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## **The Lebanese in America: An Exhibition Exploring 150 Years of History**

Date: February 10- March 3, 2017  
Time: Monday – Friday from 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm  
Admission: Free and open to the public

SCHF is excited to present **The Lebanese in America: An Exhibition Exploring 150 Years of History**. The exhibit will be on display at the SCHC in the Exhibit Room, from **February 10th** through **March 3rd, 2017**. The exhibit may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8am– 12pm and 1pm-5pm. This exhibit is free and open to the public.

The **Moise A. Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies** at North Carolina State University and the **Center for the Study of Southern Culture** at the University of Mississippi are pleased to announce a collaborative effort to engage, learn from, and explore the history and memories of Mississippi's Lebanese American community.

The project includes a month-long residency of *The Lebanese in America* traveling exhibit from February 10 to March 3, 2017, at the Southern Cultural Heritage Center in Vicksburg, MS, including an opening reception on Friday, February 17, and a community oral history workshop, a panel discussion, and film screening on Saturday, February 18.

*The Lebanese in America* traveling exhibit comprises eight narrative HopUp displays with photographs, graphics, and QR Codes linked to supplementary materials and an e-reader. The panels describe the history, conditions and impact of Lebanese immigration nationally, offering a framework in which to consider the substantial Lebanese immigration to the Mississippi Delta and beyond between the 1880s and the end of World War I. The exhibit opens the weekend prior to the 57th Annual Lebanese Dinner hosted by St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Vicksburg, which will be held on Monday, February 13. St. George is the oldest Syrian/Lebanese Orthodox congregation in Mississippi.

There will be an opening reception for the exhibit on **Friday, February 17th** from **5pm– 7pm** at the **SCHC in the Academy building**. On **Saturday, February 18th** there will be an oral history workshop and film from **9am to 3pm** at the **SCHC**. All of these events are free. Space is limited and reservations are required for the

workshop. To make reservations, please call the SCHF office at 601.631.2997.

This exhibit is sponsored by Mississippi Humanities Council; NC State, Moise A. Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies; Center For The Study Of Southern Culture, University of Mississippi; and Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation. For more information, please call the SCHF office at 601.631.2997 or go to [lebanesestudies.ncsu.edu/Vicksburg.php](http://lebanesestudies.ncsu.edu/Vicksburg.php).

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