

**Event:** Panel Discussion: The Great Generals Book Series with General Wesley Clark

**Date and Time:** Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 7:00 PM (1 Hour)

**Location:** McGowan Theater, National Archives Building, Washington DC

**About the event:** On both sides during the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis each faced the difficult task of finding capable military leaders to take charge of the army and achieve victory. Who were the great generals of the Civil War? What kind of men were they? Was their motivation and military accomplishments linked to childhood experiences? This evening General Wesley K. Clark (ret.) moderates a panel discussion of The Great Generals book series. Panelists include John Mosier, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Loyola University and author of Grant; Steven E. Woodworth, professor of history at Texas Christian University and author of Sherman; Donald A. Davis, military historian and author of Stonewall Jackson; and Noah Andre Trudeau, Civil War historian and author of Robert E. Lee. Book signings will follow the program. Archivist David Ferriero gave welcome remarks and introduced General Clarke.

**Event:** Lecture and book signing by Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer

**Date and Time:** Monday, September 13, 2010 at 7:00 PM (1 Hour 30 Minutes)

**Location:** McGowan Theater, National Archives Building, Washington DC

**About the Event:** *Lost Rights: The Misadventures of a Stolen American Relic*

With the ratification of the first ten amendments to the Constitution in 1789, fourteen handwritten copies were drafted, one for each of the original states and one for the federal government. At the end of the Civil War, it is believed a soldier from Sherman's army pilfered North Carolina's copy and carried it home to Ohio. The following year, it was sold to an Indiana businessman for five dollars. In his book *Lost Rights*, author and editor **David Howard** discusses the century-long journey of this document and how it took antique dealers, historians, businessmen, attorneys, three state governors, and the FBI to return the document to North Carolina. A book signing will follow the program

**Event:** International Conference of the Round Table on Archives

**Date and Time:** September 16, 2010 at 1:30 PM (3 Hours)

**Location:** Oslo, Norway

**About the Event:** International Conference of the Round Table on Archives (CITRA) hosted a conference, "TRUST AND ACCESS: Challenges to Managing Records and Archives in the Digital Age".

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, the Archivist participated in a panel discussion with Director General of China, Yang Dongquan; Deputy National Archivist of Russia, Vladimir Tarasov; President of the National Archives of Japan, Masaya Takamaya; Librarian and Archivist of Canada, Daniel J. Caron; National Archivist of South Africa, Graham Dominy; and Acting Chief Executive at the National Archives of United Kingdom, Oliver Morley. The panel discussion was titled "The National Archivists' Reflection Hour: World Powers/Digital Powers"

**Other:** <http://www.citra2010oslo.no/about.html>

**Event:** Docs Teach Launch

**Date and Time:** September 20, 2010 at 10:00 AM (2 Hours)

**Location:** Learning Center, National Archives Building, Washington DC

**About the Event:** For more than three decades, the National Archives has provided educators with methods and materials for teaching with documents. Working in partnership with the Foundation for the National Archives and Second Story Interactive, Docs Teach is the latest component in this program that advances the National Archives ability to meet its strategic goal of improving civic literacy. The National Archives is not just “providing” methods and materials anymore. Now, the agency is reflecting the philosophy of open government, encouraging educators to participate, create, and share. Docs Teach is supported in part by Texas Instruments. The audience was made up of members of academic institution, professional organizations, museums, and federal history community. The Archivist gave opening remarks.

**Event:** Public Program - "The State of the Constitution: What Every American Should Know",

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 7:00 PM (1 Hour)

**Location:** McGowan Theater, National Archives Building, Washington, DC

**About the Event:** In partnership with James Madison's Montpelier, a panel of experts will discuss the results of a nationwide survey whose aim was to ascertain the public's understanding of American constitutional principles. The distinguished panel includes constitution scholar Michael Meyerson, University of Baltimore School of Law; Chuck Quigley, executive director of the Center for Civic Education; and Cokie Roberts, senior news analyst for NPR. The Archivist gave opening remarks.

