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Delta Blues Symposium XIII: The 1960s

The Department of English and Philosophy at Arkansas State University (Jonesboro campus) announces its thirteenth annual Delta Blues Symposium, to be held March 29-31, 2007. The theme for Delta Blues Symposium XIII is The 1960s. Presentations are encouraged from scholars and students of the humanities and social sciences—especially anthropology, art history, economics, folklore studies, geography, history, literature, musicology, political science, and sociology. As well, we seek contributions from scholars and students of the physical and natural sciences.

It should be emphasized that though we especially encourage presentations dealing with the decade of the 1960s we welcome proposals for papers and panels which deal with any and all aspects of the region or with the blues, perhaps the region’s most famous export. We particularly invite presentations on artists who have appeared at previous symposia (fiction writers such as Lewis Nordan, Ellen Douglas, John Dufresne, Tom Piazza, and Beverly Lowry; poets like Yusef Komunyakaa, Jo McDougall, and Sterling Plumpp; visual artists, including James Fraher, David Rae Morris, and Maude Schuyler Clay; and such musicians as Kenny Neal, Little Milton, CeDell Davis, and Billy Lee Riley). At present, novelist Scott Ely, poet Natasha Trethewey, and Robert Gordon, filmmaker and music writer, will be in attendance and musician Alvin Youngblood Hart will perform.

Program proposals may be for individual presentations or for panels. These should be sent as 100-word abstracts. We also urge participation by creative writers and other artists. Please send samples of previous work for our consideration. The submission deadline is 22 January 2007. The registration fee of \$25.00, which covers Symposium expenses and brings a one-year subscription to *Arkansas Review*, will be collected after proposals have been accepted. Note that this fee is waived for currently enrolled students.

Proposals may be sent via post, e-mail, or fax to the following address:

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