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### Upcoming GHS Speaker's New Book Reviewed by *The New York Times*

**Savannah, GA – October 17, 2008.** “A meticulous recreation of the Civil War in Georgia’s rice kingdom,” says Kevin Boyle about Jacqueline Jones’s new book, *Saving Savannah: The City and the Civil War* in the October 12 issue of *The New York Times Book Review*. “She traces a tragic story with the thoroughness and sophistication that have marked her distinguished career.”

Making a return visit to Savannah, Jones will discuss *Saving Savannah* at a Georgia Historical Society lecture **Thursday, October 23, 7:00 p.m. at Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church in Savannah.** The book will be available for purchase at the event, and a book signing will follow Jones’ talk.

The program is free and open to the public.

Winner of both a Bancroft Prize from Columbia University and a MacArthur Fellowship, Jones teaches history at the University of Texas at Austin and is the author of seven books.

For *Saving Savannah* she drew on military records, diaries, letters, newspapers, and memoirs – many found at the Georgia Historical Society – to weave the stories of individual men and women, bankers and dockworkers, planters and field hands, enslaved laborers and free people of color into a depiction of a city struggling to reinvent itself in the face of sweeping societal changes.

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