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Event Name: **Lebanese Exhibit- Community Oral History Workshop & Film**

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Admission: Free

Description:

The **Community Oral History Workshop** will be held at the **Southern Cultural Heritage Center** in the Academy Building. Please park in the Courtyard Parking lot of the Cultural Center (on the corner of Adams and Clay Streets, as soon as you turn off of Clay onto Adams, you take an immediate right where there is an entrance sign to the Cultural Center and enter the Academy Building straight ahead). The workshop and film will be held on **Saturday, February 18, 2017**, and will begin at **9:00am**. There will be a break, so that participants may leave for lunch. After lunch there will be a film screening and discussion. The workshop will include speakers and interactive discussion on such topics as conducting family oral histories, ethical considerations in oral history, digitization and archiving techniques, and using oral history as a tool to explore the particular shared histories and experiences of Lebanese Americans in Mississippi and throughout the South. There will be a screening and discussion of the documentary ***Cedars in the Pines***, which documents Lebanese immigrant experience in North Carolina through oral history and photography.

Individuals of Lebanese and Syrian descent in Mississippi have been studied and celebrated in many ways, including Belzoni folk artist Ethel Wright Mohamed, whose art chronicles her married life with Lebanese merchant Hassan Mohamed, Natchez civil rights-era mayor John J. Nossier, and University of Mississippi Chancellor Robert Khayat. This project continues examining the multigenerational history and present-day experience of Syrian and Lebanese immigrants and their descendants in the state.

The workshop is free, but space is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to make a reservation, please call the SCHF office at 601.631.2997.

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