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**Birmingham, AL**  
**PBS Quarterly Program Topic Report**  
**July 1 – September 30, 2023**

**ARTS**

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 5  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/7/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:06:08

What is poetry and what does it offer us? Carl Phillips has some answers. He's known for the beauty of his language, his depth of exploration and is a recent winner of the Pulitzer Prize. Jeffrey Brown went to St. Louis to speak with Phillips for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Series Title: Southern Storytellers  
Episode Title: Episode 3  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/1/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Some of the South's most influential creators take us to the places that feed their imaginations: author Jesmyn Ward, screenwriter Michael Waldron, poet Natasha Trethewey, and songwriters Justin Moore, Tarriona "Tank" Ball and Thao Nguyen.

Series Title: Becoming Frida Kahlo  
Episode Title: The Making and Breaking  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/19/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:55:48

Explore the early life of Frida Kahlo as she discovers her genius for painting following a tragic, life-changing accident, leading her to encounter world-famous muralist Diego Rivera who she later marries, twice.

## CULTURE

Series Title: Great American Recipe; The  
Episode Title: Episode 3  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/3/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Other  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Feel the love as the cooks prepare their favorite comfort food and a dish inspired by a loved one. The cooks pour their hearts and souls into recipes ranging from bacon-wrapped meatloaf and cornbread to crab cakes, elk stew and chicken curry.

Series Title: Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Rubenstein  
Episode Title: The Golden Gate Bridge  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/1/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The Golden Gate Bridge is an engineering marvel that symbolizes America's can-do spirit. Explore if America can continue to execute bold and ambitious infrastructure projects in the 21st century.

Series Title: POV  
Episode Title: Bulls and Saints  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/25/2023 12:00:00 AM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:34

After 20 years of living in the United States, an undocumented family decides to return home. Little do they know it will be the most difficult journey of their lives and reawaken an intense desire for a place to belong. Set between the rodeo arenas of North Carolina and the spellbinding Mexican town they yearn for, Bulls and Saints is a love story about reverse migration, rebellion, and redemption.

**ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS**

Series Title: Human Footprint  
Episode Title: Strangers in Paradise  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/5/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Invasive species are reshaping the world's ecosystems, but who's really to blame? Shane wrestles a python, hunts Hawaiian pigs, and gets sucker-punched by a carp to answer the question: in the Age of Humans, how does our species decide what belongs?

Series Title: Human Footprint  
Episode Title: The Urban Jungle  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/2/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

"In "The Urban Jungle," Shane explores the modern city: an ecosystem built by, for us. He encounters three species thriving in the city, reckons with our complex urban history, and envisions a new and wilder urban future.

Series Title: America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston  
Episode Title: Suwannee: Wild River  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/6/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Other  
Segment Length: 00:52:33

The Suwannee is one of the last wild rivers in America, and its watershed creates woods and wetlands, marshes, and cave systems. From its headwaters in the Okefenokee Swamp, Baratunde journeys downstream, meeting colorful denizens of the Suwannee. From jet skiers to herpetologists, manatees to snapping turtles, he learns how this unique environment inspires a whole range of passions.

**FAMILY/MARRIAGE**

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 2  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/4/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:07:50

Although America declared its independence in 1776, it would take nearly 90 years for those enslaved to obtain their freedom. And despite the abolishment of slavery 158 years ago, Reuters found some of the country's most powerful politicians today are descendants of slaveholders. Amna Nawaz spoke with editor Tom Lasseter about the report and his own family's history with slavery.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: DNA Mysteries  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/29/2023 4:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uses DNA detective work to solve mysteries in the family trees of actor Téa Leoni, and radio host Joe Madison, introducing each of them to parents and grandparents whose names they've never heard before.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots  
Episode Title: Secret Lives  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/12/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uses DNA to help comedians Carol Burnett and Niecy Nash solve deep family mysteries.

**HEALTH/HEALTH CARE**

Series Title: POV  
Episode Title: Eat Your Catfish  
Length: 90 minutes  
Airdate: 7/31/2023 12:00:00 AM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Paralyzed by late-stage ALS, Kathryn clings to a mordant wit as she yearns to witness her daughter's wedding. Shot from her fixed point of view, watch a family grappling with the daily demands of disability and in-home caretaking.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 24  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/3/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:06:01

Signs point to a COVID-19 summer surge for the fourth consecutive year. Overall, infections remain much lower compared to the past, but cases began increasing last month and between 300 and 400 Americans are dying each week. John Yang discussed the growing concerns with epidemiologist Dr. Katelyn Jetelina.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour  
Episode Title: Episode 45  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/1/2023 6:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: News (live news only)  
Segment Length: 00:07:34

A ban on gender-affirming medical care for transgender youth went into effect in Texas, making it the most populous state to date with such a ban. The law revokes the medical licenses of any doctor who provides minors with gender-affirming medical care like puberty blockers, hormone treatments or surgeries. Laura Barrón-López reports on families grappling with the potential consequences.

**MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS**

Series Title: POV  
Episode Title: A Story of Bones  
Length: 90 minutes  
Airdate: 7/10/2023 12:00:00 AM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:26:46

After discovering an unmarked burial ground of an estimated 9,000 formerly enslaved Africans on St. Helena, Annina van Neel and preservationist Peggy King Jorde fight for their proper memorialization, exposing the UK's colonial past and present.

