# Public Radio Stations of Mississippi Public Broadcasting

Quarterly Issues and Programs Report for the period of July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016

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The licensee of the eight-station public radio network, the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television, has determined that these issues were of importance to the citizens of Mississippi during the third quarter of 2016.

The following list contains the most significant programming addressing those issues.

## **MINORITY CONCERNS**

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 07/07/16 Length: 00:04:02

#### **Recent Police Shootings Raise Questions About Proper Protocol**

NPR's Robert Siegel talks with David Klinger, a professor of criminology and criminal justice at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and a former patrol officer in Los Angeles and Redmond, Wash., about proper police protocol in confronting someone who's legally armed.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 07/01/16 Length: 00:07:16

#### President Obama Defends His Record On Race

As President Obama's administration draws to a close, observers — and the president himself — are taking stock of his legacy on race in America.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 7/11/16 Length: 00:01:35

#### Teacher leads protests over police shootings of black men

A Mississippi school teacher says she'll be at the State Capitol for the next two weeks protesting the shootings of black men by police officers. MPB's Desare Frazier reports.

Program: MS Edition Air Date: 7/25/16 Length: 00:01:19

# Washington dc students are learning Mississippi civil rights history

Some out-of-state students are learning about Mississippi's civil rights history as part of an effort to eradicate racism in their own communities.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 8/06/16 Length: 00:03:40

# Puerto Rican OB-GYNs Offer Free Birth Control To Fight Zika

In Puerto Rico, the <u>local association</u> of obstetricians and gynecologists has launched a new attack on Zika. Because the Zika virus primarily is a problem for pregnant women, doctors are trying to reduce the number of pregnant women by offering free contraception across the island to any woman who wants it.

Program: MS Edition Air Date: 8/04/16 Length: 00:01:39

# Immigration reform dollars and cents issue for Mississippi

Mississippi business and political leaders are urging Congress to reform the nation's immigration system. MPB's Desare Frazier reports.

Air Date: 8/14/16 Length: 00:03:54

#### **Unrest And Protest In Milwaukee After Police Shooting**

NPR gives the latest on the riots and protests that erupted in Milwaukee after police shot and killed a man late Saturday night.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 8/18/16 Length: 00:03:32

## Louisiana Flood Victims Worry They Won't Have The Funds To Rebuild

Baton Rouge residents are starting to cleanup from historic floods that devastated parts of southern Louisiana. They are also starting to try to figure out how to pay for rebuilding.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 8/25/16 Length: 00:04:29

#### When African-American Voters Shifted Away From The GOP

NPR's Robert Siegel talks with historian Leah Wright Rigueur, whose book, *The Loneliness of the Black Republican: Pragmatic Politics and the Pursuit of Power*, explores the history of the relationship between African-Americans and the Republican Party.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 8/29/16 Length: 00:01:36

# AARP program adds stores to make fruits and vegetables affordable

An initiative to provide low-income Mississippians with more access to fresh fruits and vegetable is expanding its reach.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 9/04/16 Length: 00:03:41

# In Orlando, A 'Modest Fashion' Boutique For Hijabi Women

At one end of Orlando's Fashion Square mall, between a karate store and a comic book emporium, is a clothing boutique called Verona. It's stocked with long-sleeved caftans, full-length slit-less skirts, and more than 300 varieties of hijabs.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 9/04/16 Length: 00:08:11

# Ava Duvernay And 'Queen Sugar': Celebrating Diversity, Inclusivity In TV

If you love movies or just like to follow what's going on in film, then you surely know the name Ava Duvernay. She directed the acclaimed film <u>Selma</u> and made history by becoming the first black woman to direct a \$100 million film. She has an upcoming documentary premiering on Netflix called *The 13th*.

Air Date: 9/15/16 Length: 00:07:32

#### 'Only cheap talk is cheap': Mississippi woman hosts conversations about race

Susan Glisson stands on the campus of the University of Mississippi near a 1906 Confederate memorial that has long been at the center of racial strife here.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 9/22/16 Length: 00:04:09

#### In Indiana, the last remnants of America's free African-American settlements

Wearing overalls and a John Deere baseball cap, 79-year-old Norman Greer stands on the front porch of his home, looking out at his property.

