

Annual Report, 2023-2024

The Center for Historic Preservation

Middle Tennessee State University



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Origins and Background

The Center for Historic Preservation was established in 1984 as MTSU's first Center of Excellence and one of the nine original centers at the Tennessee Board of Regents universities. In 1989, the CHP received accomplished center status and in 1991 it became a full-time research and public service institute while continuing to shape MTSU academic programs by supporting and directing undergraduate and graduate students in research and experiential learning opportunities. In 2001, it became the administrator of the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, a partnership unit of the National Park Service. In 2008, the Center took on the Tennessee administration of Teaching with Primary Sources, a program of the Library of Congress, and has since served classroom educators with primary source-centered workshops and materials. In 2012, the Center began a long-term partnership with the National Park Service to document properties associated with the National Historic Trails program. In 2013, Center director Dr. Carroll Van West was appointed the Tennessee State Historian.

Center programs and projects strongly support the general legislative mandates implemented by state officials when they created Centers of Excellence in 1984. These are: (1) utilize present educational resources more effectively to achieve a genuine excellence in a specific field; (2) support the economic development of the state; (3) enhance the intellectual, cultural, and social climate of Tennessee citizens; (4) improve the research base of the state; and, (5) encourage institutions to increase support for educational and research activities from external sources.

The Center meets these mandates through projects and programs that focus on the heritage development--the identification, research, preservation, interpretation, and promotion--of our historic environment. Through its varied resources, and its partnerships at local, state, and national levels, the Center responds to the requests, needs, and concerns of communities, individuals, agencies, and organizations, both governmental and not-for-profit, working towards historic preservation goals.

Working within state, regional, and national partnerships, the Center for Historic Preservation focuses its efforts on heritage area development, rural preservation, heritage education, and heritage tourism through diverse, inclusive preservation practice and programs. Consistent with the MTSU Academic Master Plan to enhance research and public service, the Center supports efforts to improve the education and quality of life for all Tennesseans. The Center enhances citizens' sense of place, pride, and identity through the interpretation and preservation of the historic sites, landscapes, and historical narratives that comprise the Tennessee experience.

To complement the MTSU Academic Master Plan's goals, the Center for Historic Preservation uses multiple community-centered projects to teach selected courses in the History Department. It provides crucial teaching and funding for the PhD in Public History. The Center is a primary conduit for training and placement of MA students in public history and plays a significant role in directing MA theses and PhD dissertations in that program. By offering graduate research assistantships in addition to internships and other opportunities for both undergraduates and graduates, the CHP provides multidisciplinary and applied working experiences and fosters a research culture for faculty, staff, and students.

Impacting the Nation

The Center prides itself in preparing MTSU students to gain the experience they need for their careers. Graduate Research Assistants from the Center upon graduation are always nationally competitive and work for history and design firms, government agencies, non-profits, and

colleges and universities. They create their own success but the Center provides an invaluable platform for their training, especially in our community-anchored programs across Tennessee, the South, and Midwest. These graduates from the Center are constantly taking our message of reciprocal community engagement to every section of the nation. Three Center-supported graduate assistants presented posters at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the National Council on Public History. This past academic year Center director Dr. Carroll Van West mentored to completion four PhDs in Public History along with three MAs in History at MTSU.



Center Graduate Assistants, past and present, gather together at 2024 NCPH Conference

MTSU students clearly benefit from being involved in the Center's national projects and programs, especially projects associated with the Trail of Tears, with funding from the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service. In 2023-2024, CHP Programs Manager Amy Kostine, Fieldwork Coordinator Savannah Grandey Knies, and Dr. West worked with PhD students Alexis Matrone and Kate Hughes on projects related to the **Trail of Tears National Historic Trail**, especially the re-interpretation of the **Cherokee Removal Museum** in Meigs County and the **Trail of Tears Heritage Center** in Pulaski. Both graduate assistants and MTSU graduate students worked on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail High Potential Sites Assessments in Tennessee and Kentucky while Alexis Matrone carried out research for two Trail of Tears exhibit panels for **Maramec Spring Park** in Missouri. Like three other graduate students before her, Mercedes Collins spent two summer months at the **Butte National Historic Landmark** in Montana developing an Historic Preservation exhibit for the Ethnic Community History Center located at B'nai Israel Synagogue. Dr. West also arranged for Richard Emory to do his summer internship at the Montana Historical Society in Helena.



