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## SCHF Annual Meeting & Dinner

VICKSBURG, MS (October 29, 2014): Join us Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> for the SCHF Annual Meeting in the SCH Auditorium. This year to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we have an exciting line up for this event. We will start the night with a "Meet and Greet" at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. We are extremely proud to have William R. (Bill) Ferris with us on this evening as our featured speaker. Tickets are \$30/person and reservations must be made in advance.

Bill Ferris, a widely recognized leader in Southern studies, African American music and folklore, is the Joel R. Williamson Eminent Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the senior associate director of its Center for the Study of the American South. He is also adjunct professor in the curriculum on folklore.

A native of Vicksburg, Miss., Ferris was the founding director of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi, where he taught for 18 years. He also taught at Yale University and Jackson State University. A graduate of Davidson College, he received a Ph.D. in folklore from the University of Pennsylvania (1969).

He has written or edited 10 books, including "Give My Poor Heart Ease: Voices of the Mississippi Blues" (2009), translated into French as "Les Voix du Mississippi" (2013). Ferris will be signing copies of his most recent book, "The Storied South: Voices of Writers and Artists", which was published in 2013 by the University of North Carolina Press.

For more information or to make reservations, please call 601.631.2997 or email info@southernculture.org.