Program: National News Segment

Air Date: 9/23/16

Length:

# **Racial Disparities In Wages Boil Down To Discrimination**

Racial discrimination, it seems, is like the salt that's left in a pot after water boils away — much easier to identify in the absence of the other things.

#### **EDUCATION**

Program: MS Edition Air Date: 7/12/16 Length: 00:01:41

#### More charter schools may be coming to Mississippi

The number of public charter schools in Mississippi could triple by the end of 2017. The state's Charter School Authorizer Board is recommending four new schools move one step closer to opening.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 7/15/16 Length: 00:01:17

#### Department of Education mulls 2018 budget

The Mississippi Department of Education expects to ask for 8 percent more in state support in 2018 than it received in 2017.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 8/09/16 Length: 00:01:25

#### New vessels help boost research of Gulf of Mexico

Ocean scientists at the University of Southern Mississippi say the recent addition of two new vessels is improving both student experiences and our knowledge of the Gulf of Mexico.

Program: MS Edition Air Date: 8/10/16

Length:

# State sees increased enrollment for special needs vouchers

More Mississippians are taking advantage of a program that awards special need students scholarship money for education services.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 8/15/16 Length: 00:01:20

# Afterschool programs worry about funding loss

Some popular after-school programs are in danger of losing funding due to an error in the handling of federal funds at the Mississippi Department of Education.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 8/27/16 Length: 00:10:11

# Back To School Barbershop: New Goals, Homework And Parental Supervision

Parenting blogger Doyin Richards, mother Tammy Garnes, and professor Christopher Emdin share goals for the new school year and thoughts about homework.

Program: MS Edition Air Date: 9/08/16 Length: 00:00:58

#### Students worry after vocational school closes

Some Mississippi students of the now defunct ITT Technical Institutes are worried about what they'll do now that the schools are closed.

Program: MS Edition Air Date: 9/13/16

Length:

#### No new charter schools next year

There will be no new charter schools opening in Mississippi next year.

Mississippi Charter School Authorizers rejected a plan by Ohio-based I Can Schools to open a number of new charters in Jackson.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/18/16

Length:

## **Education secretary: more resources needed for miss. Schools**

Mississippi needs to put more resources into education if the state hopes to see improvement in academics. That's according to U.S. Secretary of Education John King.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/23/16

Length:

# Low income students eligible for AP exam grants

The U-S Department of Education has announced a nearly \$190,000 grant to help boost college and career readiness for historically underserved students

# **ECONOMY**

Program: MS Edition Air Date: 7/07/16 Length: 00:01:20

# Chiquita welcomed back to Gulfport

After two years in New Orleans, Chiquita is returning to the Port of Gulfport. MPB's Evelina Burnett reports, the news is being welcomed by port officials and workers.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 7/07/16 Length: 00:01:26

#### Critics claim new tax sales law favors out-of-state investors

Critics of a new tax auction law say it gives out-of-state investors a leg-up over Mississippians. MPB's Desare Frazier reports.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 7/08/16 Length: 00:01:18

#### Ms Business leaders share concerns with visiting SBA administrator

Mississippi Business leaders are taking their concerns to the head of the U.S. Small Business Administration as she tours the state.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 8/23/16 Length: 00:02:29

# Berkeley's Soda Tax Appears To Cut Consumption Of Sugary Drinks

The nation's first "soda tax" on sugar-sweetened beverages, which went into effect in Berkeley, Calif., last year, appears to be working.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 8/31/16 Length: 00:06:04

# Treasury Secretary Lew On Global Trade Deals And Corporate Taxation

Proposed trade deals with Asia and Europe have suffered setbacks recently. But Treasury Secretary Jack Lew says he isn't ready to write off the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership.

Program: MS Edition Air Date: 9/09/16

Length:

# Lawmakers look for additional cuts in State spending

Lawmakers say there is likely more room to cut state agency budgets over the next year. Lawmakers are meeting in Jackson over the next few months trying to assess how much taxpayer money state agency are spending, and more specifically, what they are spending it on.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 9/19/16 Length: 00:04:59

# Springfield, Ohio: A Shrinking City Faces A Tough Economic Future

Much of the anger and anxiety in the 2016 election are fueled by the sense that economic opportunity is slipping away for many Americans.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 9/22/16 Length: 00:04:48

# A City Looks To STEM School To Lift Economy, But Will Grads Stay?

In Ohio, Columbus has quietly become a model of prosperity, with rising wages and low unemployment. Nearby Springfield, which has seen its manufacturing base erode, is struggling. So what can a city in decline do to make a comeback?