Mercedes Collins and Butte MT exhibit



Alexis Matrone and Kate Hughes at Cherokee Removal Museum



Amy Kostine continued her work with Tennessee State Parks and the Trail of Tears. Kostine and Dr. West met with park leaders and supporters at the Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park in Benton County about adding new interpretive panels on the trail at the park.

Other national projects involved Center faculty and staff. Savannah Grandey Knies and Dr. West nominated the **Steele Farm of Lowndes County, Alabama**, to the National Register of Historic Places. The farm is part of the **Selma-to-Montgomery National Historic Trail**. Dr. West also worked with former graduate assistants Katie Randall and Cheri L. Szcodronski to prepare the National Register nominations for the **Civil Rights Movement in Montgomery, Alabama**, multiple property submission and Montgomery's **First Baptist Church**, where a graduate seminar from MTSU had carried out initial architectural investigations.



Left: MTSU students at First Baptist Church

Right: E.D. Nixon House, Montgomery

**Providing Leadership for Tennessee's
Civil War Era History: The Tennessee
Civil War National Heritage Area**



The largest national program, and most beneficial to MTSU graduate students and Tennessee communities, is the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area. For over a generation the Center has administered the Heritage Area, which sets out to tell and preserve "the whole story of America's greatest challenge," the Civil War era of 1850 to 1875. The Heritage Area's professional services program allows staff, faculty, and graduate students to carry out on-the-ground projects across Tennessee. The program had its most productive year yet.

In Franklin, the restoration and creation of the **Merrill-Williams House Cultural Center** nears completion. This major Heritage Area initiative concerns a historic African American residence built on a town lot that had been along the main U.S. Army's line of defense during the 1864 Battle of Franklin. The Heritage Area and the African American Heritage Society (AAHS) of Williamson County are partners on the project, and both look forward to the opening of the cultural center in 2025. At the **Franklin Battlefield Park**, just a few hundred yards to the south, the Heritage Area also celebrated in the winter of 2023 the opening of a new exhibit with partners Franklin City Parks and the Battle of Franklin Trust, and then returned to the same park

for the unveiling of the **Texas Monument**, where Dr. West gave remarks to a large crowd of residents and Texans. Dr. West and the Heritage Area's Stacey Watson also participated in the **Williamson Remembers** initiative, which involves acknowledging post-Civil War violence.



Field projects with Civil War-era properties are also part of the Heritage Area's professional services program. In July and August 2023, graduate student intern Abby Mullis accompanied Dr. West and Heritage Area federal liaison Laura Holder to conduct preservation assessments at three National Register-listed properties: **St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Fayette County**, **the Northcutt House Cabin in Grundy County**, and the **McMahan cantilevered barn in Sevier County**.



St. Thomas Episcopal Church



Northcutt House Cabin



McMahan cantilevered barn



In Rutherford County, the Heritage Area's Dr. Antoinette van Zelm and graduate assistant Jessica Hanson joined with Mary Watkins of the Rutherford County African American Heritage Society and Stephanie Macca, the owner of the National Register-listed **Riverside Farm** to develop a panel exhibit about this historic property and its ties of the history of slavery.

At the National Register-listed Craig's Chapel AME Zion Church, which is associated with the underground railroad and located outside of Greenback, Dr. West met with leaders of the Tennessee conference of the AME Zion Church to begin planning for turning the church into a

heritage center for how the AME Zion Church helped black communities in the decades after the Civil War.



Craig's Chapel AME Zion Church, Greenback Rev. Dr. Willa Estill at Craig's Chapel



Community groups wanting to preserve and interpret Civil War-era cemeteries are constantly looking to the Heritage Area for assistance. At Beck Knob Cemetery in Chattanooga, the city's oldest black cemetery dating to the 1860s, Savannah Grandey Knies helped descendants with a National Register nomination of the property and then the Heritage Area funded a permanent interpretive marker.



Descendants joined with the City of Franklin to contract with the Heritage Area to prepare a preservation and interpretation plan for the National Register-listed Toussaint L'Ouverture Cemetery in Franklin.



PhD summer intern Stephen Simmons worked with Savannah Grandey Knies on a survey of Cannon County cemeteries, where they found many forgotten veterans of the Civil War, such as this U.S. veteran at the Odom Cemetery.

