellence.

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Richard Wright Awards for Literary Excellence: with educational presentations by the award winners, **Billy Watkins**, Journalist, *The Clarion Ledger*, and **Dr. Charles Reagan Wilson**, Kelly Gene Cook Sr. Chair of History and Professor of Southern Studies (ret) at the University of Mississippi

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **Ticketed Event: Luncheon at Dunleith Plantation; Tickets \$30.**

1:00-2:00 p.m.

“The Real Marie Laveau.” Dr. Martha Ward, Martha Ward is the author of *Nest in the Wind, A World Full of Women*, and *A Sounding of Women: Autobiographies from Unexpected Places*, among other books. She is University Research Professor of Anthropology, Urban Studies, and Women's Studies at the University of New Orleans.

2:30-3:15 p.m.

“Goat Castle: The True Story of Murder, Race, and the Gothic South.” Dr. Karen Cox, Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and the founding director of the graduate public history program.

3:30-4:15 p.m.

“Five Manners of Death.”; Dr. Darden North, award-winning author and Chairman of the Board, Mississippi Public Broadcasting Foundation. Dr. North's mystery and thriller novels have been awarded nationally, most notably an IPPY in Southern Fiction for *Points of Origin*. *The Five Manners of Death* also follows *Wiggle Room*, *Fresh Frozen*, and *House Call*.

5:30-7:45 **Benefit Gala Reception, The Elms,** This is a Ticketed Event. Tickets \$60.

---Presentation times may adjust slightly to allow for book signings and breaks---

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