# **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLITICS**

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 07/01/16 Length: 00:04:32

#### Post-Brexit, political drama has been all the rage in Britain

After the U.K. voted to leave the EU, the man predicted to be Britain's next prime minister was forced to withdraw amid backstabbing and drama.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 7/13/16 Length: 00:04:00

#### **Hispanics Poised To Make Arizona A Swing State**

The GOP carried Arizona in nine of the last 10 presidential elections, but Hispanics in Maricopa County could swing the state to the Democrats this November.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 7/21/16

Length:

#### 'I Am Proud To Be Gay,' Tech Investor Peter Thiel Tells GOP Convention

In an apparent first, a Republican convention speaker on Thursday took the stage during the final, most high-profile night, just minutes before the nominee himself, and uttered these words: "I am proud to be gay."

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 8/17/16 Length: 00:01:38

# Secretary of state announces \$4.7 million dollar settlement with Morgan Stanley

A stock brokerage firm agrees to pay back millions to investors in a settlement with the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 8/22/16 Length: 00:07:00

#### 20 Years Since Welfare's Overhaul, Results Are Mixed

Twenty years ago, welfare as Americans knew it ended.

President Bill Clinton signed a welfare overhaul bill that limited benefits and encouraged poor people to find jobs.

Program: MS Edition Air Date: 8/23/16 Length: 00:01:40

# Control of Jackson International airport in limbo as board announces more flights

Control of the Jackson-Medgar Evers Wiley International Airport remains in limbo, as the current board works to attract more carriers and expand its list of destinations.

Air Date: 8/24/16 Length: 00:01:34

#### Working groups pepper state agency heads with budget questions

Mississippi lawmakers are in the midst of meeting with state agency heads to review their expenditures and look for waste.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 8/25/16 Length: 00:02:00

#### Trump draws thousands to Mississippi coliseum

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump draws several thousand Mississippians to the Coliseum in Jackson for a campaign rally.

Program: MS Edition Air Date: 9/02/16 Length: 00:01:45

#### Jackson mayor facing lawsuit, layoffs and crumbling roads

In the midst of a sexual harassment lawsuit the mayor of Jackson is facing city layoffs and dealing with infrastructure woes.

Program: MS Edition Air Date: 9/02/16

Length:

# Lawmakers discuss tax policy, believe it's on right track

An economist with a Washington D.C. based think-tank says Mississippi's tax policies may be on the right track.

Program: MS Edition Air Date: 9/09/16

Length:

#### LAWMAKERS LOOK FOR ADDITIONAL CUTS IN STATE SPENDING

Lawmakers are meeting in Jackson over the next few months trying to assess how much taxpayer money state agency are spending, and more specifically, what they are spending it on.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/11/16

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# Analysis: secrecy plagues court cases involving Hinds DA

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) - The American justice system requires trials to be open to the public. But, so far, secrecy shrouds the legal maneuvering that could lead to a criminal trial where the defendant is the top prosecutor in Mississippi's largest county.

Program: MS Edition Air Date: 9/15/16 Length: 00:01:08

# STATE OFFICIALS LAUNCH "Y'ALL VOTE"

State officials are launching a new website called "Y'all Vote." They say the site will make obtaining voting information more convenient for Mississippians.

Program: Morning Edition

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# Political Money Trail: From Big Donors' Wallets To Field Operations

The Hillary Victory Fund raises major contributions and distributes the cash to Democratic organizations up and down the line. We follow the money from George Soros to field canvassers in Virginia.

## **HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE**

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 07/04/16 Length: 00:06:38

#### Why Back Pain Is Nearly Non-Existent In Some Populations

Most Americans will, at some point, suffer back pain, but there are a few cultures where back pain hardly exists.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 7/11/16

Length:

# Employers hope to boost employee health with worksite centers

A growing number of Mississippi employers are offering health care at, or near, their work sites. MPB's Evelina Burnett visited a health clinic for employees of Ingalls Shipbuilding in Jackson County.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 7/18/16 Length: 00:03:50

#### Cardiac Rehab Saves Lives. So Why Don't More Heart Patients Sign Up?

When Mario Oikonomides was 38 years old he had a massive heart attack. About a month later, after he'd recuperated from the emergency, his doctors sent him to a<u>cardiac rehabilitation</u> program, where he learned about the role physical activity can play in reducing cardiac risk.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 07/29/16 Length: 00:04:23

# Gun Violence And Mental Health Laws, 50 Years After Texas Tower Sniper

For some people, the attack on police officers by a gunman in Dallas this summer brought to mind another attack by a sniper in Austin 50 years ago – on Aug. 1, 1966.

