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SAVING SAVANNAH: THE CITY AND THE CIVIL WAR

Savannah, GA – October 8, 2008. The Georgia Historical Society invites you to attend a free lecture by award-winning author Jacqueline Jones as she discusses her latest book, which focuses on the struggles of Savannah's working class, particularly African-Americans, during the 19th century. The lecture will be held on **Thursday, October 23, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church, 429 Abercorn Street**, on Calhoun Square in downtown Savannah. Copies of Jone's book *Saving Savannah: The City and the Civil War* will be available for sale and a book-signing will follow the lecture.

Jacqueline Jones, prizewinning author of *Labor of Love, Labor of Sorrow*, returns to Savannah to discuss her latest book that explores the complex social fabric of this thriving port city before, during, and after the Civil War. Drawing on military records, diaries, letters, newspapers, and memoirs – many found at the Georgia Historical Society – Jones tells the story of a city struggling to reinvent itself in the face of sweeping societal changes by weaving together stories of individual men and women, bankers and dockworkers, planters and field hands, enslaved laborers and free people of color.

Jacqueline Jones is Walter Prescott Webb Chair in History and Ideas/ Mastin Gentry White Professor of Southern History at the University of Texas at Austin and the author of seven previous books. Among her numerous awards are the Taft Prize, the Brown Memorial Prize, the Spruill Prize, the Bancroft Prize for *Labor of Love, Labor of Sorrow*, and, in 1999, a MacArthur Fellowship. Jones currently resides in Austin, Texas with her family.

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