

Press Release: The Samuel Proctor Oral History Program in St. Augustine

From May 25 to July 25, researchers from the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program will be conducting fieldwork in St. Augustine, Florida, with the African American communities of St. Augustine.

Throughout the two months of fieldwork, student researchers will be working with the community members of Lincolnville, a historic African American neighborhood of St. Augustine, in order to collect oral histories. Adding to the scholarship that already exists about black St. Augustine, we intend to showcase the community's vibrant history by conducting oral histories with local individuals in order to relate the experiences of everyday life from the period of Jim Crow to the present.

SPOHP is collaborating with the Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center in St. Augustine, Florida. Graduate student researchers Raja Rahim and Annemarie Nichols are working closely with Floyd and Gayle Phillips, co-directors of the museum, as well the Lincolnville Museum Board of Directors. The Lincolnville Museum, housed in the historic Excelsior High School, is dedicated to collecting and preserving the local history of Lincolnville and its residents. It is located at 102 Martin Luther King Ave., St. Augustine, Florida, 32084 and is open Wednesday through Friday from 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM.

Both the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program and the Lincolnville Museum are committed to bringing the Lincolnville Historic District to life through the voices of the community. Through the oral histories collected, we plan to showcase the unique experiences and struggles of the Lincolnville community. In an effort to give the history of Lincolnville back to its community members, all oral history interviews will be housed in the Lincolnville Museum, and they will be available for public access. Students and research staff at the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program are humbled and hopeful about this partnership, and we look forward to sharing the fruits of our labor with the community of Lincolnville.

This partnership has been made possible by funds from the Historic St. Augustine Foundation, and office space for researchers has been provided by the Government House in downtown St. Augustine. To learn more information about the Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center, visit <http://www.lincolnvillemuseum.org/>.

To follow the progress of the SPOHP and Lincolnville Museum collaboration, like our Facebook page, The Samuel Proctor Oral History Program, or follow our our Instagram and Twitter accounts @SPOHP to catch a glimpse of our team in action with the Lincolnville Museum this summer.