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**Southern Historical Association announces  
its 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Louisville**

The [Southern Historical Association](http://thesha.org) (thesha.org) is excited to announce that it will convene its 85<sup>th</sup> [Annual Meeting](#) in Louisville, Kentucky, November 7-10, at the Galt House Hotel. The [conference](#) will open with a plenary focused on felon disenfranchisement and conclude Saturday night at the Frazier History Museum with “Making History Work: Teaching, Research, and Public History in Kentucky.” The organization has a history of enriching its programs by featuring influential contributors to the arts like Ralph Ellison, Robert Penn Warren, and Natasha Trethewey, and key public figures like civil rights pioneer Dr. Benjamin Mays and former President Jimmy Carter. Annual meetings also feature major addresses on Southern women’s history (courtesy of the Southern Association for Women Historians) and the American Civil War (courtesy of the Society of Civil War Historians) in addition to the presidential address. The SHA also features European History and Latin American and Caribbean History Sections that help to put Southern history into a broader comparative frame. The deep and enduring significance of the South as a region—its centrality to the history of critical national issues, including civil rights, public health, the environment, gender roles, politics, and the economy—has ensured that the SHA and its members have been vital participants in the national dialogue for more than eight decades. Come see for yourself. One-day attendance for the general public is free or register for the whole conference at [thesha.org/register](http://thesha.org/register)!

**About the SHA:** The Southern Historical Association was organized on November 2, 1934 and charged with promoting an “investigative rather than a memorial approach” to southern history. Its objectives are the promotion of interest and research in southern history; the collection and preservation of the South’s historical records; the encouragement of state and local historical societies in the South; and the support and promotion of history education at all levels throughout the region. The Association holds an annual meeting, usually in the first or second week of November, and is proud to publish [The Journal of Southern History](#).