



Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band

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Press Release

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The Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band is thrilled to announce its 2015 conference. The conference theme is “Africans and Indians: Eating from the same pot, Generations of shared culture, traditions, language, food and music”. The conference will be held at Langston University, (OKC-Campus) 4205 N. Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, May 29-30, 2015. The two day conference will focus on the history and plight of the African Indian Freedmen from all Five Tribes of Oklahoma, Indian Territory (Creek, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Choctaw, and Seminole). Activities and presentations will include genealogy workshops; a Mvskoke language workshop; a presentation by the renowned Storyteller, Wallace Moore; presentations by scholars, lecturers, and attorneys; a panel discussion; and a presentation by the Urban League ‘Young Professionals.’ In addition, a special viewing of the MCIFB’s documentary “Bloodlines” will be shown at the historic Paramount Theater, centrally located in downtown OKC, only minutes away from the historic Deep Deuce and Bricktown district.

Who should attend?

Scholars, History Buffs, Genealogy Societies, Genealogists, Family Historians, Beginner, intermediate, or experienced researchers, Hobbyists, Students, The descendants of Black Indians, The general public, and anyone interested in learning more about the unique history of the Black Indians.

The 2015 conference has attracted an impressive cadre of speakers:

- Dr. Gary Zellar, author of African Creeks, University of Saskatchewan Canada.
- Diane Miller, National Program Manager, National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, National Park Services, Omaha, Nebraska.



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- Dr. Melinda Micco, Associate Professor of ethnic studies at Mills College, Oakland CA. She is a member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.
- Bill Welge “Mr. Archives,” Director, Office of American Indian Culture & Preservation at Oklahoma Historical Society.
- Dr. Tiya Miles, Professor of American Culture, Afro-American & African Studies, History, Native American Studies and Women Studies; University of Michigan.
- Mr. Marcus Briggs-Cloud is an Indigenous rights activist and musician. He teaches language, philosophy, and history; former Professor at the College of the Muscogee Nation. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma. and holds a graduate degree in theological studies from Harvard University
- Mr. Wallace Moore, Historian-Living history interpreter for the Fort Sill National Historic Landmark Museum.
- Mr. Rick Fogarty, Professional genealogical researcher, and a citizen of the Muscogee Creek Nation. Specializes in Native American, adoption and forensic genealogical research.
- Cedric Sunray (MOWA Band of Choctaw Indians) Bachelor of Native/American Indian/Indigenous Studies from Trent University in Ontario, Canada and a Master of Indigenous Nations Studies/American Indian Language Revitalization from the University of Kansas.
- Brenda Golden is an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma; Juris Doctor, Oklahoma City University School of Law.
- Lindsay Robertson, University of Oklahoma; Faculty Director, Center for the Study of American Indian Law and Policy.
- Damario Solomon-Simmons, Juris Doctor University of Oklahoma College of Law.
- Christopher Price, Director-Honey Springs Battlefield, Oklahoma Historical Society.

Additional information, speakers and activities are forthcoming!

Registration

Members/Supporter.....	\$50.00
Early Bird (postmarked by March 1)	\$60.00
Registration (postmarked by May 17).....	\$70.00
Registration (Postmarked after May 18).....	\$80.00



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Registration includes all workshops, entertainment, lunch, special viewing of the MCIFB's documentary "Bloodlines" (showing at the Paramount Theater), and a banquet dinner on Saturday evening.

Purchase your tickets via Eventbrite at
<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/africans-and-indians-eating-from-the-same-pot-generations-of-shared-culture-traditions-language-tickets-15002130777?aff=eivtefrnd>.

Or you may mail your payment to: PO Box 6366, Moore OK, 73153

Sponsorship, Ad & Vendor space avail.

Registration: 8:15am

Workshops: 9:00am-4:00 pm May 29 & 30.

Bloodlines: May 29th at 6:30 pm.

Banquet: May 30th 7:30 pm

For additional information about the conference you may contact Conference Chair, Rhonda by email at contactus@1866creekfreedmen.com, or Sharon @ 405-204-0023.
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