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It’s free!
The second Friday of each month
12 noon to 1 p.m.
Bring a lunch to eat during the program or just enjoy the lecture
January 10

The Explosion of the Film Industry in Georgia
Dr. Aaron Levy, Director of Academics, Georgia Film Academy

In the last few years, the film industry has exploded in Georgia and is currently ranked third in the nation and fifth in the world for a number of productions (behind only Hollywood and New York). This has created a workforce need, hence the Georgia Film Academy (GFA). The Georgia Film Academy is a collaborative effort of the University System of Georgia and Technical College System of Georgia supporting the workforce needs of the film and digital entertainment industries. Dr. Levy's presentation will focus on what Georgia is doing to put its citizens to work in this industry.

February 14

“Do Ye Even So To Them”: The Use of the Bible in Arguments for and Against Slavery in Colonial Georgia
Dr. Richard Manly Adams, Jr. (“Bo”) Director of Pitts Theology Library at Emory University’s Candler School of Theology and Margaret A. Pitts Assistant Professor in the Practice of Theological Bibliography.

This presentation highlights John Wesley and George Whitefield and arguments for and against slavery. Pitts Theology Library’s new exhibition is on George Whitefield.

March 13

“Hello, My Name Is…”: A History of Georgia Politicians with Unusual Names
Andrew Bramlett, Junior Historian

Fourteen-year-old Andrew Bramlett is a local historian living in Kennesaw, Georgia. He is Vice President of the Kennesaw Historical Society, an Honorary Member of the Cemetery Preservation Commission for the City of Kennesaw. He volunteers with the Kennesaw Parks & Recreation Department, and also volunteers at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, where he is tour guide on the shuttle bus to the top on the weekends.

In 2018 Andrew won a Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council Award for Local History Advocacy because of his work on presentations he gives about the history of the City of Kennesaw, Kennesaw Mountain, and his Kennesaw City Cemetery Walking Tour.

April 10

History of Rich’s Department Store
Jeff Clemmons, Historian, Author: Rich's: A Southern Institution

In 1867, less than three years after the Civil War left the city in ruins, Hungarian Jewish immigrant Morris Rich opened a small dry goods store on what is now Peachtree Street in downtown Atlanta. Over time, his brothers Emanuel and Daniel joined the business; within a century, it became a retailing dynasty. Join historian Jeff Clemmons as he traces Rich's 137-year history.

Rich's: A Southern Institution will be for sale at the end of the presentation.

May 8

Connecting the Divide with Podcasts
Victoria Lemos, Podcast Creator, Volunteer Tour Guide with the Atlanta Preservation Center and Bicycle Tours of Atlanta

Victoria Lemos is the voice, sweat, and tears behind Archive Atlanta, a weekly history podcast that is released every Friday. The podcast shares stories of the people, places, and events that have made Atlanta what it is. Born in New York City to immigrant parents, Victoria has called Atlanta her home for the last 13 years.

June 12

Atlanta Underground
Jeff Morrison, Creator of “Unseen Underground Walking Tours,” Architect and Author

Jeff’s program will explore Atlanta’s history with a focus on “Unseen Underground Walking Tours.” Jeff’s tours explore the earliest history of Atlanta as they go through railroad tunnels, the Gulch, and Underground Atlanta. Tours find the sites of Terminal and Union stations and answers questions such as, "Is Underground Atlanta really underground?"

Jeff is the author of Atlanta Underground: History from Below. The book will be for sale at the end of the presentation.