

**FOURTH QUARTER ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST FOR
TROY UNIVERSITY PUBLIC RADIO
October 1 – December 31, 2019
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Section I. Issues.

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community this quarter:

- A. Societal Issues:** U.S. and Russia Relations; NATO at Seventy; the Alabama Wiregrass Drought; Dealing with Suicide; Romania's Ties to the U.S. through NATO; Southern Speech Patterns; Alabama's Cryptid (unknown) Creatures; The Strange South Podcast; Art with Natural Materials; Veteran's Day with Chancellor Jack Hawkins of Troy University; After Apollo Eleven – the Space Program; Alabama's Bicentennial Book and Celebration; Russian Intrusion and NATO Countries; Rosa Parks Statue and Celebration; StoryCorps Student – Teacher Interview; World's Second Oldest Hummingbird Documented.
- B. Historical Issues:** Rare Artifacts from the Texas Tech Trust Collection at Troy University; October as International Archaeology Month and New Series - History in Your Hands; Quaker Naturalist William Bartram's Travels through the Southeast in 1775; Alabama's Official State Dake, the Lane Cake; Georgia's Historical Sites; Ned Cobb, Founder of the Sharecroppers Union; Alabama's Founding Documents; Literary Legacies of Macon County and Tuskegee Institute; Demise of Alabama's Textile Industry in the 20th Century.

Section II: Responsive Programs.

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. Programming on *In Focus*, with host Carolyn Hutcheson, dealt with each issue in a 9-minute time frame, beginning at 12:40 p.m. Central time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. On Mondays and Fridays, Don Dailey, Host- Producer of *Capitol Journal* on Alabama Public Television, recorded two 4 1/2-minute political review programs on *In Focus*, reflecting legislative and state government developments.

Special Note: The *In Focus* program continued its Alabama's Bicentennial Footnotes radio series, emphasizing little-known historical facts about the state and geographic regions.

Special Note II: The U.S. House of Representatives Impeachment Hearings impacted the number of *In Focus programs* that could be broadcast this quarter. Local programs are having to be shifted to 2020 whenever an Impeachment hearing pre-empted the local schedule.

A. Societal Issues

-Broadcast on October 1:

A discussion with guest Major General Walter Givhan (USAF Ret.), Senior Vice Chancellor for Advancement and Economic Development for Troy University, and President of the Alabama World Affairs Council, about his participation in the Dartmouth Conference in the summer of 2019. Its mission is to bring together citizens to identify mutual values and build a more peaceful world. On October 8, he and Dr. Mark Conversino, Executive Director of ALWAC, will address the group on the subject of U.S. – Russia relations.

-Broadcast on October 8:

A discussion by Skype with guest Ambassador Robert E. Hunter, former U.S. Ambassador to NATO under President Clinton and Troy University's current Ambassador-in-Residence, and in-studio with guest Troy University Associate Professor of Political Science Doug Davis, about NATO at Seventy. The ambassador reviewed NATO's history and mission, and Professor Davis previewed the Nov. 1-2 NATO at Seventy Conference at Troy University's Montgomery Campus.

-Broadcast on October 15:

A discussion by Skype with guest William Holman, Executive Director of the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens, about the late summer-early fall drought in southeast Alabama. Holman talked about ways to conserve water and the use of native plants to combat drought conditions. He also gave gardening tips to cope with the aftermath of the drought for the listeners.

-Broadcast on October 16:

A discussion with guest Kym Klass, author of *One More Day, A Powerful True Story of Suicide, Loss, and A Woman's Newfound Faith*, about her younger sister's suicide and its devastating effects on her family. This is the first of a two-part interview on how she coped with her sister's demise.

