

The Louisiana Institute of Higher Education Presents

The Third Annual Battle of New Orleans Historical Symposium

January 9th & 10th, 2015 – at the Nunez Community College Auditorium
*(you will hear lectures likely on the very spot that soldiers mustered for the Battle – though some comforts
have been added in the last 200 years)*

Friday, January 9th, 2015 – A British Perspective

10:30 to 10:35 am – **Welcome – Dr. Samantha Cavell**

10:40 to 11:15 am – **The Battle: January 8th, the Fateful Day**

Ron Chapman will discuss the Battle, especially the operations on the West Bank.

11:20 to 12:05 pm – **Jazz Brunch**

Demonstrations, exhibits/artifacts, informal interaction

12:10 to 12:45 pm – **Cochrane, Tonnant, and the War of 1812: A British Admiral and His French Ship in the American War**

William Griffin will deliver a portrait of a dominant yet often dismissed figure in the War of 1812: the honourable Sir Alexander Forester Inglis Cochrane, Knight of the Bath, Vice Admiral of the Red Squadron of His Majesty's Fleet, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships & Vessels on the Halifax & Jamaica Stations, as well as of his favourite ship, HMS Tonnant, 80 guns.

12:50 to 1:25 pm – **The British Navy – Dr. Samantha Cavell**

1:30 to 2:05 pm – **What might have happened to America had the British won - Dr. Robert Wettemann**, U.S. Air Force Academy Center for Oral History

An American Perspective

2:10 to 2:45 pm – **Andrew Jackson – Dr. Jason Wiese, Williams Research Center**

2:50 to 3:25 pm – **Weaponry in the Battle - Philip Schreier, National Firearms Museum**

3:30 to 4:05 pm – **History of the 44th Regiment of Infantry from Activation to Consolidation (1812-1815) – Harold Youmans**

4:10 to 4:15 pm – **Closing Remarks – Curtis Manning**

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Saturday, January 10th, 2015 – An American Perspective

10:30 to 10:40 am – **Welcome – Martin K. A. Morgan**

10:40 to 11:15 am – **St. Bernard Parish in 1815 – Dr. Christina Vella**

11:20 to 12:05 pm – **Jazz Brunch**

Demonstrations, exhibits/artifacts, informal interaction, book-signings

12:10 to 12:45 pm – **Locals & the land (Chalmette, Denis de La Ronde and Villere) – William Hyland**

12:50 to 1:25 pm – **Kentuckians – Eddie Price**

1:30 to 2:30 pm – **Keynote Address – Pirates Laffite – William Davis**

2:35 to 3:10 pm – **Free People of Color & Slaves - Dr. Ina Fandrich**

3:15 to 3:50 pm – **The Experience of Defeat: the Influence of the Battle on Post-War National Defense Planning**

Martin K. A. Morgan, will compare the construction of the U.S. 3rd System of Fortifications after the War of 1812 to the construction of the French Maginot Line after World War I and argue that, in both cases, the experience of defeat led swiftly to a frontier-oriented defensive posture that was both costly and ineffective

3:55 to 4:00 pm – **Closing Remarks – Curtis Manning**