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HUMANITIES FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES DATES FOR SUMMER PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The **Alabama Humanities Foundation (AHF)** is pleased to present three **SUPER Emerging Scholars (SES) 2011 summer institutes for high school students**. The programs will be held at **Alabama State University in Montgomery June 12–18**, the **University of South Alabama in Mobile June 19–25** and **Auburn University July 17–23**.

SES institutes are weeklong, residential institutes that offer specialized academic enrichment in the humanities. Institutes will assist upper-level high school students in the development of skills necessary for success in secondary and post-secondary education. By equipping participants, called Emerging Scholars, with necessary critical thinking and writing skills in the humanities, they will be inspired to explore human values and meanings through academic scholarship.

Participants will receive intensive, content-rich instruction in national and Alabama-based history, literature and arts. As a complement to the curriculum, students will participate in trips to various landmark sites in the state.

All application materials must be turned in by April 15, 2011. Application requirements can be found at ahf.net.

Institute details:

SUPER Emerging Scholars @ Alabama State University • Montgomery • June 12-18
Bertis English, Ph.D., associate professor of History at Alabama State University, will serve as the institute's lead scholar. This institute will offer students the opportunity to examine in real time the impact economic injustice has had on marginalized groups. This is a unique opportunity as students will be able to investigate the current economic injustices that are occurring due to the recession in contrast to other periods such as the Great Depression. This institute will be conducted in partnership with Alabama State University.

SUPER Emerging Scholars @ the University of South Alabama • Mobile • June 19–25
Kern Jackson, Ph.D., assistant professor of English and folklorist and oral narrative data collector, will serve as the institute's lead scholar. This institute will offer students the opportunity to

examine the survival stories of the communities affected by the recent oil drilling disaster and Hurricane Katrina. Students will learn about how these two major historical events have defined the Gulf Coast community. This institute will be conducted in partnership with the Academic Affairs Office of the University of South Alabama.

SUPER Emerging Scholars @ Auburn University • Auburn • July 17-23

Kevin Roozen, Ph.D., associate professor of English at Auburn University, will serve as the institute's lead scholar. This institute will develop students' writing, reading, and critical thinking abilities by investigating the rhetoric of public discussions addressing the purposes and functions of education. Students will learn the rhetorical principles of effective persuasion and employ those principles to examine a series of readings from ancient Greece to contemporary America that describe the multiple and often competing objectives of teaching and learning. This institute will be conducted in partnership with Auburn University Outreach Office.

These university professors will engage students in collegiate-level, academic exercises and assignments that will produce true scholarship. Participants will be invited and encouraged to critically think and reflect, through the writing of essays and engagement in thought-provoking discussions. The exercises will allow students to reveal how various cultural expressions have helped to shape their understanding not only of themselves, but of other cultures and ethnic groups as well.

In addition, Emerging Scholars will also have the opportunity to interact and interface with alum, undergraduate and graduate students at the participating universities. This component of the program will ensure that student participants are encouraged to attend college, and gain an understanding of what it takes to maintain good standing by learning to successfully navigate and negotiate the rigorous demands of the collegiate environment.

SES is a program of AHF's SUPER (School and University Partners for Educational Renewal) program. Michael Chambers, II, AHF programs coordinator, and Thomas Bryant, AHF director of programs and SUPER Manager, direct AHF's SES program. **For application requirements, please visit ahf.net. All applications must be received by April 15, 2011.** Please contact Michael Chambers at (205) 558-3999 or mchambers@ahf.net with any questions.

About the Alabama Humanities Foundation

The Alabama Humanities Foundation is a nonprofit organization funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (of which AHF is the state affiliate), as well as by corporate and individual donors. AHF is dedicated to the promotion and celebration of the humanities throughout the state of Alabama and, to that end, conducts its own statewide programs and awards grants, on a competitive basis, to nonprofit organizations for humanities projects. One of these programs, AHF Road Scholars, sends scholars all over the state to give presentations on various topics to civic groups and organizations. For more information on this or other AHF programs, please call (205) 558-3980.

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