

WATER | WAYS

Virtual Symposium



Congaree National Park and Friends of Congaree Swamp are hosting the Smithsonian Water/Ways exhibit through January 13, 2021 under the sponsorship of SC Humanities. The park and Friends of Congaree Swamp will host a virtual symposium Thursday, January 7, 2021 and Friday January 8, 2021 inspired by the exhibition's themes.



Thursday, January 7, 2021

7:00-8:00 PM **A Black History of Congaree: From Slavery to the Post-Civil Rights Era**
A discussion with Dr. Robert Greene from Claflin University.
Moderated by John Grego

Friday, January 8, 2021

9:00-9:15AM **Welcome and Introductions**
Join Congaree National Park Superintendent K. Lynn Berry and T.J. Wallace from SC Humanities.

9:15-11:00 AM **Session 1—Home is where the water is: Water, Culture and history in the COWASEE Basin.** Speakers reflect on what the Congaree River and other local waters mean to them.

Janae Davis (American Rivers)
Jon Manchester (National Park Service)
Marie Adams (Southeast Rural Community Outreach)
Mark Kinzer (National Park Service)
Moderated by John Cely (Friends of Congaree Swamp)

11:00 AM-12:00 PM **Creative Exercise**
Communal Pen Workshop Experience. Eboni Ramm reviews her virtual writing workshop celebrating memories, stories, and traditions of place.

1:00-2:45 PM **Session 2—Water: Critical Resource, Societal Asset**
Speakers reflect on how our waters and the surrounding watersheds can serve as an important focus for community building, recreation, spiritual recharge, and regional economic development

Quinton Epps (Richland County Conservation Department)
Michael Dantzler (Get Involved Lower Richland)
Jeff Duncan (National Park Service Wild & Scenic Rivers)
Bill Stangler (Congaree Riverkeeper)
Moderated by Greg Cunningham (National Park Service)

3:00-4:45 PM **Session 3—It's Our Water: Managing Water at the Local Level**
Speakers reflect on water resource challenges facing our communities.

Synithia Williams (Richland County Stormwater Division)
Alex Butler (SC Department of Health and Environmental Control)
Guillermo Espinosa (Central Midlands Council of Governments)
Gerrit Jobsis (American Rivers)
Moderated by John Kupfer (University of South Carolina)

5:00-6:00 pm **Session 4—What's Next? Spurred to Action! (Panel Discussion)**
Speakers discuss waterways challenges followed by a moderated question-and-answer session with the audience.

Robert Reese (Lower Richland)
Matt Johnson (Audubon, SC)
Stuart White (Congaree Land Trust)
Dr. David Shelley (Congaree Biosphere Region, NPS)
Carmony Adler (Gills Creek Watershed Association)

For information on how to sign up, please visit:

www.friendsofcongaree.org/news/water-ways-virtual-symposium



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