SEMC MONTGOMERY ALABAMA 2025

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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 19, 2025

Start Time	End Time	Session/Activity
9:00 AM	5:00 PM	Montgomery to Selma Tour led by Wanda Battle ($) Come enjoy a day of adventure touring historic landmarks of Selma to enlighten you of its Civil Rights and Civil War history! Montgomery native Wanda Battle was raised during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and she brings her experience to the groups she leads. 9:00am Gather 9:30am Depart for Selma 10:00am Arrive in Selma for a panoramic city tour: Tabernacle Baptist Church, Brown Chapel AME, Live Oaks Cemetery, Lunch: Reflections Restaurant - Jackie Smith, Owner, Reflections Restaurant (black owned) Walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, visit the Selma Memorial Civil Rights Park, visit the Viola Liuzzo Memorial site. Return by 5pm
9:00 AM	4:00 PM	**Pre-Conference Workshop: Smithsonian Reckoning With Our Racial Past Initiative** This workshop will focus on community building, resource sharing, and planning meaningful public programs in the SEMC region throughout 2026. To find out further information or express interest, please do so on the SEMC2025 registration form or email: oursharedfuture@si.edu :

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8:00 AM	5:00 PM	**On your own, self-paced tours. Museums Open.** Equal Justice Initiative: The Legacy Sites (9:00 am - 5:00 pm) Fort Toulouse and Fort Jackson (8:00 am - 5:00 pm)* The Hank Williams Museum (1:00 pm - 4:00 pm) Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts (10:00 am - 5:00 pm) The Scott & Zelda Fitzgerald Museum (10:00 am - 3:00 pm) *Outside of Montgomery city limits
8:30 AM	12:30 PM	SEMC Council Meeting (By invitation) – Renaissance
1:00 PM	4:30 PM	Registration Open – Renaissance
2:00 PM		Exhibitor Move in – Renaissance Pre-Function Area (Time TBC)
5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Sunday Evening Opening Reception: Harriott II Riverboat
8:30 PM	10:00 PM	SEMC Table Talk – Renaissance Generously sponsored by: COMPASS GROUP Engineering philanthropy.

MONDAY – OCTOBER 20, 2025

Start Time	End Time	Session/Activity
8:00 AM	5:30 PM	Expo Hall open with Coffee/Breakfast (8:00-9:00AM) – Renaissance
8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Registration Open – Renaissance
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	OPENING GENERAL SESSION – Renaissance
10:00AM	10:15 AM	SEMC Program Committee Meetup (By Invitation) – Renaissance
10:00AM	10:30 AM	First Time Attendees Welcome– Renaissance
10:00AM	10:30 AM	Expo Hall Networking Break - Coffee
10:30 AM	11:45 AM	Session Block #1 (8 concurrent sessions) – Renaissance
12:00 PM	1:15 PM	Directors Luncheon ($)
12:00 PM	1:15 PM	Jekyll Island Management Institute Luncheon ($)
1:15 PM	2:30 PM	Session Block #2 (8 concurrent sessions) – Renaissance

2:30 PM	3:00 PM	Expo Hall Networking Break– Renaissance
2:30 PM	3:00 PM	Student Work in Museums (SWIM) Poster Session– Renaissance
3:00 PM	4:15 PM	Session Block #3 (8 concurrent sessions) – Renaissance
4:00 PM	5:30 PM	Expo Hall Opening Reception– Renaissance
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Emerging Museum Professionals Meetup– Location TBC
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Mid-Career Museum Professionals Meetup– Location TBC
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Directors Reception – Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Monday Evening General Reception – Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

TUESDAY – OCTOBER 21, 2025

Start Time	End Time	Session/Activity
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	SEMC 5K Fun Run ($) Start your morning off on the right foot! Join us on a 5K run through Montgomery. The run will last approximately one hour. The registration fee supports Annual Meeting travel scholarships!
7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Downtown Montgomery Walking Tour ($) Fall weather invites SEMC attendees to take a walk around Montgomery. Dexter Avenue is one of the most important stretches of road in the United States as it has been the site of many major historical moments that have changed the course of Alabama, and our nation. Using primary sources, this walking tour will take you on a journey through Alabama's history with a focus on the people and pivotal moments that happened on Dexter Avenue.
7:45 AM	8:45 AM	Historic House/Small Museum Affinity Group Meeting (Time/Location TBC)
8:00 AM	5:30 PM	Expo Hall open with Coffee/Breakfast (8:00-8:45AM)
8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Registration Open– Renaissance
8:45 AM	10:00 AM	Session Block #4 (8 concurrent sessions)
10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Expo Hall Networking Break
10:00 AM	10:30 AM	SWIM Posters
10:30 AM	11:45 AM	Session Block #5 (8 concurrent sessions)
12:00 PM	1:15 PM	Curators Luncheon ($) Generously sponsored by: MONADNOCK media experiences for museums
12:00 PM	1:15 PM	Educators Luncheon ($)
12:00 PM	1:15 PM	Registrars/Collections Professionals Luncheon ($) Generously sponsored by: Conserv
1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Montgomery Civil Rights Museums Tour: ($)

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		Embark on a three-hour tour through Montgomery's historic landscape, visiting three of the city's Civil Rights sites/museums. A guide will greet the group at each site. Transportation provided. The Johnson Institute Freedom Rides Museum Rosa Parks Museum *Capped at 30 registrants*
1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Exhibit Design Review- Freedom Rides Museum
1:30 PM	2:45 PM	Session Block #5 (8 concurrent sessions)
2:45 PM	3:00 PM	Expo Hall Networking Break
3:00 PM	4:15 PM	Session Block #6 (8 concurrent sessions)
4:00 PM	5:30 PM	Expo Closing Reception
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Tuesday Evening Reception – Alabama Department of Archives and History

WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 22, 2025

Start Time	End Time	Session/Activity
8:30 AM	12:00 PM	Registration Open
9:00 AM	10:15 AM	SEMC BUSINESS MEETING and KEYNOTE ADDRESS
10:30 AM	11:45 AM	Session Block #7 (8 concurrent sessions)
12:00 PM	1:30 PM	SEMC Awards Luncheon ($) Generously sponsored by: solidlight
2:00 PM	3:30 PM	SERA Behind-the-Scenes Tour: Alabama Department of Archives and History
2:00 PM	5:00 PM	Montgomery Civil Rights Museums Tour: ($) Embark on a three-hour tour through Montgomery's historic landscape, visiting three of the city's Civil Rights sites/museums. A guide will greet the group at each site. Transportation provided. The Johnson Institute Freedom Rides Museum

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		Rosa Parks Museum *Capped at 30 registrants*
2:00 PM	4:00PM	My Montgomery Civil Rights Tour with Wanda Battle ($) Come join an exciting panoramic tour of the Civil Rights history of My Montgomery! We will visit the Centennial Hill and Westside communities of Montgomery where the historic events of the (1955-1956) Montgomery Bus Boycott and the 1965 Selma to Montgomery March took place, as the marchers passed through on their way to the Alabama State Capitol!