Series Title: American Experience  
Episode Title: Fatal Flood  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/22/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In the spring of 1927, after weeks of incessant rains, the Mississippi River went on a rampage from Cairo, Illinois to New Orleans, inundating hundreds of towns, killing as many as a thousand people and leaving a million homeless. In Greenville, Mississippi, efforts to contain the river pitted the majority black population against an aristocratic plantation family, the Percys -- and the Percys against themselves. A story of greed, power and race during one of America's greatest natural disasters.

Series Title: American Experience  
Episode Title: The Harvest: Integrating Mississippi's Schools  
Length: 120 minutes  
Airdate: 9/12/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 01:46:26

Explore what happened when the small Mississippi town of Leland integrated its public schools in 1970. Told through the remembrances of students, teachers and parents, the film shows how the town - and America - were transformed.



**SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY**

Series Title: Nature  
Episode Title: Octopus: Making Contact  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 7/5/2023 7:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Follow an Alaskan professor as he raises and studies a pet octopus in his home, making remarkable discoveries about its extraordinary intelligence, personality and skills. Octopuses are able to recognize faces and interact with other individuals.

Series Title: NOVA | The Planets  
Episode Title: Ice Worlds  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 8/2/2023 9:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In the far reaches of the solar system, Uranus and Neptune dazzle with unexpected rings, supersonic winds and dozens of moons. And NASA's New Horizons gets a stunning up-close view of Pluto before venturing deep into the Kuiper Belt.

Series Title: NOVA  
Episode Title: Rebuilding Notre Dame  
Length: 60 minutes  
Airdate: 9/13/2023 8:00:00 PM  
Service: PBS-NPS  
Format: Documentary  
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In April 2019, the world watched as a devastating fire almost destroyed Paris's iconic Notre Dame Cathedral. Go behind the scenes with a team of engineers, masons, and timber workers tackling the daunting challenges of restoring the historic landmark.



**Alabama Public Television**  
**Quarterly Programs/Issues Report**  
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***Capitol Journal***

7/7/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: budgets, transportation infrastructure, internet technology, cyber threats.

Guests included: State Sen. Chris Elliott, R-Daphne, Office of Information Technology Secretary Daniel Urquhart

7/14/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: education, history, redistricting, criminal justice reform, healthcare.

Guests included: State Rep. Chris England, D-Tuscaloosa, Alabama State School Board President Tracie West, Department of Archives and History Director Steve Murray

7/21/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: education, prisons, criminal justice, crime, transportation infrastructure, redistricting, transgender litigation.

Guests included: Gov. Kay Ivey, Attorney General Steve Marshall, State Sen. Rodger Smitherman, D-Birmingham

7/28/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: state budgets, state finances, unclaimed property, economics, redistricting, Alabama history.

Guests included: State Treasurer Young Boozer, Political science professor David Hughes, film documentarian Robert Clem

8/4/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Congressional appropriations, crime, highway safety, workforce development, job training, workforce participation.

Guests included: U.S. Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-Haleyville, ALEA Sgt. Jeremy Burkett, AIDT Director Ed Castille

8/11/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: biomedical research, veterans' healthcare, suicide prevention, early childhood education.

Guests included: Hudson Alpha President Dr. Neil Lamb, Dothan Mayor Mark Saliba, Kent Davis, Commissioner, Alabama Dept. of Veterans Affairs; Dr. Jan Hume, Acting Secretary of the Alabama Dept. of Early Childhood Education

8/18/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: business development, tax policy, transportation infrastructure, Space Command, workforce development, government leadership.

Guests included: Lt. Governor Will Ainsworth, House Minority Leader Anthony Daniels, Congressmen Mike Rogers and Dale Strong, Great Southern Wood founder and CEO Jimmy Rane, Business Council of Alabama President and CEO Helena Duncan, and Jason Isbell from Regions Financial

8/25/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: Congressional appropriations, presidential politics, women's leadership, childcare, COVID-19, health care policy, seasonal flu awareness.

Guests included: U.S. Rep. Jerry Carl, R-Mobile, Women's Foundation of Alabama Vice President Zundra Jones, State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris

9/1/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: state budgets, mental health, education policy, literacy, numeracy, conservation, forestry.

Guests included: House Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter, State Superintendent of Education Eric Mackey, Alabama Forestry Association CEO Chris Issacson

9/8/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: State budgets, executive branch contracts, transportation infrastructure, libraries, book shelving policy.

Guests included: State Sen. Dan Roberts, R-Birmingham, Alabama Library System Director Nancy Pack

9/15/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: redistricting, transgender litigation, criminal justice policy, prisons, transportation infrastructure, broadband internet expansion.

Guests included: Attorney General Steve Marshall, State Rep. Chris England, D-Tuscaloosa, ADECA Director Ken Boswell

9/22/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: mental health, suicide prevention, crisis care funding, Congressional appropriations, Congressional process, Auburn football.

Guests included: Department of Mental Health Commissioner Kim Boswell, Horizons Global Solutions Partner Stephen Boyd, filmmaker Slats Salmon

9/29/23, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: State budgets, prison construction, redistricting.

Guests included: State Sen. Greg Albritton, R-Range, State Sen. Bobby Singleton, D-Greensboro, State Rep. Chris Pringle, Alex Stephenson & Lauren Lingerfelt of Boaz High School

***Spotlight on Education***

9/7/23, 8:00 p.m., 1 hour

Issues discussed: literacy, numeracy, school promotion policy, summer learning, educational programming.

Guests included: Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama President Ryan Hankins, Jim Wooten of SAIL, Summer Adventures in Reading, Alabama Public Television Vice President of Educational Services Briana Morton