

Le Comité des Archives de la Louisiane's
African American Genealogy
Special Interest Group
Presents

An African American Genealogy Seminar

Hidden History—Revealed!

Saturday, June 15, 2019

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

St. Gabriel Catholic Church Activity Center
3625 Highway 75, St. Gabriel, Louisiana



Prior to joining the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, Erin M. Greenwald curated the traveling exhibition *Purchased Lives: The American Slave Trade from 1808-1865*. She serves as chair of the New Orleans Slave Trade Markers and App Project.

Attorney and history enthusiast Kenya Key Rachal is from the St. Gabriel area and has practiced law for more than 20 years in Jackson, Miss. She is a graduate of Louisiana State University and MS College School of Law.



Educator Kathryn Labat is a native of New Orleans who was inspired to begin genealogy as a result of yearning to know more about the family stories her mother shared. An avid

family researcher for more than a decade, she has helped other family members connect to their ancestors through genealogical research.

Marie Marcel has 30 plus years of experience in genealogical research, family history, and historic events. Ms. Marcel has researched and presented



many historical topics such as the Opelousas Massacre. Her research spans throughout Southwest Louisiana with a research focus on family and historic events in St. Landry Parish.



Emilie "Lee" Gagnet Leumas, PhD, CA, CRM, is Archivist/Director of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. She is co-author of *Speaking French in Louisiana, 1720-1955: Linguistic Practices of the Catholic Church*.

Admission is free to members of Le Comité des Archives de la Louisiane. Nonmembers may join at the door for \$15 (Individual), and \$25 (Family). Orders for bag lunches from St. Gabriel Grocery will be taken at registration time, or participants may bring their own lunch.

Presentations

After the Middle Passage: The American Slave Trade from 1808 to 1865

Historian Erin M. Greenwald discusses the role of the domestic slave trade in U.S. history and speaks to New Orleans' role as the largest slave market in antebellum America.

Written History vs. DNA: When the Historical Record and Genetic Record Don't Align

Kenya Key Rachal will present on the signs, side effects, and difficulties that occur when the written historical records do not match DNA test results.

Uncomfortable Entries: Documenting Enslaved People through Catholic Sacramental Records

Sacramental records are among the most important resources available to scholars researching the lives of enslaved and free persons of color. In order to truly appreciate what is in the records, one must be familiar with the laws, traditions, and practices used in the registers prior to 1865. Emilie "Lee" Gagnet Leumas will highlight these sacramental entries, discuss what laws affect the records in Louisiana, and explain how access to them benefits research.

Lunch Time Videos

A Place Called Desire – Presented by Leonard Smith, III
St. Gabriel Catholic Church – Presented by Clifford Normand

1868 St. Landry Parish Massacre

Marie Marcel will present an overview of her research into the 1868 St. Landry Parish Massacre. The massacre occurred after a voting rights confrontation between black Republicans and white Democrats that also involved a white supremacist group, the Seymour Knights.

Felicité

Kathryn Labat will share her journey of discovering her third great grandmother, Felicité, a woman of color born enslaved in 1798 who eventually secured her freedom.