Research Professor Dr. Stacey Graham carried out community cemetery workshops at **Union Ridge Cemetery** in Bedford County, and at the **Buchanan Family Cemetery**, part of the National Register-listed Buchanan Log House in Davidson County. The Heritage Area also funded a partnership with Nashville Public Television, which produced a 30-minute documentary on historic black cemeteries from the Reconstruction era, including such National Register-listed cemeteries as Zion Cemetery in Memphis and the Beth Salem Presbyterian Cemetery in McMinn County. The Heritage Area also worked with the Rutherford County Archives to fund the publication of the history and the names of those buried at the National Register-listed Benevolent Cemetery in Murfreesboro and funded a Ground Penetrating Radar survey and research at the National Register-listed Johnsonville State Historic Area in Humphreys County.

Dr. van Zelm, Laura Holder, and Savannah Grandey Knies, working with graduate assistant Jessica Hanson, prepared an extensive heritage development report for the National Register-listed **Smith-Trahern House**, one of Clarksville's major antebellum and Civil War-era properties, now administered as a historic property by the City of Clarksville. Dr. van Zelm and Knies also worked with graduate assistant Deja Gooch to develop a preservation assessment report for the **Hermon Masonic Lodge** at Beech Grove in Coffee County.

Laura Holder and Dr. West worked with Deborah Warnick and Aubrey Preston of the Leiper's Fork Foundation to produce a how-to booklet for community preservation, titled *Charting Your Own Vision: Lessons from Leiper's Fork*. The booklet describes the generation-long effort for quality conservation, interpretation, and economic growth in this National Register-listed rural historic district in Williamson County. West and Preston have collaborated there on many projects since 1997, and the booklet summarizes the lessons learned through 25 years of reciprocal partnerships. Laura Holder also partnered with the Williamson County CVB to review and update existing Civil War Trails markers across the county.



Tennessee Tourism Commissioner Mark Ezell (L), Aubrey Preston (C), and Carroll Van West (R) at the release of the *Charting Your Own Vision* booklet in Leiper's Fork, TN



Another major Middle Tennessee project was the funding support for the "Upon the Toils of Many" exhibit at the National Register-listed Belmont Mansion, one of the key properties associated with Nashville's Civil War and Reconstruction stories.

The Heritage Area's Murfreesboro headquarters is the Heritage Center of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County, which interprets the 1862 Battle of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County's rich and storied history. The Heritage Center welcomed over 2,000 visitors in person; hosted a variety of heritage and civic organization meetings; created and uploaded three new digital tours to our free PocketSights mobile tour app; and hosted a book discussion and community event with MTSU alumnus Dr. Bob Beatty. The Heritage Center in the summer of 2024 also opened the "Two Families, Two Revolutions" exhibit, which chronicles how the families associated with two National Register-listed properties, **the Matt Gardner Farm**, a Reconstruction-era African American farm in Giles County, and **Stony Point**, one of Tennessee's earliest brick houses in Hawkins County, built farms and community institutions that nurtured and inspired later generations up to the present. The exhibit represents the Heritage Area's major contribution to the Tennessee 250th effort to tell the story of how America has evolved and changed since the time of the Revolution. Staff continued to provide assistance for the statewide Civil War Trails program as well as the very popular Tennessee Civil War exhibits at the Welcome Centers across the state's interstate highway system.

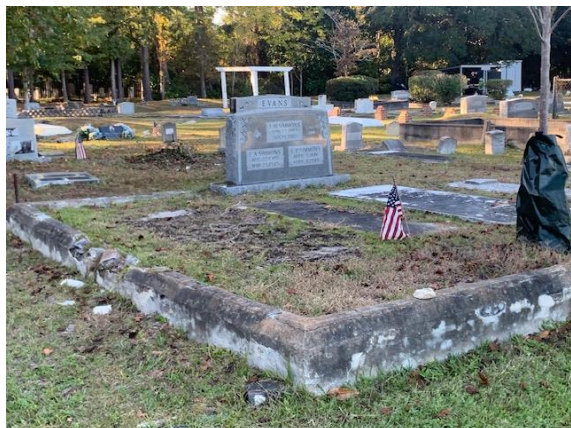
Addressing the needs of Tennessee communities and neighborhoods

Tennessee communities, governments, and property owners continue to reach out to the Center for assistance on their history and historic preservation needs. The Center continued its partnership with the U.S. Forest Service about the "Lessons Learned" project--the lessons being those learned when the agency mistakenly damaged a Trail of Tears segment to the **Fort Armistead National Historic Landmark in Monroe County**. Dr. Colbi Layne Hogan worked with Franklin veterans on the preservation and interpretation of a historic **American Legion Lodge**, a worthy National Register nomination in Franklin. Savannah Grandey Knies worked with the Nashville Steam Historical Society on interpretive panels on the World War II home front and Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis **Railway Engine 576**.



