

OGLE 150th (LONG) WED Sept 30

INTRO: The nation will commemorate the 150th anniversaries of the Civil War and the end of American slavery in 2011. A diverse group is working to make it a bang up celebration for Richmond.

The President of the University of Richmond ..Dr. Edward Ayers ..a noted civil war historian ..offered the Jepson Theater for what was called the first conversation .. to explore the Future of Richmond's Past. He pointed to the spirit of cooperation that will help tell the whole story:

CUT 1 :07 “..the table.”

Speakers included historian Dr. James O. Horton; Dr. Lawrence Pijaux, Jr. Pres of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute; and David Ruth Supt of the Richmond Battlefield Park and Maggie Walker Historical site. All agreed ..opportunity is knocking:

CUT 2 :50 “..possibly face.”

Dr. Pijaux cut to the chase:

CUT 3 :43 “..project out.”

Dr. Horton.. an extremely active public historian ..has written numerous books on the subject of slavery and the lives of African Americans:

CUT 4 :05 “..national issue.”

He recently spoke in New York City ..on slavery there ..and after that in Boston on the subject of slavery in New England:

CUT 5 :40 “..right now.”

David Ruth noted that the Richmond Battlefield Park attracts nearly a quarter of a million visitors every year:

CUT 6 :14 “..contextual story.”

During the Civil War Richmond was the Confederate capitol and the site of a constantly growing number of hospitals ..caring for more than a hundred thousand wounded soldiers. Chimbarazzo was one of the largest ..staffed by military doctors but also women and slaves:

CUT 7 :14 “..tackle now.”

A single event calendar was proposed to promote EVERYTHING that's going on in 2011.

History is a rich component of Richmond's identity, and many people work to foster it. Our civic, commercial, and professional organizations recognize that a fuller sense of history can make Richmond a better place to live and visit, while our many excellent historical organizations collaborate in support of a more cohesive historical presence in our city. Virginia Union University, Virginia Commonwealth University, and the University of Richmond are offering venues and coordination for planning in addition to their educational resources and links to our area's past. The University of Richmond and President Edward L. Ayers are hosting the first conversation. Organizations that have developed projects on Richmond's history are invited to present posters, materials, or electronic displays at tables around the Modlin Center's Booth Lobby. If your organization would like to participate, please let us know by Friday, September 25.