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Negro Leagues Baseball Museum President to Speak about African American Experience with America's Pastime

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COLUMBIA, Mo., September 9, 2021—A signature State Historical Society of Missouri program, the African American Experience in Missouri Lecture Series, is back this fall with Bob Kendrick, president of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and host of the Black Diamonds podcast. This free lecture will be hosted virtually on September 14 at 7:00 p.m. CDT. Register for the event at <https://shsmo.org/events/2021/african-american-experience-kendrick>

To celebrate the 101st anniversary of the founding of Negro Leagues Baseball, Kendrick will share stories, discuss legends, and explore the history of an indelible part of America's history. "They were entertainers and icons," Kendrick said of the Negro Leaguers. "They were the shining stars hidden in darkness, in a league where the thunder in their bats made them unforgettable."

The African American Experience in Missouri Lecture series began in 2016 as a collaboration between the State Historical Society of Missouri's Center for Missouri Studies and the University of Missouri Division of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity. "The African American Experience in Missouri Lecture Series offers a new understanding of present-day Missouri by examining the history of African Americans within the state," said SHSMO executive director and African American history scholar Gary R. Kremer. Kendrick's appearance is sponsored by the Columbia Committee for Negro Leagues Baseball, MU Department of Black Studies, and the State Historical Society of Missouri's Center for Missouri Studies.

"At the State Historical Society of Missouri, we encourage everyone to explore the complex and varied history of Missouri, and our mission includes providing the resources to accomplish that," Kremer added.

Videos of past speakers in the African American Experience in Missouri Lecture Series and more information about the program can be found online at <https://shsmo.org/lecture-series/african-american-experience>

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About The State Historical Society of Missouri

Founded in 1898 and established as a trustee of the state a year later, SHSMO is the premier center for the study of Missouri state and local history. SHSMO collects, preserves, and publishes materials that enhance research and support learning opportunities in the study of the Midwest at six research centers around the state, with headquarters on the University of Missouri campus. Visit: shsmo.org.

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