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## [Re]Defining Liberal Arts Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

### Press Release

#### For Immediate Release:

National Endowment for the Humanities  
Chairman, William D. Adams, to keynote  
2016 Conference on the Liberal Arts at  
Jackson State University on October 7.

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In conjunction with the Mississippi Humanities Council, the College of Liberal Arts at Jackson State University will host Dr. William D. Adams, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, as its keynote speaker for the 2016 Conference on the Liberal Arts: [Re]Defining Liberal Arts Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, scheduled for October 6-8, 2016.

“The most important challenges of our time cannot be approached or resolved without the full engagement of the sensibilities, habits of mind, and forms of knowledge that are fostered by humanistic inquiry, teaching, and learning,” said Chairman Adams. “I look forward to a discussion of the ways in which a robust liberal arts education can help students confront the opportunities and concerns of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.”

Free and open to the public, Chairman Adams’ keynote address will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7, in room 166/266 of the Dollye M.E. Robinson College of Liberal Arts at Jackson State.

Dr. Mario J. Azevedo, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, noted that “the purpose of this first conference is to explore how Liberal Arts disciplines might reframe our roles in an increasingly multi- and inter-disciplinary world. In addition to job preparedness,” Azevedo continued, “the Liberal Arts provide essential training in critical and analytical thinking and writing.”

According to Dr. Stuart Rockoff, Executive Director of the Mississippi Humanities Council, “this conference is a great opportunity to highlight the importance of the humanities and their relevance to the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and we are excited to help bring Chairman Adams to Jackson State.”

The Conference Program Committee will accept proposals for individual papers as well as panels, and roundtables until May 1, 2016. Proposals must be e-mailed to [mwa@jsums.edu](mailto:mwa@jsums.edu).

Visit the conference website for more information including the official Call for Papers:  
[www.jsums.edu/liberalarts/conference](http://www.jsums.edu/liberalarts/conference).



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