# Public Radio Stations of Mississippi Public Broadcasting

Quarterly Issues and Programs Report

for the period of April 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017

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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 second quarter of 2017.

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

## **MINORITY CONCERNS**

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 4/02/17

Length: 00:03:56

## With This Publisher, Native American Superheroes Fly High

In comics and graphic novels, Native American characters aren't usually very prominent.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 04/03/17

Length: 00:01:40

## State's Controversial Religious Freedom Law before Appeals Court Today

Mississippi's controversial religious freedom law is back in the spotlight. An appeals court will hear the state's case today in Texas.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 04/05/17 Length: 00:06:39

#### **Fighting Hate in Schools**

Hate is on the rise in U.S. schools. For students and educators, that means finding new ways to promote tolerance and inclusion.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 4/08/17

Length: 00:08:39

## Shots Fired' Creators Want To 'Challenge Your Perspectives' On Police Shootings

It opens with a scene all too common in nightly news: A young man is dead in the street, shot by a police officer who thought he saw a weapon.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 4/18/17

Length: 00:07:01

## **Russian Republic Of Chechnya Accused Of Targeting Male Homosexuals**

Police in Chechnya have reportedly detained more than 100 gay men. Some have been tortured.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 5/04/17

Length: 00:01:21

#### Mississippi Black Lawmakers Plan to Boycott Regional Legislative Conference

The Mississippi state flag and what it represents to members of the Legislative Black Caucus have unified the group in protest.

Program: Weekend Edition

Air Date: 6/11/17

Length: 00:03:29

### Plans Begin For Memorial At Site Of Pulse Nightclub Shooting

As the first anniversary of the Pulse shooting approaches, there's an effort underway to transform the Orlando nightclub into a museum and a memorial to the 49 people killed.

Program: Weekend Edition Sunday

Air Date: 6/18/17

Length: 00:04:31

#### Bill Cosby's Legacy Is Tarnished, But Influence Remains

Bill Cosby's tarnished legacy is a complicated one for African-Americans, but he opened doors for black people that remain open

## **EDUCATION**

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 4/03/17

Length: 00:04:21

## **Deported Students Find Challenges At School In Tijuana**

Researchers call them "los invisibles", the invisible ones, because they often end up in an educational limbo of sorts.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 4/06/17

Length: 00:01:27

## State "Cyber" Audit Finds Explicit Material on School Computers

Some public school districts in Mississippi are not doing a good job at restricting access to inappropriate material on school-issued computers.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 4/25/17

Length: 00:01:11

#### Public School Districts Getting State Allocation Below MAEP in 2018

Public school districts in Mississippi will be under funded by more than \$200 million for the next school year.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 4/28/17

Length: 00:04:00

## Georgetown University To Offer Slave Descendants Preferential Admissions

Georgetown is offering preferential admissions to descendants, but one family with two students applying, have another idea.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 4/28/17 Length: 00:01:43

## Graduates Find Job Market in State Good For Some

In the coming days and weeks, thousands of students will don their caps and gowns in graduation ceremonies at Mississippi colleges and universities statewide.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 5/15/17

Length: 00:01:21

#### **Students Face Summer Learning Loss**

As Mississippi students enter summer break, many will forget some of what they learned over the school year.

Air Date: 5/16/17

Length: 00:01:20

#### New JSU President Could Be Named at Any Moment

The State College Board could announce a preferred candidate to become president at Jackson State University at any time.

Program: Weekend Edition Sunday

Air Date: 6/25/17

Length: 00:03:33

### **Graduating High School At 92**

Mary Matsuda Gruenewald grew up on Vashon Island in Washington State.

## ECONOMY

Program: Fresh Air Air Date: 4/03/17 Length: 00:39:23

## Author Looks To Other Countries To Rethink America's Complicated Tax Code

When it comes to taxes, T.R. Reid says other countries have done "what the U.S. Congress evidently can't do — they've made it simple."

