

The logo for the Davenport House Museum, featuring the text "DAVENPORT HOUSE MUSEUM" in a serif font, with "HOUSE" on a separate line and a horizontal line below it.

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The logo for the Historic Savannah Foundation, featuring the text "HISTORIC SAVANNAH FOUNDATION" in a sans-serif font, with "HISTORIC" and "SAVANNAH" on separate lines and "FOUNDATION" below them, all enclosed in a dark blue rectangular border.

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DAVENPORT HOUSE MUSEUM TO HOST ANNUAL HARVEST LECTURE VIRTUALLY

SAVANNAH, GA – October 26, 2020 – The Davenport House Museum will host its annual Harvest Lecture, *Mobility in America’s First Planned City: Understanding Slave Badges and Enslaved Autonomy on the Southern Landscape* at 6:30 p.m. November 16 via Zoom. This year, Dr. Torren Gatson will speak on municipally issued badges used by free people of color and enslaved workers in the antebellum south particularly with regard to Savannah.

The Harvest Lecture Series is presented by the Davenport House Museum as a community service and an opportunity for enrichment on topics related to its mission.

“We are fortunate in this day and age that we have the technology to still continue with our lecture series while being safe from the pandemic,” said Director Jamie Credle, “We would like to thank ABR Digital Office Solutions for their generous sponsorship of this event and Torren Gatson for speaking at this year’s lecture.”

Torren Gatson completed his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from North Carolina Central University and his Ph.D. from Middle Tennessee State University. Gatson is a trained public historian and a scholar of U.S., southern history, with an emphasis in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries African American built environment. He is a historic preservationist who conceptualizes the impact of African American material culture on the physical and cultural landscape.

“ABR is proud to be supporting this year’s Harvest Lecture Series. The Davenport House and the Historic Savannah Foundation are doing great things in the community, and the preservation and knowledge of our history is an important part of our commitment to our mission of community service at ABR. It is exciting to be a part of the newly envisioned series!” said Kaitlyn Capper, sales and marketing administrator for sponsor ABR Digital Office Solutions.

The Davenport House interprets the Federal style home built by Master Builder Isaiah Davenport for his household during the 1820s. The building was saved from demolition in 1955 by seven concerned citizens who, in doing so, set forth the first effort of the Historic Savannah Foundation, a premier nonprofit organization which has gone on to usher in the city's preservation renaissance.

Anyone interested in attending this free lecture, please RSVP by emailing sadler@myhsf.org, who will then send you the Zoom information prior to the event. Using that information, participants will logon for the virtual lecture.

To learn more about the Davenport House Museum, please visit <http://www.davenportmuseum.org/programs/> or email info@davenportmuseum.org.

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