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U of M Will Host Graduate Student Conference in African-American History Oct. 18-19

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The University of Memphis will host its fourth annual Graduate Student Conference in African-American History on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18-19. The public is welcome to attend the conference, which will include panel discussions and presentations of research papers.

Keynote speaker Dr. Wilma King will discuss "You've Come a Long Way Baby: Images of African-American Children in Selected Twentieth Century Print Media" at 7 p.m. Friday in the Fogelman Executive Center, Room 136. King holds the Strickland Professorship in African-American history at the University of Missouri.

Friday panel discussions will include "The Black Experience in Education," "Racial Identity and Stereotypes," "African-American Women" and "Black Nationalism." Saturday's panel discussions will be "Regional/Mid-South," "Violence," "Political Activism" and "Slave Resistance."

The "Memphis State Eight" Paper Prize will be awarded for excellence in historical writing dealing with the African-American experience. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded during the conference's closing ceremony Oct. 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the Fogelman College's upper atrium. The prize is named for the first eight African-American students to attend then-Memphis State University in 1959.

Sponsors of the conference are the U of M Department of History, the Graduate History Association and the Benjamin Hooks Institute for Social Change. There is no charge to attend.

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