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 4/14/17

Length: 00:03:00

#### **Online Video Producers Caught In Struggle between Advertisers and YouTube**

It's been lean times for some of YouTube's most popular video producers.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 5/04/17

Length: 00:01:47

#### State Treasurer Calls Change in Credit Rating Alarming

A change in Mississippi's credit rating is alarming, but not a surprise according to the state treasurer.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 5/09/17

Length: 00:03:49

#### **Economists Debate If Tax Cuts Pay For Themselves**

A decades-old economic theory is making a comeback. The theory: tax cuts can pay for themselves.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 5/17/17

Length: 00:02:13

#### Dow Jones Drops By 300 Points As Trump Remains Embroiled In Controversy

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down about 300 points Wednesday as questions mounted about President Trump's ability to get his agenda through Congress.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 5/29/17

Length: 00:03:48

#### Trump Hopes To Lure Companies Back To The U.S. With Lower Tax Rates

A key part of President Trump's tax plan is to repatriate corporate profits held overseas back to the U.S. With the lure of lower corporate rates.

Air Date: 6/05/17

Length: 00:01:12

## Governor Cautiously Optimistic State Won't Need to Move Money from Rainy Day Fund

The state Department of Revenue says tax collections this year are slightly below expectations.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 6/06/17

Length:

### Mississippi Power Plant Costs Cross \$7.5B, Rate Plan Delayed

A Mississippi utility on Monday delayed making proposals for how its customers should pay for an ever-more-expensive power plant, even as the estimated cost of the facility crossed \$7.5 billion.

## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLITICS**

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 4/3/17

Length: 00:01:40

## State's Controversial Religious Freedom Law Before Appeals Court Today

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Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 04/04/17

Length: 00:01:21

#### AG Hood Hopes to Get Budget Soon

Hood says this is the first time in 13 years his office has been singled out by not having his budget approved by the state legislature.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 4/04/17

Length: 00:01:52

#### New Law Searches For Fraud in State Welfare Programs

A new law to fight fraud in Mississippi's welfare programs is expected to be signed by the governor.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 4/04/17

Length: 00:03:00

## New York's Solitary Confinement Overhaul Gets Pushback From Union

Five Mualimm-ak is one of the activists who pushed for the changes. He spent five years in solitary and says it left him broken.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 4/05/17

Length: 00:04:02

#### President Trump Meets With King Abdullah Of Jordan

President Trump met at the White House with King Abdullah of Jordan on Wednesday, in the wake of a gruesome attack on civilians in Syria.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 4/10/17

Length: 00:04:01

#### Rep. Mike Johnson On Revived GOP Health Care Plan

After the collapse of a Republican effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act, House Republicans say they've made changes to their health care plan.

Air Date: 5/04/17

Length: 00:01:16

#### Special Session Could Include State Lottery

Governor Phil Bryant may ask lawmakers to consider a state lottery when they return to the capitol for a special session in June.

Program: MS Edition

Air Date: 6/06/17 Length: 00:02:17

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**House Republican Denounced By African American Lawmakers During Special Session** Racially charged comments by a Mississippi lawmaker drew criticism and calls for his expulsion during the special legislative session.

## HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 04/05/17

Length: 00:05:32

### How Diabetes Got To Be The No. 1 Killer In Mexico

Mario Alberto Maciel Tinajero looks like a fairly healthy 68-year-old. He has a few extra pounds on his chest but he's relatively fit.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 4/11/17

Length: 00:03:54

## **Civilians With Severe Burns Treated At Texas Military Hospital**

The burn unit at the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research in San Antonio, Texas, is hot. Sometimes, it gets up to 102 degrees in there, among the patients.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 04/18/17

Length: 00:04:23

#### New Seat Beat Law in Mississippi Starts July 1st

A new law will soon go into effect in Mississippi requiring all back seat motor vehicle passengers to wear seat belts.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 4/20/17 Length: 00:03:13

## Bacteria-Infected Mosquitoes Tested As A Way To Control Population

Authorities in the Florida Keys are testing a new way to control the mosquitoes that carry Zika, dengue and other diseases.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 4/24/17

Length: 00:01:26

#### Syphilis Rises in Mississippi

Cases of sexually transmitted infections are on the rise in Mississippi according to the State Health Department.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 5/02/17

Length: 00:07:21

## After Losing A Spouse, Finding A Different Kind Of Happiness

K.T. Nicolaides still knows the exact minute her life changed forever.