Program: MS Edition Air Date: 7/22/16 Length: 00:01:27

# Saving lives by dispelling myths about organ donations

Every year nearly 1,500 Mississippians are on a waiting list for an organ transplant. But As MPB's Desare Frazier reports, myths can stand in the way of saving lives.

Program: MS Edition Air Date: 8/08/16 Length: 00:01:35

# An average 43 percent increase to buy healthcare coverage through ACA state

The Mississippi Insurance Department approved an average rate increase of 43 percent for Humana Insurance Company.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 8/09/16 Length: 00:05:31

#### MS opioid epidemic mirror's nation's struggle with prescription pill and heroin abuse

Mississippi in is the midst of an opioid epidemic that mirrors the nation's struggle with prescription pain pills and heroin abuse. In the first of a three part series MPB's takes a closer look at the problem.

Program: MS Edition Air Date: 8/10/16 Length: 00:05:05

#### Treating the growing number of Mississippians addicted to opioid prescription drugs

Drug addiction experts are working to treat the growing number of Mississippians addicted to opioid prescription drugs.

Program: MS Edition Air Date: 8/11/16 Length: 00:08:53

### Treating prescription drug abuse through drug court, not just jail time

Mississippians who find themselves facing charges for crimes related to opioid drug addiction may find drug court offers treatment and accountability instead of just jail time.

Program: MS Edition Air Date: 8/18/16 Length: 00:01:35

# Replacement for united healthcare on federal exchange unlikely by deadline

Mississippi's Insurance Commissioner isn't holding out hope the state will have another insurer for the federal exchange. As MPB's Desare Frazier reports the deadline is next week.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 8/22/16 Length: 00:01:34

# UMMC lands a \$19.9 million research grant to expand obesity research

Doctors at the University of Mississippi Medical Center hope a major research grant will help the facility become the nation's leader in the study of obesity. It's the largest research grant ever awarded to UMMC.

Program: MS Edition Air Date: 8/22/16 Length: 00:01:24

# Researchers look for prime zika virus-spreading mosquito

Researchers at the University of Southern Mississippi are sampling mosquitos in every county in the state.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 8/24/16 Length: 00:04:49

#### Among La. Flood Victims, 'Depression Levels Are Really High'

In the small flood-ravaged town of Springfield, La., Rachel Moriarity waited more than a week for a center where she could apply for emergency food stamps to finally open in the Am-Vets hall — but she's been turned away at the door.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 8/29/16 Length: 00:01:30

## Maker Of EpiPen To Sell Generic Version For Half The Price

Treatment for life-threatening allergic reactions is about to get a little cheaper.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 8/15/16 Length: 00:01:41

# MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATES WEIGH-IN ON U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LAWSUIT

The U.S. Department of Justice lawsuit says the state is violating the Americans with Disabilities Act by not providing coordinated community-based mental health services for adults.

#### CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 7/20/16 Length: 00:00:29

#### Wis. Woman Values Grandchildren Photos Over Money

Norberta Pickett left her purse behind in a mall bathroom. It contained photos of her kids and grandkids. She was relieved when the photos were recovered — along with the \$12,000 inside the purse.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 8/10/16 Length: 00:01:32

#### Mississippi receives failing grade on policies for new parents

A new analysis of which states have policies that are supportive of new and expecting working parents gives Mississippi a failing grade. MPB's Evelina Burnett reports.