Dr. West worked with graduate student Trevor Porter on a historic preservation assessment of the **Cedar Grove School/Lone Star Masonic Lodge** in Charlotte, another property worthy of National Register nomination

Savannah Grandey Knies worked with local partners to place an African American landmark, the **Townsend School in Winchester**, in the National Register of Historic Places. Knies, Dr. West, and graduate assistant Deja Gooch also began a partnership with black leaders and Dr. Tara White of the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, to undertake a National Register nomination for the historic Pine Forest Cemetery in Wilmington, North Carolina. Gooch's summer internship focused on research of those key people buried at the famous cemetery.



Pine Forest Cemetery, Wilmington, NC



Work Session at UNC, Wilmington campus

Historic Preservation of Tennessee's Farms and Open Spaces

In 2023-2024, the Tennessee Century Farms Program certified 65 new farms—almost a 50% increase from the prior year--located across the state. The oldest of those listed in the past year is the **Marshall Farm (1788) in Davidson County** while one black family added its farm, the **William and Luella Carter Farm (1903) in Lauderdale County**. We welcomed the Marshall Farm and the Carter Farm and the other 63 certified Century Farms on our Tennessee Century Farms Facebook page, which is by far the most visited social media page administered by the Center for Historic Preservation. Dr. van Zelm also worked with graduate assistant Amelia Blakely and Savannah Grandey Knies to carry out research for the **Coomer Barn in Rutherford County** and at the **Fox Run Farm (Matt Martin House) in Bedford County**.



Fox Run Farm, a National Register-listed farm in Bedford County.

Planning for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution in Tennessee

Dr. West in 2023-2024 continued as chair emeritus of the Tennessee 250th Commission, now led by Ashley Howell, the executive director of the Tennessee State Museum. At the request of museum supporters and board members, Dr. West carried out a heritage development plan for one of Tennessee's most important Revolutionary-era properties, **Rocky Mount, in Sullivan County**. He also gave the featured address at "The Gathering," a major regional event for the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution, held every September at the National Historic Landmark **Sycamore Shoals in Carter County**. West also spoke on the 250th as the opening speaker at the **Dyer County Museum** for a series of events celebrating Dyersburg's 200th anniversary and met with local and state officials about planning for the 100th anniversary of the Scopes Trial at the **Rhea County Courthouse** in Dayton.



Rocky Mount State
Historic Site in Sullivan
County is preparing for
a major 250th
commemoration.

Best Practices for Tennessee Educators

In the fall of 2023, the Center assumed the management of the **National History Day** competition for Middle Tennessee schools held on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University. Under the leadership of the Center's education outreach manager Kira Duke and with the assistance of graduate student Mercedes Collins, the numbers of participating students jumped up dramatically to 185 students, presenting 106 projects and representing 14 schools.

Teaching with Primary Sources – MTSU, the Tennessee affiliate of the Library of Congress's nationwide education outreach consortium, continues to connect with educators statewide, with leadership provided by Kira Duke, Dr. Graham, and Dr. Hogan. TPS-MTSU held in-person events across Tennessee while maintaining a variety of virtual elements. This hybrid approach helps to maximize outreach, giving educators the flexibility to participate in ways that suit their demanding schedules best. In partnership with the East Tennessee Historical Society in Knoxville and the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, the TPS-MTSU program held a major National History Day workshop series titled "Tennesseans Who Shaped American Democracy." The program also partnered with the Fisk University Library in Nashville on a workshop titled "African American Education from Reconstruction to the Civil Rights Movement."

