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Georgia Historical Society Welcomes Fifty Educators to Savannah During NEH Landmarks in American History and Culture Workshops for Community College Faculty

Savannah, GA – July 11, 2008. The Georgia Historical Society (GHS) welcomes fifty educators from across the United States to Savannah next week. Representing 19 states, they will participate in GHS's National Endowment for Humanities (NEH) funded workshops for community college faculty entitled, "African-American History and Culture in the Georgia Lowcountry: Savannah and the Coastal Islands, 1750 – 1950". Two week-long workshop sessions have been planned for July 13 – 18, 2008 and July 20 – 25, 2008; each session will be attended by 25 community college faculty members currently teaching humanities courses at institutions throughout the country. Workshop participants will explore the broad themes of race and slavery in American history by focusing on site-specific experiences of communities in and around Savannah from the late eighteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The workshop will include lecture sessions by nationally recognized experts on African-American folklife, culture, and religion and slavery in the American South; guided tours of the streets, squares, and structures of Savannah's Historic Landmark District; and site visits to Ossabaw and Sapelo Islands.

The Georgia Historical Society, headquartered in Savannah, is the oldest cultural institution in the state and one of the oldest historical organizations in the nation. It is the first and only statewide historical society in Georgia. For nearly 170 years, GHS has collected, preserved, and shared Georgia history through a variety of educational outreach programs, publications, and research services. For more information visit: www.georgiahistory.com.