**Event:** National Academic Library Information System Conference

**Date and Time:** Thursday, September 23, 2010

**Location:** Sofia, Bulgaria

**About the Event:** The international Forum, “Integrating Bulgarian Library Resources: NALIS – Gateway to Bulgarian Academic Libraries,” organized by NALIS, gathered key speakers from US, UK, Germany, Bulgaria and was welcomed by the US Ambassador in Bulgaria. The forum was attended by more than 200 librarians, computer specialists, scholars and scientists who actively participated with various questions. Invited were also representatives of the Bulgarian government and certain non-governmental organizations. The Archivist delivered the keynote address, “Open Government and the National Archives: The View from Washington”

**Event:** Conference for Parliamentarians-Balancing Openness and the Public Interest in Protecting Information

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 10:00 AM (2 Hours)

**Location:** Ottawa, Canada

**About the Event:** This session explored the challenges inherent in achieving the appropriate balance between openness and the public interest. Balancing the right of access and the requirement to protect information that poses potential injury to a particular public or private interest is at the core of the government's decision-making process when determining what information must be disclosed and what information must be withheld. This determination is especially critical when the information relates to matters of national security. The panel discussion was part of Right to Know week: The purpose of Right to Know (RTK) Week is to raise awareness about people’s right to access government information while promoting freedom of information as essential to both democracy and good governance. The Honorable Senator Francis Fox

moderated the event and the panel included the Archivist and Vanessa Brinkman, David Eaves, and James Travers.

**Event:** James Swanson discusses his book, *Bloody Crimes: The Chase for Jefferson Davis and the Death Pageant for Lincoln's Corpse*

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 7:00 PM (1 Hour)

**Location:** McGowan Theater, National Archives Building, Washington DC

**About the Event:** Swanson weaves together the stories of two fallen leaders as they made their last journeys through a wounded nation. Abraham Lincoln's final journey began when soldiers placed his corpse aboard a special train for the 1,600-mile trip to Springfield. Many were convinced that Davis, president of the Confederacy, was involved in the conspiracy that led to Lincoln's assassination. His last journey, hunted down by Union cavalry, was the beginning of a dramatic odyssey that would transform him into a martyr of the South's Lost Cause.

**Participation:** The Archivist gave opening remarks.

**Event:** Best Practices Exchange 2010: Libraries and Archives in the Digital Era

**Date and Time:** Thursday, September 30, 2010 at 10:30 AM (1 Hour)

**Location:** Hilton Garden Inn, Phoenix, Arizona

**About the event:** Best Practices Exchange (BPE) 2010 is open to practitioners in government and university archives and libraries; educators and researchers in the fields of library science, information science, technology, archives, and records management; and product developers working to create systems for managing and preserving digital assets. Attendees will present their projects and experiences, successes, failures and lessons learned. BPE will feature outstanding keynote addresses by David Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, and Laura Campbell, Associate Librarian for Strategic Initiatives, Library of Congress and the leader of the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program. The program will include exchange sessions with presentations by individuals working in the field, followed by facilitated discussion. These grass-roots sessions are informal and collaborative. Attendees are encouraged to ask many questions and offer their own perspectives. The Archivist delivered the keynote address. [www.bpexchange.org/2010/](http://www.bpexchange.org/2010/)

**Event:** National Digital Library Workshop

**Date and Time:** October 1-2, 2010

**Location:** Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts

**About the event:** Sponsored by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and organized by the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study and the Harvard University Library. The workshop was organized to discuss the prospects for creating a National Digital Library.

**Event:** Conference on the Future of the South

**Date and Time:** October 5, 2010 from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

**Location:** McGowan Theater, National Archives Building, Washington DC

**About the event:** the National Archives, in partnership with the *Oxford American* magazine, presents a free, one-day conference on the future of the American South. Opening remarks will be made by Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero at 9:30 a.m. Keynote remarks will be made by Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell at 9:45 a.m. The conference features three panel discussions covering the trends, forces, personalities, and issues that will impact and define the

South during the next 40 years. This all-day event is based on The Oxford American's new Future issue, which was released nationwide on September 1, 2010.

Panel 1 - Land and Environment, 10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.: Southern history and culture is rooted in relationships with the land and regional ecology. How will that change over the next 40 years? This panel, moderated by NPR's National Environment Correspondent Elizabeth Shogren, includes: Bill Belleville, a writer who contributed an article about suburban sprawl in rural Florida; Andrew Furman, a professor at Florida Atlantic University who explores the future of the live oak across the South; and Philip Sasser, a North Carolina lawyer who offers a philosophical meditation on land surveying.

Panel 2 - The Future of the Gulf Coast, 2:15–3:45 p.m.: The gulf coasts of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana have been hit with man-made and natural disasters. Does the region have an infinite capacity to rebound or will it reach its limit? This panel, moderated by Andy Brack, who is the President of the Center for a Better South, includes: Casi Callaway, the executive director of Mobile Baykeeper; Amy Liu, a leading expert on the recovery of New Orleans through her work as senior fellow and deputy director of the Metropolitan Policy Program at the Brookings Institution; and Matthew Pitt, a writer who questions the success of a coastal art museum in post-Katrina Mississippi.

