



Secretary of State Tom Schedler
and the staff of the Louisiana State Archives
invite the public to join us in celebrating
American Archives Month 2017

Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 10 a.m.
Basics of Genealogy Research
Yvonne Lewis Day, genealogist and
president of the Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society

Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 1:30 p.m.
Historic Preservation
Charlene Bonnette, MLIS, CA and head of the
Louisiana Department, State Library of Louisiana

Thursday, Oct. 26 at 10:30 a.m.
“Louisiana Cuisine: How Did We Get Here
and Where Are We Going?”
Liz Williams, president of the
National Food and Beverage Foundation
*Donations of non-perishable food items and/or cookbooks will be
Appreciated and donated to the National Food and Beverage Foundation.

All events will be held in the Wade O. Martin Auditorium.



2017 Archives Month Speaker Bios

**Yvonne Lewis Day Yvonne Lewis Day, Genealogist
President, Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society**

Recognized expert in communication. She has been a speaker at more than 1,000 state, national, and international conferences. In her parallel career as a genealogist and family history researcher, she has researched and written numerous journal articles and more than two dozen publications on genealogical and historical topics. She is completing a 16-volume series on her own family history. She is president of the Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society, has been program chair for more than 100 genealogical presentations and conferences, and is an officer and member of several genealogical and lineage societies. She is the recipient of three national awards from the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Good Citizen Award from the Sons of the American Revolution.

**Charlene Bonnette, M.L.I.S., C.A.
Head, Louisiana Collection/Preservation Librarian,
State Library of Louisiana**

Charlene Bonnette is Manager of the Louisiana Department of the State Library of Louisiana. After working 19 years in the private sector, Charlene graduated from LSU with a master's degree in Library Science in 1997 and began working in the Louisiana Department in 1998. She became manager in 2010. In 2007, Bonnette became the Preservation Librarian at the State Library. In 2007 and 2009 she attended the Connecting to Collections Symposiums in Washington, DC and Buffalo, NY, as one of the Louisiana Representatives. In 2008, Charlene became a Certified Archivist. Charlene has given numerous workshops and presentations on preservation, digitization, copyright, genealogy, reference, etc. In 2016, she attended the Digital Preservation Outreach & Education Train-the-Trainer Workshop: Deep South Edition in Jackson, Mississippi. Charlene enjoys all aspects of her job and values the importance of preserving items for future generations.

**Liz Williams, President
National Food and Beverage Foundation**

Always fascinated by the way the lure of nutmeg and peppercorns motivated the exploration of the world, Liz Williams was lucky to be born into a family of Sicilian heritage in New Orleans. She grew up eating in two great food traditions. She is a founder and President & CEO of the National Food & Beverage Foundation, which includes that Southern Food & Beverage Museum, the Museum of the American Cocktail, the Boyd Hospitality and Culinary Library. Much of her research and writing centers on the legal, policy, and cultural issues related to food and foodways. She coauthored with Stephanie Jane Carter, *The Encyclopedia of Law and Food*. In 2013 AltaMira published *New Orleans: A Food Biography*. In 2016 her book, co-authored with Chris McMillian, *Lift Your Spirits*, was published by LSU Press.

A graduate of Louisiana State University (BA, English) and Louisiana State University Law Center (JD) she has served in the U.S. Army as a Judge Advocate General (JAG). She has practiced law in Washington, DC and Louisiana. She has written many articles for a variety of magazines and journals, has served as judge in many cooking competitions, and has consulted internationally on the food of the New Orleans area. Travel is an excuse to eat in new places.