Throughout the year our major partners were the Tennessee Historical Society, the East Tennessee Historical Society, and the Discover Tennessee History collaborative. We supported the Tennessee History Day program with webinars, resources, and mentoring. We provided both support and content to the Discover TN History webinar series, which is available through the TPS-MTSU YouTube channel. On the national level, the Library of Congress held a TPS meeting in Nashville during November 2023, and Drs. West and Graham joined partners Nikki Ward of the Tennessee Historical Society, Dr. Tiffany Momon of the University of the South, and DeLisa Minor-Harris of Fisk University Library in a panel titled "Sustainability through Reciprocity: Partnership Approaches and Primary Sources." Duke and Dr. Graham also authored the article, "Teaching the Long Arc of the Civil Rights Movement," in the spring 2024 issue of the *TPS Journal*, an online publication of the Library of Congress.

Regular webinar programming is through our popular "Digging In" series, based on the monthly newsletter, and the Discover Tennessee History series. Both series build regular content for the TPS-MTSU YouTube channel, where educators can watch videos after-the-fact and still receive professional development credit. TPS-MTSU, assisted by MTSU graduate students Rhyder Cowart, Ken Mosier, Deja Gooch, and Mercedes Collins, also continued to add new material to its Web site (library.mtsu.edu/tps) through primary source sets, lesson plans, newsletters, and tools. Participating in this Library of Congress program is an important contributor to our students' public history training.

External Funding, 2023-2024

Library of Congress: World War II Homefront	\$84,943.60
National Park Service: World War II Homefront Book	\$88,300.00
National Park Service: National Trails	\$31,609.00
National Park Service: Tennessee Civil War NHA	\$500,000.00
US Forrest Service: Lessons Learned	\$101,530.71
City of Franklin: Toussaint L'Ouverture	\$24,000.00
TOTAL	\$830,383.61

Pending External Funding, 2024

Georgia Department of Transportation	\$117,637.77
US Forest Service: Development of Education Materials	\$65,000.00
US Forest Service: Land Between the Lakes	\$79,699.99
US Forest Service: Lessons Learned Phase III	\$40,500.00
TOTAL	\$302,837.76

OVERALL TOTAL: \$1,133,221.37

Center for Historic Preservation Staff

Dr. Carroll Van West, Director and Professor
 Dr. Antoinette van Zelm, Assistant Director
 Dr. Stacey Graham, Research Professor
 Amy Kostine, Programs Manager
 Kira Duke, Education Outreach Manager
 Savannah Grandey Knies, Fieldwork Coordinator
 Laura Holder, Heritage Area Manager
 Dr. Colbi Layne Hogan, Heritage Area
 Stacey Watson, Heritage Area
 Alex McMahan, Executive Assistant
 Krystal Marin, Administrative Assistant (Acting)

Graduate Research Assistants, 2023-2024

Morgan Condrey, MA student
 Abby Coomes, PhD student
 Kate Hughes, PhD student
 John Lodl, PhD student
 Alexis Matrone, PhD student
 DeLisa Minor Harris, PhD student
 Taylor Means, MA student
 Abby Mullis, MA student
 Amy NeeSmith, MA student
 Ellie Smith, MA student
 Paul Springer, MA student

