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***“A Community Commemorates: Historic Sites Tour and Luncheon”***  
**featuring Smithsonian’s John W. Franklin, hosted by the**  
**John G. Riley and the Florida Historic Capitol Museum**

**TALLAHASSEE** – On **Saturday, November 15, 2014**, the John G. Riley Center/Museum in partnership with the Florida Historic Capitol Museum will host a *Landmarks & Legacy Bus Tour* of African-American historic sites and exhibits followed by a *Community Luncheon* event at the Florida Historic Capitol Museum.

The Lunch & Learn event will serve as the finale, culminating a week-long cultural experience known as *Blended Lives* (a 4-day cultural immersion experience for all 4<sup>th</sup> graders in Leon County Public Schools). The community-wide discussion is FREE and open to the public and will focus on the role that local communities play in our national historic narrative. The luncheon will be held at the Florida Historic Capitol Museum and tickets for the box-lunches can be purchased in advance. Attendees may bring their own lunch as well, for no extra costs, but seating is limited.

The tremendous partnership between the Riley & Historic Capitol museums, demonstrate how museums, schools, and other community organizations can put racial and cultural harmony into practice through programs that reflect diversity, broaden understanding, and build meaningful connections. *Blended Lives* is a deliberate attempt to reflect on shared histories, involve our community in revisiting its rich and diverse past. Since inception, *Blended Lives* has consistently provided an informative and entertaining program for all ages.

The event will enrich the lives of youth throughout the greater Tallahassee community who will experience a walk-through-time which encompasses a living history tour of the historic house belonging to John G. Riley and Florida’s Historic Capitol Museum.

The Riley Museum is dedicated to discovering and recovering the history of the Smokey Hollow Community in Cascades Park and is open for tours from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday; 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. on Friday and Saturday. (Museum Admission: \$2 for General Public | \$1 Seniors age 55 and over | \$1 Children age 12 and under). For more information on the Blended Lives event or to schedule a group tour, please contact the John G. Riley Center/Museum at: (850) 681-7881 or [info@rileymuseum.org](mailto:info@rileymuseum.org).

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Saturday, Nov. 15 Event Schedule:

**8:30 a.m. Bus Tour**

- Embark from Civil Rights Sidewalk
- Riley Museum (full stop and tour)
- Meeks-Eaton Black Archives (full stop and tour)
- Integration Statue (drive by)
- Old Lincoln School (full stop and tour)
- Ash Gallery (full stop and tour)
- CK Steele Statue (drive by)
- Return to Civil Rights Sidewalk

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Luncheon**

- Lunch and Learn in Historic Senate Chamber



# Blended Lives: A Community Commemorates HISTORIC SITES TOUR AND LUNCH & LEARN

**Saturday, November 15, 2014**

**Bus Tour**

\$15/\$10 Museum Members  
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Lunch and Learn FREE Program**

Box Lunches \$10/\$5 Museum Members  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



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