Program: MS Edition Segment

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## Mississippians begin clean-up after floods

Residents of Southwest Mississippi are picking up the pieces after floodwaters tore through communities along the state border.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 8/17/16 Length: 00:01:17

# Coast residents, recalling Katrina, gather supplies for Louisiana

Mississippi Gulf Coast residents, remembering the outpouring of donations and help 11 years ago after Hurricane Katrina, are now working together to help their neighbors in Louisiana affected by unprecedented flooding.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 8/26/16 Length: 00:03:56

# Planned parenthood joins campaign to rid Miami neighborhoods of zika

In Little Haiti, Liberty City, and a number of other neighborhoods in Miami, canvassers are now walking door to door to spread the word about the risks of Zika, one household at a time — hoping to reach 25, 000 people the next six weeks.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 8/30/16 Length: 00:04:36

# Baby Simulator Doesn't Deter Teenage Pregnancies, Study Indicates

A study in *The Lancet* medical journal shows the prevention program didn't appear to have long-term effects on reducing risks of teenage pregnancy.

Air Date: 9/01/16 Length: 00:03:03

#### Georgetown University Takes Steps To Atone For Slave Ownership

Georgetown University is taking steps to atone for its ownership of slaves in the 1830s. Among other things, the elite school will make it easier for descendants of those slaves to gain admission.

Program: All Things Considered Weekend

Air Date: 9/10/16

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#### At The Sacred Stone Camp, Tribes And Activists Join Forces To Protect The Land

The Camp of the Sacred Stone is full of all manner of people — kids, elders, lawyers, laid-back hippies, and representatives of several Native American tribes — all gathered alongside the Standing Rock Sioux Nation to resist construction of a controversial oil pipeline that would cut across the American heartland.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 9/10/16 Length: 00:03:23

#### Teaching Sept. 11 To Students Who Were Born After The Attacks Happened

"Never forget" became a national rallying cry after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 9/16/16 Length: 00:07:04

# Syrian refugee gets free dental care from a dentist who also was a refugee

The blind father of a Syrian refugee family in New Jersey gets free dental work from a dentist who knows what it's like to be lost and overwhelmed. Twenty years ago she fled the war in Bosnia.

Program: MS Edition Air Date: 9/21/16 Length: 00:01:31

# It's world Alzheimer's day, Mississippians raise awareness

More than 52,000 Mississippians are living with Alzheimer's disease and the numbers are expected to climb.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/23/16 Length: 00:01:23

# Misdiagnosing children with diabetes serious concern

As the flu season approaches Mississippi advocates for children with diabetes are concerned about misdiagnoses. It can lead to serious complications and even death.

# **ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

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#### Mississippians are helping lead way on commercial use of drones

Mississippi is on the forefront of efforts to use unmanned aircraft for commercial and other uses.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 7/26/16

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## Police Use Fingertip Replicas To Unlock A Murder Victim's Phone

Dead men tell no tales, but their phones might.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 7/29/16

## **New Reports Of Hackers In Democratic Party Computer Systems**

The Hillary Clinton campaign says an analytics program it uses was hacked as part of the previously reported intrusion into the Democratic National Committee computer system.

Program: Morning Edition Segment

Air Date: 8/01/16 Length: 00:01:16

# Officials urge preparedness ahead of peak hurricane season

With the height of hurricane season nearing, emergency and weather officials are urging residents to get prepared.

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Program: All Things Considered

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# Powerful Earthquake Strikes Mountainous Region Of Central Italy

A powerful earthquake struck the mountainous region of central Italy, killing scores and injuring many more.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 8/26/16 Length: 00:01:40

# MS access to justice celebrates 10th year by working to help poor

A group commissioned to help people who can't afford an attorney is celebrating its 10 year anniversary by working to help more people.

Program: All Things Considered Weekend

Air Date: 8/28/16

#### A Hero For The Arts And Sciences: Upcoming Marvel Covers Promote STEAM Fields

Typically superheroes spend their summertime helming big budget franchises for movie studios.

Program: All Things Considered

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#### **How An Edible Battery Could Power Medical Robots You Swallow**

"I'm not comfortable eating a watch battery." That's how researcher <u>Christopher Bettinger</u> describes one of the biggest obstacles for sending tiny medical robots into the human body for diagnosing and treating diseases.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/26/16 Length: 00:01:29

#### Grant for training rural first responders to be model for nation

First Responders in Mississippi's rural communities are gearing up for emergency communications training that will be a model for the nation.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/19/16 Length: 00:01:29

#### Regulators to consider expanded turtle device requirements

A third of Mississippi shrimp boats may need to install additional devices to protect turtles. As MPB's Evelina Burnett reports, federal regulators are looking at whether the devices are necessary.

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