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Basketball Icon Norm Stewart to Speak at the State Historical Society of Missouri

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COLUMBIA, Mo., Oct. 28, 2021—The State Historical Society of Missouri announces that legendary Mizzou men’s basketball coach Norm Stewart will deliver the My Missouri 2021 lecture on Saturday, November 6 at 1 p.m. at the Center for Missouri Studies in Columbia. Stewart will reflect on how his Show-Me State roots shaped his career.

Executive Director Gary R. Kremer said that the My Missouri lecture series invites prominent Missourians from all walks of life to reflect on what being a Missourian has meant to them as they share how the state’s history, people, and culture have shaped their experiences. “We are honored to be hosting Missouri icon Norm Stewart at the Center for Missouri Studies,” Kremer added.

The talk will also be shown live via Zoom; registration is now open on the Society’s website, shsmo.org. “We are pleased to offer both in-person and virtual attendance options for this lecture, so Missourians and basketball fans across the state—and beyond—can be part of this event,” said Maggie Mayhan, Assistant Director for Community Engagement.

On-site visitors can also explore scrapbooks and photographs related to Stewart's life in an exclusive, one-day pop-up exhibit at the Center for Missouri Studies.

One of Missouri’s best-known sports heroes, Stewart made his impact on the court, on the field, and on the bench. He first made his name as a basketball and baseball player at Mizzou. He then played basketball professionally in the NBA before entering the college coaching ranks. To most sports fans, he is known as the longtime coach at the University of Missouri. He was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in 2000, and his legacy is cemented in the record books with eight Big Eight Conference championships, six postseason titles, and many more achievements and awards.

The My Missouri lecture is part of the Society’s annual meeting weekend. All programs are free, but on-site seating is limited, so RSVP today. To learn more about the pop-up exhibit, business meeting, and lecture, please visit: shsmo.org.

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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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