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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 to remedy this. In a Brown Bag Lecture on Wednesday, June 14, Blum will provide historical background, explain how the civil rights movement in Knoxville unfolded, and analyze its place in American history. This program will be of interest to scholars, local history buffs, and students of the civil rights movement and African American history.

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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