DAY ONE, OCTOBER 5, 2017 - A FOCUS ON WOMEN

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Registration, coffee and light breakfast.
9:00 AM - Welcome Remarks by Dr. Conway introduced by Dr. Ben Speller.
9:15 - Introduction by Dr. Jeffrey Crow, former Deputy Secretary of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.
10:00 AM - Q & A.
10:15 AM - Break.
10:30 AM - Introduction by William J. McCreas, director of Regional Museums with the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Dr. Gregg Hecimovich: “The Life and Times of Hannah Crafts: The True Story of The Bondwoman’s Narrative.” The research Gregg Hecimovich has conducted on Hannah Crafts has garnered front-page attention in The New York Times, a review essay in The New Republic, and support from the National Endowment for the Arts.
11:15 AM - Q & A.
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch on your own.
1:00 PM - Introduction by Dr. Glen Bowman, professor of history and director of international programs at Elizabeth City State University. Mary Maillard: “Conductors and Passengers: Harriet Jacobs’ Underground Railroad.”

Mary Maillard is a documentary editor. She is currently working on a two-volume edition of the Skinner Family Papers, housed at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, and the Annie Wood Webb Papers, a private collection of mid-to-late-nineteenth century family papers.
1:45 PM - Q&A.
2:00 PM - Roundtable discussion with Kate Clifford Larson with Wanda McLean and Dr. Jeffrey Crow on the role of women in the Underground Railroad.
3:00 PM - Symposium ends for the day. Closing remarks by Dr. Valerie Ann Johnson, Chair, NC African American Heritage Commission.

EVENING OF OCTOBER 5, 2017 - LECTURE WITH DR. REX M. ELLIS

6:00 PM - Separate registration/ticket required. Register for this free event on our Facebook page or website.
“Interpreting the Underground Railroad from a National Perspective.” Dr. Rex M. Ellis, Associate Director for Curatorial Affairs, National Museum of African American History and Culture at the Smithsonian Institution.
6:00 PM - Drinks and buffet dinner on the portico. Introduction by William J. McCreas, Director of N.C. Regional Museums.
7:00 PM - Dr. Rex M. Ellis, speaks in auditorium followed by questions
8:00 PM - Lecture concludes.

DAY TWO, OCTOBER 6, 2017 - NEW SCHOLARSHIP

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Coffee and light breakfast
9:00 AM - Introduction by Dr. Glen Bowman. Dr. Jeffrey Crow provides an overview of new scholarship and what remains to be done.
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM - Ms. Christy Davenport, “Rethinking the Underground Railroad: Maroon Communities in the Great Dismal Swamp.” Ms. Davenport is a graduate of Elizabeth City State University and is currently pursuing a PhD at Mississippi State University.
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Presentations by Elizabeth City State University history students with panel displays at MOA.
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM - Lunch on your own
1:30 PM - Roundtable discussion with Michele Lanier, Dr. Charles Reed and Dr. Glen Bowman on subjects of new scholarship presented.
2:30 PM - Symposium ends for the day. Closing remarks by Michelle Lanier, Executive Director, NC African American Heritage Commission.