

# **From Church to Battlefield and Everywhere In Between: Documenting the Civil War in Baptist Libraries and Archives**

## **Program**

Annual Meeting of the  
Association of Librarians and Archivists at Baptist Institutions

May 22 – 24, 2013  
SBC International Mission Board  
Richmond, Virginia

*Unless otherwise indicated all sessions and events are held  
in the large dining room  
International Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention  
3806 Monument Avenue / Richmond, VA 23230*

### Wednesday, May 22, 2013

#### Early Arrival Events

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Registration Open	Dining Room Lobby
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	ALABI Officers' Meeting	
6:30 pm	Dinner *Pay for your own.	Buzz and Ned's Real Barbecue 8205 West Broad St., 23294

### Thursday, May 23

#### Morning Events

8:00 am – 11:00 am	Registration Open	Dining Room Lobby
8:15 am – 8:25 am	Welcome	Taffey Hall Dr. Clyde Meador
8:25 am – 9:10 am	Session A The Fight and the Faith: Baptist Civil War Sermons and Chaplains' Records <i>Civil War sermons and chaplains' records can contain some of the most personal details of</i>	Moderator: Dr. Robert Phillips  Bill Sumners Dr. Alan Lefever

*ministers' attitudes toward the great conflict. Presenters in this session provide an overview of both Union and Confederate sermons and chaplain records located in Baptist libraries and archives, including descriptions of the types of information found in these resources.*

9:10 am – Break  
9:25 am

9:25 am – Session B  
10:10 am Grace and Glory: Documenting an African American Baptist Identity after the Civil War  
*African American Baptists gained a new identity after the Civil War. Presenters in this session speak to where to look for resources about the social and cultural attitudes of African American Baptists in post-War America, what resources are available, and what they tell about the avenues through which African American Baptists established a distinctiveness upon the War's end.*

Moderator: Robin Kidd

Selicia Allen  
Dr. Adam Bond

10:10 am – Break  
10:25 am

10:25 am – Session C  
11:25 am War Comes to the Churches: The Civil War as Documented in Baptist Records  
*State and associational annuals, church records, and Civil-War era newspapers present varying degrees of information about the local impact of the war. Presenters in this session describe the extent to which the war is documented in each.*

Moderator: Jennifer Taylor

Mike Whitt  
Jason Fowler  
Adam Winters

11:25 am – Break  
11:45 am

11:45 am – Session D  
12:30 pm War Comes to the Home Front: The Civil War as Documented in Special Collections Materials  
*In addition to church and denominational records, Baptist libraries and archives also contain diaries, personal papers, and other materials from laity, clergy, and women on the home front. Presenters in this session highlight collections that describe the impact of the war on ordinary Baptists at home.*

Moderator: Kenette Harder

Jan Ballard  
Elizabeth Wells

12:30 pm – Lunch  
2:00 pm           Boxed lunches, included with registration.

Presentation  
Citizens, Saints, and Soldiers: Strategies  
for Researching Baptists and the Civil War

Dr. Bruce Gourley

*With a wealth of Baptist Civil War library and archive materials to choose from, the academic researcher's most daunting task may be asking the question "Where do I begin?" This session provides tips and techniques from a researcher's perspective about how to conduct academic inquiry on Baptists and the Civil War. Attention is given to both digital and in-person research possibilities.*

2:00 pm – Session E  
3:00 pm   Digitizing Dixie: Strategies for Placing  
Baptist Civil War Collections Online

Moderator: Kent Millwood

*The broad audience appeal of Baptist Civil War archival collections can make these materials primary candidates for digitization projects. Presenters in this session discuss three different ways of digitizing Civil War holdings, highlighting advantages and challenges of each.*

Kathy Hillman  
Kathryn Wright  
Vicki Johnson

3:15 pm       Carpools to afternoon and evening events.

#### Afternoon and Evening Events

3:30 pm – Tour  
4:30 pm

Virginia Baptist Historical Society  
Fred Anderson

5:00 pm       Dinner  
                  Included with registration.

University of Richmond  
Heilman Dining Center

5:30 pm       Keynote Address  
                  The Judson 200 Celebration: The American  
                  Baptist Historical Society's Commemoration  
                  of Adoniram Judson's Voyage to Burma

Dr. Deborah Van Broekhoven

Friday, May 24

Morning Events

8:30 am – 8:45 am	Devotional	Jim Berwick
8:45 am – 9:00 am	Presentation of Betty Hurtt Meritorious Service Awards	Taffey Hall
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Session G Preservation Issues for 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Records and Manuscripts <i>Proper conservation of 19<sup>th</sup> century records and manuscripts helps ensure that the information contained in those materials will continue to be used for generations to come. The presenter in this session addresses preservation techniques to care for these important archival materials.</i>	Leslie Courtois
10:00 am – 10:20 am	Break	
10:20 am – 10:40 am	Institution and Baptist Historical Collection News and Updates	Laura Botts
10:40 am – 11:00 am	Business Meeting Baptist Digital Library Task Force Report and Recommendation Door Prizes Adjournment	Taffey Hall Bill Sumners
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Lunch (optional)	

Thanks so very much! We will see you next year!

**Program and Arrangements Committee**

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