A SYMPOSIUM AND CELEBRATION in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Center for the Study of the American South (UNC South) and our award-winning journal Southern Cultures, and the 50th anniversary of the renowned Southern Oral History Program. This weekend program will engage our founders, alumni, faculty, students, staff, and community members in conversation across the generations, exploring what this time of extraordinary change requires of us as a community and as the leading center for the study of the US South.

Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6, 2024

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• ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP FOR EDUCATORS
  Led by Southern Oral History Program Field Scholars
  Time: 1:30–3 PM
  Location: Special Collections Learning Center, Room 404, Wilson Library
  Registration required, no fee

• 30/50 EXHIBIT
  "rooms Unvisited: A History of the Center for the Study of the American South"
  Time: 2:00–4:00 PM (Fri) and 10:00 AM–4:00 PM (Sat)
  Location: The Center for the Study of the American South
  Love House, 410 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC

• 30/50 KEYNOTE
  Bettina Love, Columbia University, New York Times bestselling author of Punished for Dreaming, in conversation with Blair LM Kelley, Director of the Center for the Study of the American South and Joel R. Williamson Distinguished Professor of Southern Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill
  Time: 4:00–5:30 PM
  Location: Pleasants Family Assembly Room, Wilson Library, 200 South Road, UNC-Chapel Hill
  Registration required, no fee

• CHAMPAGNE OYSTER ROAST, BY INVITATION
  Time: 6:00–8:00 PM
  Location: The Center for the Study of the American South
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Saturday, April 6, 2024

• 30/50 SYMPOSIUM
  Time: 9:00 AM–4:15 PM
  Location: Pleasants Family Assembly Room, Wilson Library, 200 South Road, UNC-Chapel Hill
  Registration required, no fee

• BREAKFAST
  Brandwein's Bagels & lox, fruit, juice, coffee.
  Time: 9:00–9:30 AM
  Location: Wilson Library lobby

• MORNING SESSIONS
  Time: 9:30 AM–NOON

• LUNCH
  Time: Noon to 1 PM
  Lunch on your own, or boxed lunch available from Neal’s Deli in Carrboro, NC: choose veggie or protein sandwich, or veggie salad; comes with one side, cookie, and drink ($20)

• AFTERNOON SESSIONS
  Time: 1:00–4:15 PM

• 30/50 KEYNOTE
  Sherrilyn Ifill, inaugural Vernon E. Jordan Jr., Esq. Endowed Chair in Civil Rights, Howard Law School former President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, in conversation with Errin Haines, Editor-at-Large, The 19th
  Time: 5:30–6:30 PM
  Location: Pleasants Family Assembly Room, Wilson Library
  Registration required; no fee

• GALA ANNIVERSARY DINNER
  Cocktail Reception
  Time: 6:00–7:00 PM
  Location: Second Floor Gallery, Wilson Library
  Dinner catered by Snap Pre-Event Dining
  Time: 7:00–9:00 PM
  Location: Fearrington Room, Wilson Library
  $250 per person

To create the best program possible, we greatly appreciate your PRE-REGISTRATION. Thank you.

For event questions, please contact: Terris Lorant, tlorant@email.unc.edu; 919-962-0506

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