-Broadcast on October 22:

A discussion with by Skype with guest George Cristian Maior, Romanian Ambassador to the U.S., and in-studio with guest Associate Professor of Political Science Doug Davis of Troy University, about Romania's relationship with the U.S. The ambassador pointed out that Romania depends on NATO and the U.S. to defend against Russian encroachment into member countries near Russia. On Nov. 1-2, Troy University Montgomery Campus will host the conference, "NATO at Seventy, A Strategic Examination of the Past, Present, and Future of the Atlantic Alliance."

-Broadcast on October 24:

A discussion with guest Anna Head Spence, Professor and Chair of the Division of English, Foreign Languages, and Communication at Enterprise State Community College, in a Part Two interview about Southern English dialects and speech patterns.

-Broadcast on October 30 for “Wildlife Wednesday”:

A discussion with guests Marianne Hudson, Conservation Outreach Specialist with the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, and Conservation Officer Sergeant Vance Woods, about animals of unknown species (cryptids) that citizens have reported to the Alabama Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources. Some of the animals are “hidden species” that are rarely seen, and others are not known to inhabit the Southeastern states.

-Broadcast on October 31:

An on-location discussion at the Wetumpka Depot Theatre with guests Patrice Anderson and Marleah Blades, who host the adult podcast, *Strange South*, from a basement studio in Jacksonville, Alabama. They discuss the premise of their investigations – bringing to the audience little-known folklore and other stories about Southern locations.

-Broadcast on November 5:

A discussion by Skype with guest artist Larry Strickland of Florala about his celebrated nature sculptures. He talked about using driftwood and found materials as a way to recycle and celebrate nature with sculpted figures. He also told how he created the renowned Trojan warrior statue for Troy University that has become his signature piece. His sculpture is on exhibit until Feb. 5th at Troy University’s International Arts Center.

-Broadcast on November 11:

A discussion with guest Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Vietnam veteran and Troy University Chancellor, about Vietnam and the occasion that brought Dr. Hawkins back to that country to award diplomas to Troy University Vietnamese graduates. A North Vietnamese officer was in the audience, and he and Dr. Hawkins met afterward to exchange greetings as former soldiers who likely fought on opposing sides. Dr. Hawkins remarked to a reporter, “The first time we came to Vietnam with guns; this time we brought books.” TROY, under Chancellor Hawkins’ leadership, has become Alabama’s international university.

-Broadcast on November 12:

A discussion with guest Jay Lamar, Executive Director of the Alabama Bicentennial Commission, about Alabama’s Bicentennial book, *Alabama, From Territory to Statehood*. She shared historical excerpts and outlined plans for the official celebration of Alabama’s 200th Birthday Dec. 14th.

-Broadcast on November 14:

A discussion with guest Mitzi Adams, NASA solar scientist at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, about the legacy of Apollo Eleven and the possibilities of establishing a research colony on the moon and the challenges of human space travel to Mars, with its inhospitable environment.

-Broadcast on November 22:

A discussion with guest Rebecca Grant, National Security Analyst, about Russia and Ukraine and the next move before the Paris meeting on December 9th. Earlier this week, Grant addressed the Alabama World Affairs Council about "Trade Wars and Tariffs." She previously worked for the Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force Chief of Staff.

-Broadcast on November 25:

A discussion with guest Dr. Felecia Bell, Director of the Troy University Rosa Parks Museum, about the new Rosa Parks statue in downtown Montgomery and the three-day celebration to honor her birthday and legacy in Alabama's capital city.

-Broadcast on November 26:

A discussion with guests Foster Dickson, award-winning creative writing teacher at BTW Magnet School in Montgomery, graduating senior Trenae Campbell, and her mother, Trenise Washington, about the StoryCorps Great Thanksgiving initiative. Trenae interviewed her teacher Foster Dickson, while her proud mom looked on. The three guests endorsed the StoryCorps project as a way of connecting the generations by recording oral histories for the Library of Congress. Trenae's intention is to interview her Marine Corps mom on Thanksgiving.

