



CROSSROADS

Meridian's Preservation Map

March 31 and April 1, 2022
MSU Riley Center
Meridian, Mississippi

THURSDAY, MARCH 31ST

- 8:00 AM **Registration / Continental Breakfast**
- 10:00 AM **Welcome / Introductions** - Sarah Johnson, President of Meridian Architectural Trust
Master of Ceremonies - Dr. Thomas Huebner, President, Meridian Community College
- 10:15 AM **The Macon, Georgia Story**
- Ethiel Garlington, Executive Director of the Historic Macon Foundation
- 11:00 AM **Our Past is Our Future**
- Jerome Kittrell, Realtor and Developer
- Mark Davis, Davis Purdy Architects
- Craig Hitt, Director of Community Development, Meridian
- 12:00 NOON **Lunch**
- Try one of Meridian's wonderful downtown restaurants
- Visit the Meridian Architectural Trust Photo Exhibit at 2211 5th Street
- 1:30 PM **Icebreaker**
- Create a stronger network with the help of Purdue University's Honors Programs Students
- 2:00 PM **Evolving Preservation: Best Practices in Historic Preservation**
- Lolly Rash, Executive Director, Mississippi Historic Trust
- 3:00 PM **Making Sense of the Dollars: The Economic Impact of Historic Preservation**
- Mary Ruffin Hanbury, Founding Principal of Hanbury Preservation Consulting
- 4:00 - 5:30 PM **Adaptive Reuse Tours**
- Tour three fabulous examples of downtown Meridian buildings that have been rescued, restored, and returned to the community as functional buildings and prized landmarks.
- 5:30 - 7:00 PM **Reception in the Grand Lobby**

FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST

- 8:00 AM **Announcements**
- 8:05 AM **Improving Racial Equality through Historic Preservation**
- Dr. Christopher Hunter, College of Architecture, Art, and Design, Mississippi State University
- 9:00 - 10:30 AM **Trailblazers: Stories of Successful Communities**
- Moderator: Jerome Kittrell, Realtor and Developer
- Panelist: Jim Rasberry, Owner of Rasberry Financial
- Panelist: Mike Grote, Director of Building Programs, Alembic Community Development
- Panelist: David Presiosi, Executive Director, Preservation Dallas
- 10:30 AM - Noon **Now We Know What Is Possible: How Do We Get Started?**
- Moderator: Ellen Bourdeaux, Community Development Specialist
- Panelist: Dr. Beth Miller, Director of College of Art and Design, Mississippi State University
- Panelist: Liz Rice, Historicorps, Director of Workforce Engagement and Communication
- Panelist: Jeff Fulton, College of Art and Design, Mississippi State University
- Noon - 1:30 PM **Luncheon**
- Mayor, The Honorable Jimmie Smith
- Sarah Johnson, President of Meridian Architectural Trust
- Featured Speaker: Dr. Rhonda Phillips, Dean of Honors College, Purdue University

