

### [49th Martin Luther King Birthday Convocation](#)

Rose E. McCoy Auditorium

10:00 a.m., Friday, January 13, 2017

### [22nd Annual For My People Awards Luncheon](#)

Honoring Cheryl Brown Henderson, Rod Paige,

Michael A. Middleton, and John Perkins

Student Center Ballroom, Jackson State University

11:30 a.m., Friday, January 13, 2017

### [Poetry Out Loud](#)

Student Center Theater, Jackson State University

12:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 1, 2017

### [Levi Rowan Photograph Collection](#)

Traveling Exhibition

Columbus-Lowndes Public Library

January 30-March 2, 2017

### [JSU Night at New Stage Theatre](#)

"Best of Enemies"

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 8

### **6:30 p.m. – History of Desegregation in Jackson**

Robert Luckett, PhD, Margaret Walker Center Director

### **9:00 p.m. – Panel Discussion**

Yohance Myles, JSU theater professor and cast member

Dr. Doris Derby, civil rights activist

The Honorable John Horhn, State Senator

### [47th Gibbs Green Commemoration and Wreath-laying](#)

Gibbs Green Memorial Plaza  
12:00 p.m., Monday, April 10, 2017

**11th Annual Creative Arts Festival**

Cornelius Eady, founder and editor  
*Callaloo* and *Cave Canem*: Publishing the African Diaspora  
Student Center, Jackson State University  
April 12 and 13, 2017

**Tackling the Issues: The Entanglement of Islamophobia and Anti-Black Violence**

Sponsored by the International Museum of Muslim Cultures  
Ayer Hall, Jackson State University  
6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 20, 2017

**Afro-PWW (Publishing Without Walls)**

Digital Incubation Workshop  
H.T. Sampson Library, Jackson State University  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 19, 2017

**The R.O.O.T.S. of Sunflower County**

Opening Exhibition Reception  
Ayer Hall, Jackson State University  
5:30 p.m., Friday, June 2, 2017

**Jubilee Picnic**

Ayer Hall, Jackson State University  
11:30 a.m., Friday, July 7, 2017

**Story for All: The R.O.O.T.S. of Sunflower County**

Exhibition

Margaret Walker Center

Ayer Hall, Jackson State University

Friday, June 1 – Friday, July 28, 2017

**[The Farish Street Exhibit: Where Do We Go from Here?](#)**

Thursday, September 28, 2017

**Public Symposium**

Student Center Theater, Jackson State University

2:00 – 3:50 p.m.

**Reception**

Johnson Hall Art Department Foyer

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Photography Exhibition**

Doris Derby Gallery Talk

Johnson Hall Art Department

6:00 p.m.

**[Ibram X Kendi, Cora Norman Lecture Series](#)**

2016 National Book Award Winner

Mississippi Humanities Council

Russell C. Davis Planetarium

6:00 p.m., Saturday, October 7, 2017

**Mississippi Symphony Orchestra**

Scott Joplin's operetta Treemonisha

Thalia Mara Hall

7:30 p.m., Saturday, October 7, 2017

**[The Mississippi Encyclopedia](#)**

Book signing and unveiling  
Ayer Hall, Jackson State University  
3:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 8, 2017

**75th Anniversary of For My People**

Symposium featuring Airea Matthews,  
2016 Yale Younger Poets Prize Winner  
Student Center Theater, Jackson State University  
Friday, December 1, 2017

**A Place for All People**

Exhibition on the National Museum of  
African American History and Culture  
Central Mississippi Correctional Facility  
Thursday, December 7, 2017

**How Mississippi Changed America**

Conversations about the Civil Rights Movement

**Panel Discussion**

Charlie Cobb, Emily Crosby, Francoise Hamlin  
Tiyi Morris, and Randall Pinkston, moderator  
House Chamber, Old Capitol Museum  
4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 7, 2017

**Conversation with Ralph Eubanks and Clay Carson**

House Chamber, Old Capitol Museum  
5:30 p.m., Thursday, December 7, 2017

**Magnolia Avenue High School State Historical Marker Dedication**

Vicksburg, Mississippi  
December 28, 2017