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"The Civil Rights Movement in Knoxville, Tennessee: An Understudied Local Movement" A Brown Bag Lecture with Michael Blum, Ph.D.

PROGRAM: The Civil Rights Movement in Knoxville, Tennessee:

An Understudied Local Movement / a Brown Bag

Lecture by Michael Blum, Ph.D.

DATE: Noon, Wednesday, June 14, 2017

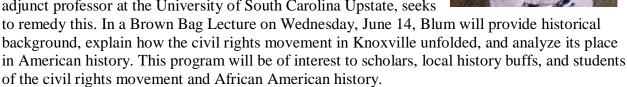
LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center

601 South Gay Street Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a "brown

bag" lunch

(Knoxville, TN) Knoxville's civil rights movement is an important, yet often understudied, part of the city's history. Michael Blum, adjunct professor at the University of South Carolina Upstate, seeks



Michael Blum holds a masters in history from Millersville University in Pennsylvania, a Ph.D. in history from the University of Memphis, and was the recipient of the 2015 McClung Awards presented by the East Tennessee Historical Society for the best article in the *Journal of East Tennessee History* for that year for his article on the Highlander Center's involvement in the Knoxville Civil Rights Movement.

The program is sponsored by the Gentry Griffey Funeral Chapel and Crematory and is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a "Brown Bag" lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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