The Mockingbird Room is located on the third floor of the Reng Student Center on the campus of Arkansas State University. It is located at the intersection of Aggie Road and Caraway Road. Parking is available in the parking garage on Caraway Road north of the Reng Center. Visitors may park in specially marked visitor spaces for \$1.00. Metered parking is available on the south side of the Dean B. Ellis Library.

The Southern Tenant Farmers Museum is located at 117 Main Street in Tyronza, Arkansas. From Jonesboro take U.S. Highway 63 south toward Memphis. Exit at the Tyronza Exit (Exit 8) and proceed over the overpass into town. The museum is located on the left side of Main Street immediately before the railroad tracks. Parking is located in the museum lot on Chickasaw Street, in the city owned grass lot on Chickasaw, and along Main Street.

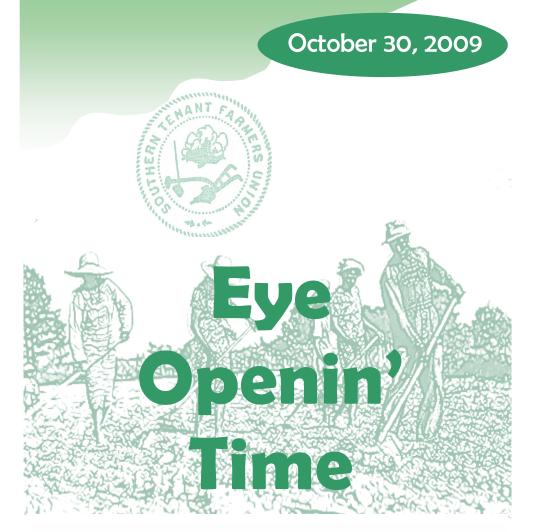
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Southern Tenant Farmers Union
75th Anniversary Symposium
Arkansas State University

Eye Openin' Time:

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Event Location:

Mockingbird Room, Student Union, Arkansas State University-Jonesboro

9:00-9:15 a.m. Opening Remarks

Dr. Ruth Hawkins, Arkansas State University

9:15-9:45 a.m. Prelude to the STFU: Tenant Activism on the Lee Wilson

Plantation in late 1933

Dr. Jeannie Whayne, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville

9:45-10:15 a.m. 'I Ain't Got No Home in This World': The Rise and Fall of

the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union in Arkansas Dr. James Ross, University of Arkansas-Little Rock

10:15-10:45 a.m. John Handcox and the Role of Music in the STFU

Jodi Morris, Arkansas State University-Jonesboro, Heritage Studies

Ph.D. Student

10:45-11:00 a.m. Break

11-00-11:30 a.m. Talking Past Each Other: The STFU, the FSA and Competing

Discourses of Poverty in the Depression-Era South

Dr. Amanda Coleman, Arkansas State University-Jonesboro

11:30 - Noon Steven Hahn, Britt McKinney and Ike Shaw: Rethinking the

Interracial Nature of the STFU

Grif Stockley, Butler Center and University of Arkansas-Little Rock

Noon Announcement of Essay Contest Winners

Dr. Ruth Hawkins, Arkansas State University

Noon-1:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00-1:30 p.m. The Legacy of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union

Dr. Samuel Mitchell, Professor Emeritus, University of Calgary, and

son of STFU founder H. L. Mitchell

1:30-2:00 p.m. Play: Southern Tenant Farmers Union Forever (

Written in 1937 by Flotine Hodge, Morton STFU Local), Presented by Public Personnel Administration Class, Arkansas State University

2:00-2:30 p.m. Resisting Race Changes in the South

Dr. Vernon Burton, Coastal Carolina University

2:30-3:00 p.m. Vassar Feminists, Myrtle Lawrence and the Southern Tenant

Farmers Union

Dr. Elizabeth Payne, University of Mississippi

Event Location:

Southern Tenant Farmers Museum, Tyronza

3:00-4:00 p.m. Travel to Tyronza

4:00-7:00 p.m. Museum Tours, Entertainment, Refreshments

Music by Steve Lockwood and Don McGregor

("Eye Openin' Time" is a reference by STFU songster, poet and union organizer John Handcox to recognition of the need for the union to be integrated.)



Lest We Forget (1937), by Ben Shahn. Courtesy of the National Archives and Records Administration.