Center for Historic Preservation Benchmarks, 2021-2022

Major Reports, National Register Nominations, Publications

- Duke, Kira, Daniella Cook, Bridget Morton, and Jenna Spiering. "Teaching the Long Arc of the Civil Rights Movement." *TPS Consortium Journal*, March 2024.
- Graham, Stacey, Kelsey Fritz, Abby Jo Mullis, and Michaela Wegman. *Preservation Assessment: Cross Roads Cemetery*. For Bedford County Commissioner, Bell Buckle, Bedford County, Tennessee. August 2023.
- Graham, Stacey, Antoinette G. van Zelm, Carroll Van West, Savannah Grandey Knies, and graduate students. *The Chapman-Singleton House, New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery, Union Ridge Cemetery, and Hord Chapel A.M.E. Church, Bedford County, Tennessee: Historic Structure Report and Preservation Assessments*. For property owner. Final report, February 2024.
- Holder, Laura S, Deborah Warnick, and Carroll Van West. *Charting Your Own Vision: Lessons from Leiper's Fork*. For the Leiper's Fork Foundation. June 2024.
- Knies, Savannah Grandey, Stephanie McDougal, and Stacey Graham. *Pleasant Garden Cemetery, Hamilton County, Tennessee. National Register of Historic Places Form*. Tennessee Historical Commission. July 2024.
- Knies, Savannah Grandey, Kate Hughes, and Carroll Van West. *Campsite 2: Rosie Steele Property. Lowndes County, Alabama. National Register of Historic Places Form*. Alabama Historical Commission. November 2023.
- Knies, Savannah Grandey, and Antoinette van Zelm. *The Chapman-Singleton House Property: Caretaker Residence Assessment. Bedford County, Tennessee*. June 2024.
- Knies, Savannah Grandey, Amelia Blakely, and Antoinette G. van Zelm. *Coomer Barn History and Preservation Assessment*. Walter Hill, Rutherford County, TN. For the property owners. May 2024.
- Knies, Savannah Grandey, Antoinette van Zelm, and Deja Gooch. *Hermon Lodge No. 239, Beech Grove, Coffee County, Tennessee: History and Preservation Assessment*. For the Lodge. June 2024.
- Kostine, Amy, and multiple contributors. *Cherokee Trail of Tears High Potential Site Assessment, **Twenty Properties** in TN and KY*. For National Trails-National Park Service, Winter and Spring, 2024.
- van Zelm, Antoinette G., Savannah Grandey Knies, Laura Holder, Rebecca Collins, Jessica Hanson, and Amy NeeSmith. *The Smith-Trahern Mansion, Clarksville, Tennessee: Historical Significance and Heritage Development Report*. For Clarksville Parks & Recreation Department. March 2024.
- West, Carroll Van, and Trevor Porter. *Cedar Grove School/Lone Star Lodge, Charlotte, Tennessee, Heritage Development Report*. June 2024.
- West, Carroll Van. *Craig's Chapel AME Zion Church, Greenback, Tennessee, Heritage Development Report*. February 2024.
- West, Carroll Van, and Abby Mullis. *St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Somerville, Tennessee, Historic Preservation Assessment*. September 2023.
- West, Carroll Van, and Abby Mullis. *McMahan Cantilevered Barn, Sevier County, Tennessee. Historic Preservation Assessment*. September 2023.
- West, Carroll Van, Laura S. Holder and Abby Jo Mullis. *Northcutt Cabin Heritage Development Recommendations*, Grundy County, Tennessee. August 2023.
- West, Carroll Van. *Ernest Withers House Museum, Memphis: Heritage Development Report*. July 2023.
- West, Carroll Van. *Rocky Mount, Sullivan County, Tennessee: Heritage Development Report*. May 2024.

West, Carroll Van, and Katie Randall. *The Civil Rights Movement in Montgomery, Alabama, 1852-1983. National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Submission. Alabama Historical Commission. April 2024.*

West, Carroll Van, and Katie Randall. *First Baptist Church, Montgomery. National Register of Historic Places Nomination. Alabama Historical Commission. April 2024.*

Reviews, Exhibits, Digital History

Duke, Kira, and Stacey Graham, editors. Teaching with Primary Sources – MTSU Web site (www.mtsu.edu/tps). Murfreesboro: Center for Historic Preservation, 2023-2024.

Graham, Stacey, reviewer. *There's Lots to See in Georgia: A Guide to Georgia's State Historic Sites.* By Jennifer Dickey, University of Georgia Press. January 2024 (review date).

Graham, Stacey, collaborator. *La Sfera Project.* NEH Scholarly Editions and Translations Program. March 2024.

Holder, Laura S., Abigail Coomes, Kate Hughes, Taylor Means, Abby Jo Mullis, and Amy NeeSmith. *Two Families, Two Revolutions Exhibit.* For property owners and the Heritage Center of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County. May 2024.

Holder, Laura S. *Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area website.* For the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area. 2023.

Kostine, Amy. *Cherokee Trail of Tears Wayside Exhibits.* For Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park. May 2023.

Knies, Savannah Grandey. *Locomotive No. 576 interpretive panels. Nashville Steam Preservation Society. Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.* June 2024

van Zelm, Antoinette G. Book Review of Angela Esco Elder, *Love and Duty: Confederate Widows and the Emotional Politics of Loss* (2022), in *H-CivWar, H-Net Reviews* (November 2023).

van Zelm, Antoinette G. Book Review of John C. Rodrigue, *Freedom's Crescent: The Civil War and the Destruction of Slavery in the Lower Mississippi Valley* (2023), in *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* 82, No. 1 (Spring 2024), pp. 105-106.

van Zelm, Antoinette G., Savannah Grandey Knies, Jessica Hanson, Abby Jo Mullis, and Abigail Coomes. *Riverside Farm, Rutherford County, TN: Exhibit Panels.* For property owner and Rutherford County African American Heritage Society. February 2024.

