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## **SYMPOSIUM ON CREEK WAR AND WAR OF 1812 TO BE HELD AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

The College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University invites the public to dialogue with scholars from around the nation during a two-day symposium on the Creek War and the War of 1812 on **May 22-23, 2009** at the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art in Auburn.

The symposium, co-sponsored by the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts and Horseshoe Bend National Military Park in Daviston, AL will feature scholars from around the nation, including Gregory Dowd (*A Spirited Resistance: The North American Indian Struggle for Unity, 1745-1815*), David and Jeanne Heidler (*Old Hickory's War: Andrew Jackson and the Quest for Empire*) and Gregory Waselkov (*A Conquering Spirit: Fort Mims and the Red Stick War of 1813-1814*).

"This gathering will assess the state of scholarship on the wars from start to finish, celebrate the upcoming fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of Horseshoe Bend National Military Park and kick off the commemoration of this seminal conflict that changed the course of Creek Indian and American history," says Dr. Kathryn Braund, professor of history at AU and noted expert on Creek Indian history.

Horseshoe Bend National Military Park—located just 30 miles from Auburn—is one of four "War of 1812" parks in the National Park System and site of the 1814 battle where General Andrew Jackson led an army of 3,300 men to defeat 1,000 Upper Creek warriors. As a result of the battle, the Creeks ceded some 20 million acres of land to the United States.

The Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities is the dedicated outreach office for the Auburn University College of Liberal Arts. Founded in 1985, its mission is to strengthen the bonds between the academic community and the general public through arts and humanities initiatives in schools, towns and communities around the state.

Registration fees for the conference are \$25 (one day) and \$40 (both days) and include lunch and refreshments. For a full list of presenters, schedule and registration form, visit [www.auburn.edu/creekwar](http://www.auburn.edu/creekwar) or call the Center at 334-844-4948.

The symposium is funded in part by the National Park Service.

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