-Broadcast on December 20:

A discussion with guest master bird bander and hummingbird researcher, Fred Bassett, who last summer documented the second oldest hummingbird ever found (age 12+). The bird's migratory route was at least 3000 miles. Bassett is preparing a 20-year scientific report on his findings, much of it based on the winter hummingbirds banded in the yards of "citizen scientists" in our radio coverage area in Alabama and the Florida Panhandle.

B. Historical Issues

-Broadcast on October 2:

A discussion with Troy University guests Dean of Library Services Chris Shaffer and Dean of Undergraduate Studies Hal Fulmer, Associate Provost, about the Texas Tech Remnant Trust Collection loaned to Troy University, and speakers who will lecture on historical topics. Dr. Fulmer, one of the upcoming speakers, talked about his findings on the circumstances of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

-Broadcast on October 3:

A discussion with guest archaeologist Teresa Paglione, Past-President and Board member of the Alabama Archaeological Society, about the eras of human habitation in Alabama that archaeologists have uncovered. The society, in conjunction with In Focus, kicks off a new series called "History in Your Hands."

-Broadcast on October 9:

A discussion with Kathryn Braund, Hollifield Professor of Southern History at Auburn University, about William Bartram, the Quaker naturalist who traveled through Alabama and the South in 1776, documenting the flora, fauna, geography, and people of that era. The Bartram Trail Conference will hold a symposium at the Alabama Dept. of Archives and History Oct. 25-26 to discuss the feasibility of launching a Bartram National Heritage Trail.

-Broadcast on October 10 (Part One):

-Broadcast on November 7 (Part Two)

An on-location discussion in the kitchen of the Alabama Governor's Mansion with guest Jim Smith, Executive Chef for the State of Alabama, about the history and making of the Lane Cake, the State Cake of Alabama. The recipe is attributed to Emma Rylander Lane of Clayton, AL, and her cake won first place at the Muscogee County, Georgia, Fair in the 1890s. In the first interview, Chef Smith made the Lane Cake, and in Part Two, he made the frosting or icing.

-Broadcast on October 17:

A discussion with guest artist Laura Murray, author of the coloring book, *Amazing Georgia*, a companion to the coloring book, *Amazing Alabama*. Murray traveled through Georgia and sketched the regions' most historical sites, in an effort to educate children and adults about their local history.

-Broadcast on October 23:

A discussion with guests Ileeia Cobb, great-granddaughter of Ned Cobb, and Elijah Gaddis, Assistant Professor of History at Auburn University, about Cobb's defiance of the bondage of the sharecropping system in the 1930s and his founding of the Sharecroppers Union. A native of Notasulga in Tallapoosa County, Cobb was one of 27,500 black sharecroppers (and 37,600 white sharecroppers), who worked for large landowners. Cobb served time for murder, and his story is told in Ted Rosengarten's book, *All God's Dangers: The Life of Nate Shaw*.

-Broadcast on October 29:

A discussion with guest Steve Murray, Director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History, about the department's book, *We the People*, the new exhibit and lectures about Alabama's founding documents. Murray described Alabama's various state constitutions and the fact that Alabama's constitution is now the longest in the world.

-Broadcast on December 5:

A discussion with guest professors Rhonda Collier and Caroline Gebhard of Tuskegee University about their National Endowment for the Humanities grant to educate students and citizens about the Literary Legacies of Macon County and Tuskegee Institute. Writer and anthropologist Zora Neale Hurston of Notasulga interviewed Cudjoe Lewis, one of the last survivors of the slave ship *Clotilda*; writer Ralph Ellison penned *Invisible Man*; and writer Albert Murray all had ties to Macon County and what was then Tuskegee Institute.

-Broadcast on December 19:

A discussion with guest Gerald Andrews, author of the memoir, *A Mill Village Story: A Southern Boyhood Joyfully Remembered*, about the demise of the textile industry in Alabama in the twentieth century. West Point Companies had the largest textile manufacturing facility in the U.S. until tariffs on other countries were removed under President Reagan, thus undercutting the ability of U.S. textile companies to compete with cheap foreign labor.