West, Carroll Van. "‘We have No Further Interests in These Patients Until They Die:’ U.S. Public Health Service Syphilis Study and African American Cemeteries in Macon County, Alabama." Kami Fletcher and Ashley Towle, eds. *Grave History: Death, Race, and Gender in Southern Cemeteries.* Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2023. Pp. 171-186.

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Duke, Kira, Stacey Graham, and Nikki Ward. "‘How to Approach Bias in Primary Sources’ and ‘Authentic Assessment and National History Day.’" Virtual presentations with Tennessee Historical Society, August 2023.

Duke, Kira, Stacey Graham, and Colbi Layne Hogan. "Teaching WWII with Place, Local History, and Primary Sources." Poster Presentation at National Council for Social Studies Conference. Nashville, Tennessee, December 2023.

Graham, Stacey. "World History Sources and Resources." Tennessee Council for History Education conference. Nashville, Tennessee, September 2023.

Kostine, Amy M. "Preserving the Landscape: Fort Cass and the Trail of Tears in Tennessee." Tennessee State Museum, Nashville, TN. November 2023.

West, Carroll Van. "Tennessee's Rosenwald Schools and the MTSU Center for Historic Preservation." Tennessee Rosenwald School Symposium. Tennessee State Museum, September 2023.

West, Carroll Van. "Extending Montana's Preservation Grassroots: the Resource Protection Planning Process, 1983-86." 50th Montana History Conference, Helena. September 2023.

Teacher Curricula & Workshops

Duke, Kira, Stacey Graham, and Colbi Layne Hogan. "Teaching with Place and Primary Sources: WWII in Tennessee." Murfreesboro, Tennessee, July 2023.

Duke, Kira and Nikki Ward. "Building a National History Day Project Using the Library of Congress." With Tennessee Historical Society. Murfreesboro, Memphis, and Knoxville, Tennessee, July 2023.

Duke, Kira and Stacey Graham. "Virtual Book Club: *You Never Forget Your First & Founding Mothers*." Virtual Sessions, September 2023 – December 2023.

Duke, Kira, and Stacey Graham. "Tennesseans Who Shaped American Democracy." With Andrew Jackson's Hermitage. Nashville, Tennessee, January 2024.

Duke, Kira. "A New Look at 8th Grade History." With East Tennessee Historical Society and Knox County Schools and with funding from the TPS Midwest Regional Grant Program. July 2023 – June 2024.

Duke, Kira, and Stacey Graham. "Virtual Book Club: *The Invention of Yesterday*." Virtual Sessions, January 2024 – May 2024.

Duke, Kira, and Stacey Graham. "Tennesseans Who Shaped American Democracy." With the National Civil Rights Museum. Memphis, Tennessee, April 2024.

Duke, Kira, and Stacey Graham. "Tennesseans Who Shaped American Democracy." With the East Tennessee Historical Society. Knoxville, Tennessee, May 2024.

Duke, Kira. "Middle Tennessee Regional History Day Contest." With Tennessee History Day. Murfreesboro, Tennessee, February 2024.

Professional Recognitions

Duke, Kira.

Tennessee Council for History Education State Coordinator.

Discover Tennessee History Consortium Member.

Holder, Laura S.

Secretary, Battle of Franklin Trust Executive Committee

Board Member, Battle of Franklin Trust Board of Directors

Advisory Board Member, Franklin's Charge, Inc. Board of Directors

Grants Committee, African American Heritage Society of Williamson County.

Judge and Award Presenter, Tennessee History

van Zelm, Antoinette G.

MTSU President's Commission on the Status of Women

Southern Association for Women Historians, President (2023), and Past President (2024)

West, Carroll Van

Tennessee State Historian, appointed 2013

Emeritus Chair, Tennessee 250th Commission, appointed 2023

National Historic Landmarks Committee, National Park Service

Board of National Advisors, National Trust for Historic Preservation

Board of Advisors, Oak Ridge Atomic Energy Museum, Oak Ridge
Board Member, Zion Cemetery Restoration Association, Memphis.
Board Member, Shiloh Community Restoration Foundation (AL)
Board Member, Friends of the Tennessee State Library and Archives
Committee Member, Williamson Remembers, Franklin TN