Air Date: 5/02/17

Length: 00:01:40

#### Dept. Mental Health Cuts Jobs, Consolidates Services

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

Program: MS Edition

Air Date: 5/10/17

Length: 00:01:18

#### Mobile Clinic to Serve Jackson Neighborhood

Despite living near hospitals and clinics, some Mississippians are still unable to access needed care.

## **CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT**

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 4/26/17

Length: 00:01:15

Two Years After Freddie Gray's Death, What Is The State Of Baltimore's Youth?

The city of Baltimore erupted in violence after the death of Freddie Gray, two years ago.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 5/09/17

Length: 00:01:12

#### **MDCPS: Drug-Related Foster Cases Up**

Drugs, and the impact on families, are becoming a growing challenge for Mississippi's foster care system.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 5/15/17

Length: 00:01:16

#### Partnering to Provide Mental Health Services for Children

Advocates for children's mental health services in Mississippi, are meeting about ways to improve services and forge partnerships in the face of the state's budget crunch.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 6/07/17

Length: 00:03:31

## Why Have American Teens Stopped Looking For Summer Jobs?

NPR's Kelly McEvers talks with Ben Steverman of Bloomberg about the steady decline in the number of teenagers who have jobs.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 6/12/17

Length: 00:01:35

#### Is Zika Dangerous For Kids? Probably Depends On The Age

Zika may have fallen from headlines, especially with everything going on in politics these days, but the threat remains.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 6/13/17

Length: 00:01:43

#### Children Enrolled in Medicaid Up in Small Towns, Number Uninsured Down

A new study finds the number of uninsured children in Mississippi, is dropping because of Medicaid coverage.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 6/19/17

Length: 00:04:20

## **Transgender Teachers Talk About Their Experiences At School**

Growing up, Kelly Jenkins spent his spare time playing sports.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 6/26/17

Length: 00:03:47

### How To Pick Kids' Apps For The Backseat This Summer

It's summer vacation season and many families will be lucky enough to be heading off for at least a few days.

## **ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 4/17/17

Length: 00:01:22

#### **Telemarketing Complaints on the Rise**

Telemarketers, illegal robo calls, and phone scams can be annoying to many.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 4/24/17

Length: 00:01:27

#### 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: Local News Segment

Air Date: 4/24/17

Length: 00:01:46

#### **Ole Miss Community Joins Science Marchers Nationwide**

The University of Mississippi's scientific community joined others across the country to raise awareness for science.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 4/24/17

Length: 00:02:33

## Astronaut Peggy Whitson Breaks NASA Record For Most Days In Space

NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson has now spent more time off-planet than any other American.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 4/27/17

Length: 00:01:32

#### Honoring Those Who Donate Their Bodies to Science

Every year Mississippians facing death donate their bodies to medical education and research.

Program:	Morning Edition

Air Date: 5/02/17

Length: 00:07:04

#### Why Social Media Isn't Always Very Social

Studies show that people who spend more time on social media sites feel more socially isolated than those who don't.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 5/11/17

Length: 00:04:17

#### Why Your Sense Of Smell Is Better Than You Might Think

Smell, the thinking goes, is not our strongest sense.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 6/22/17

Length: 00:01:51

### LA Teens Create Solar-Powered Tents For The Homeless

An all-girls science club from San Fernando Senior High School near Los Angeles has designed a solarpowered tent meant to help homeless and displaced people around the world.