Dr. David Ware Becomes New State Archives Director

On December 20, 2019, Stacy Hurst, Secretary of the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism, announced Dr. David Ware would become state historian and director of the Arkansas State Archives. Ware, who has served as the Capitol historian for the secretary of state’s office since 2001, will begin his new position January 21, 2020. His familiarity with many of archives staff and collections, Arkansas History, the states historical community (Arkansas Historical Association, the Arkansas Museums Association and the Society of Southwest Archivists), and his educational background, make Ware an excellent choice as the archives head.

Ware attended the University of Nebraska earning a B.A. in French literature, then attend the University of Wyoming where he re-
Coming Events

Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

March 7, 2020
Heritage Seekers Behind the Scenes Tour, at the Arkansas State Archives 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 1 Capitol Mall, Little Rock. For more information go to https://heritageseekersar.weebly.com/

March 9, 2020
Finding Family Facts, presented by Rhonda Stewart, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Roberts Library, 401 President Clinton Avenue, Little Rock.

March 9, 2020
Heritage Seekers, 1918 Flu Epidemic, Tim Nutt, Director of Historic Research, UAMS Library, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

April 4, 2020
Heritage Seekers Research Day, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. with a break, then 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Butler Center, 401 President Clinton Avenue, Little Rock. For more information go to https://heritageseekersar.weebly.com/

April 27, 2020
Heritage Seekers, Brick Wall Challenge?, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

May 14, 2020
Finding Family Facts, presented by Rhonda Stewart, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Nixon Library, 703 W. Main St., Jacksonville.

June 11, 2020
Finding Family Facts, presented by Rhonda Stewart, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sanders Library, 10200 Johnson Dr., Sherwood.

June 21-26, 2020
Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), Pittsburg, PA, https://www.gripitt.org/

June 22, 2020
Heritage Seekers, Arkansas & It’s People, Jane A. Wilkerson, Arkansas State Archives, 6:30 p.m., Room 66, Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock.

July 6-10, 2020
Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), Pittsburg, PA, https://www.gripitt.org/
DESCRIPTION

Saturday, February 1, 2020
Check-in begins at 9:15 a.m.
Presentation starts at 10 a.m.

Speakers Dr. Cherisse Jones-Branch, a Persian Gulf War veteran, will present "A Debutante, a Soldier and a War Veteran" and Brig. Gen. Gracus K. Dunn, who retired from the U.S. Army, will present "African-American Services in America’s Wars."

Wilbur D. Mills University Studies High School students in the U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) will post the colors.

Teachers can earn up to three professional development credits by attending. The event is free but reservations are required by Jan. 27. Refreshments will be provided.

Off the Grid: A History of Nature, Black Power, and Freedom on the Arkansas Frontier

DESCRIPTION

Canebrakes, speckled perch, chinquapins and blackberries, mink and beaver: Arkansas’s natural bounty was a major draw for hundreds of thousands of African Americans who migrated to the state after Emancipation in search of greater freedom and self-determination. What did freedpeople—some native to Arkansas and others newly arrived—learn about their natural environment from their experiences living and working in the New South’s last wilderness? Through images, stories, and botanical specimens from the field, historian Story Matkin-Rawn and ecologist Theo Witsell will share their research on the challenges of frontier life and use of wild resources among African Americans in the Natural State.

January 23, 2020
Presentation starts at 6:00 p.m.
Location: Williams Library
1800 Chester Street
Little Rock, AR 72206
Administrative Stuff

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