Thursday, April 19, 2018
Event at Kansas City Public Library – Central Library (14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105)

6 – 8 pm Public reception & keynote speaker: Quintard Taylor

Friday, April 20, 2018
Events at Memorial Hall (600 North 7th Street Trafficway, Kansas City, KS 66101)

9 am Welcome
Duane Benton, Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area
Luther Smith, Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area
Tracy Quillin, Associate Director, Humanities Kansas

9:15 – 10:35 am Session I: Bleeding Kansas and a Nation Divided
Chris Childers
Tai Edwards
John Nichols

10:35 – 10:50 am Break and opportunity to visit exhibit gallery

10:50 am – 12:10 pm Session II: Founding the Free State Port of Quindaro
Nicole Etcheson
Larry Hancks
Ian Munro

12:10 – 12:25 pm Break and opportunity to visit exhibit gallery

12:25 – 1:30 pm Lunch & featured speaker: Robert Sutton

1:30 – 1:45 pm Break and opportunity to visit exhibit gallery

1:45 – 3:05 pm Session III: Creating a Territorial Culture and Making an Impact
Mark Lause
Keri Meinking
Diane Eickhoff

3:05 – 3:20 pm Break and opportunity to visit exhibit gallery

3:20 – 4:40 pm Session IV: The Promise of Freedom
Diane Mutti Burke
LaDawndra Robbs
Paul Wenske

4:40 – 5:15 pm Film: The Battle of Island Mound
Jim Rehard

5:15 – 6 pm Exhibits open & special presentation by The Gum Springs Serenaders
9 am  Thank Yous and Welcome
   Julie McPike, Managing Director, Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area
   Mayor David Alvey of Kansas City, Kansas

9:15 – 10:30 am  **Session V: Panel – Archeological Significance of Quindaro**
   Larry Hancks
   Robert Hoard
   Marvin Robinson
   Larry Schmits
   Paul Wenske
   Fred Whitehead

10:30 – 10:45 am  Break and opportunity to visit exhibit gallery

10:45 am – Noon  **Session VI: Panel – Preserving Our History: A Community Vision**
   Doris Bailey
   Rachel Barnhart
   Rev. Stacy Evans
   Corranzo Lewis Jr.
   Lavert Murray
   Rachel Nugent
   Robert Sutton
   Paul Wenske
   Holly Zane

Noon – 1:15 pm  Lunch
   Special performance: Kansas City Boys and Girls Choir
   Special reading: Jose Faus
   Special performance: The Recipe Poetry Guild
   Education and community roundtable discussions

1:15 – 1:30 pm  Break and opportunity to visit exhibit gallery

1:30 – 2 pm  Jim Leiker, “Closing Remarks: Five Lessons We Can Learn From Quindaro”

2:00 – 2:45 pm  Special performance: Nancy Dawson, “Stories From da Dirt”

2:45 pm  Final thanks
   Jim Ogle, Executive Director, Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area

3:00 pm  Optional tours of Quindaro (by special registration only)