Panel 3 - The Future of Southern Culture and Identity, 4–5:30 p.m.: A consideration of the future of Southern food, the Southern accent, and other indicators of regional identity. This panel, moderated by Dr. Jay Barth, who is the Chair of Politics & International Relations at Hendrix College, includes: Wendy Brenner, associate professor of creative writing at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington; Connie May Fowler, an award-winning novelist, memoirist, and screenwriter who lives in Florida; and Diane Roberts, a professor of English at Florida State University, author, and NPR commentator.

**Event:** Debate on the Birthplace of the US Navy

**Date and Time:** October 13, 2010 at 5:00 PM (1 Hour)

**Location:** USS *Constitution* Museum, Boston, Massachusetts

**About the event:** "Where is the birthplace of the US Navy?" That was the burning question answered by a series of rousing huzzahs from the audience at a public program "Setting the Record Straight", co-hosted by the National Archives and the USS Constitution Museum in Boston, MA. The event was held to celebrate the Navy's 235th birthday on October 13, 2010. Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero, who is a Beverly, MA, native, and National Archives military expert Trevor Plante laid out the historical evidence and the arguments for the six towns that claim the distinction of being the birthplace of the US Navy: Providence, RI; Machias, ME; Philadelphia, PA; Whitehall, NY; Marblehead, MA; and Beverly, MA. Evidence included historic records of the various cities' claims to Navy paternity, including maps, official acts of the Continental Congress, instructions to the Continental Congress, a letter from George Washington to the Massachusetts General Court, and after action battle reports. At the conclusion of the program, the Archivist of the United States called on Commander of the USS *Constitution* Tim Cooper to teach the audience the 18th-century cheer "Huzzah!" After a few practice tries, the voting began. The results: Providence, RI: No huzzahs; Machias, ME: One huzzah; Philadelphia, PA: One huzzah; Whitehall, NY: Two huzzahs; Marblehead, MA: Thunderous huzzahs; Beverly, MA: Thunderous huzzahs. The winner was to be determined by

the loudest huzzahs from the Massachusetts audience. The Archivist's conclusion: "There you have it--that's it!" Museum President Anne Grimes Rand summed up the program by saying, "This is how history works in a democracy."

**Event:** Six New Members of National Museum and Library Services Board Take Oath of Office, administered by the Archivist

**Date and Time:** Monday, October 18, 2010 at 4:00 PM (1 Hour 30 Minutes)

**Location:** Hotel Palomar, 2121 P Street, NW, Washington, DC

**About the event:** Archivist of the United States David S. Ferreiro administered the oath of office to six new members of the National Museum and Library Services Board (NMLSB), the advisory board of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). All six new members were appointed by President Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate earlier this year. After administering the oath, Ferreiro spoke about the importance of the institutions supported by IMLS and the NMLSB, saying, "In this day and age we face so many incredible challenges, whether they are in the workforce or the economy, people need access to libraries, museums, and archives. Whether it is reading a free book on loan from the library, seeing something inspiring in a museum exhibit, or gazing at an original archival document, these collections allow Americans to explore their creativity and engage in critical thinking."

**Event:** Archives Week/NARA Assembly panel discussion on agency historian

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 9:00 AM (2 Hours 30 Minutes)

**Location:** McGowan Theater, National Archives Building, Washington, DC

**About the event:** As part of Archives Month, the National Archives and Records Administration, in conjunction with the DC and Maryland Caucuses, hosted the 2010 Archives Fair. Attendees were encouraged to connect with regional archivists and archival repositories on Wednesday, October 27, at the National Archives by sharing information about diverse collections at the 14th Annual Washington, DC, Metropolitan Area Archives Fair. The Archivist of the United States, David S. Ferreiro, will moderate a panel discussion by U.S. Government agency historians related to the role historians play in their agencies.

**Event:** Society for History in the Federal Government Annual Hewlett Lecture and Dinner

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM (3 hours)

**Location:** Clyde's Restaurant of Gallery Place, Washington, DC

**About the Event:** Archivist delivered the keynote address, "The View from Washington: the First 355 Days."

**Event:** Combined Federal Campaign Kick-Off

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, November 02, 2010 at 10:00 AM (1 hour)

**Location:** Auditorium, National Archives at College Park, Maryland

**About the event:** Archivist gave welcome remarks and introduced Henry Rubin, Associate Director of the Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area.