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UPCOMING EVENT AT THE GEORGIA ARCHIVES

Morrow, GA, July 20, 2017 – Next month, the Georgia Archives will host our monthly Lunch and Learn Lecture, *Protecting the Treasures of Oakland Cemetery*. Free and open to the public. No registration required.

Friday August 11, 2017 at 12:00 noon, Ashley Shares, Preservation Manager, Historic Oakland Foundation, will speak about the theoretical framework that governs preservation efforts at Oakland Cemetery, how the institution functions, and explain some basic technical preservation issues they face "in the field". She will use examples from some of their past and current projects to share with guests both how they preserve and why they preserve Oakland's historic documents, landscapes, and hardscapes.

Ashley Shares is the Preservation Manager for the Historic Oakland Foundation (HOF). She began at Oakland as an intern in 2014 while studying at Georgia State University. Ashley holds two bachelors degrees from Saint Xavier University in Chicago (Sociology and History) and a Masters in Heritage Preservation from Georgia State. At Oakland, Ashley oversees and engages in all aspects of hardscape restoration which includes monuments, walls, and pathways and she works closely with the Director of Gardens. Ashley has been a part of numerous preservation projects at other cemeteries throughout Georgia including Oconee Hill in Athens and Southview Cemetery in South Atlanta.

The program requires no registration and is free and open to the public. Lunch and Learn programs begin at 12:00 noon and last about an hour.

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