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TALK ABOUT IT TUESDAY, 400 Years of Resilience: The African American Presence in the US, Tenn., (August 5, 2019) – “Talk About It Tuesday” is a monthly panel discussion with Q & A designed to bring people from the local community together to inspire discussion about the significant impact of cultural history in movements for economic and social justice.

The Withers Collection is delighted to team with ASALH (Association for the Study of African American Life and History) and the Afro American Historical & Genealogical Society - Memphis Chapter to recall the 400 Years of trials and to celebrate the triumphs of African Americans in the U.S. on August 27, 2019 at Talk About It Tuesday.

Confirmed panelists for the forum are Dr. Andre Johnson, Professor of Rhetoric at the University of Memphis; Ms Teresa Mays, President of the Afro American Genealogical Society; and Mr. John Ashworth, Executive Director of the Memphis Lynching Sites Project (LSP).

Our goal is to bring people from the local community together to give them inspiration for what our non-profit organization is hoping to achieve through education and engagement. We want to promote discussion about the significant impact of cultural history in movements for economic and social justice. We are committed to raising history awareness, which we hope will also raise funds and donations that can contribute to future exhibits from the archive of more than 1.8 million images of the iconic internationally renowned photographer Dr. Ernest C. Withers.

Talk About It Tuesday will be held Tuesday, August 27, 2019 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM.

There is no charge for attending the event and registration can be made online at [www.witherscollection.org](http://www.witherscollection.org).

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**ABOUT WITHERS COLLECTION MUSEUM AND GALLERY AND DR. ERNEST C. WITHERS**

Located at 333 Beale Street, in the late Dr. Ernest C. Withers’ last photography studio and the building that was named in his honor in 1995, the Withers Collection Museum and Gallery is 7,000 square feet of Memphis history. In February 2011, The Withers Collection opened its doors to the public, inviting everyone to see what Dr. Withers had accomplished. In his more than 60-year career, Dr. Withers accumulated a collection of an estimated 1.8 million photographs which includes images of key Civil Rights Movement events, music, politics, sports, and lifestyle and can be seen, captured in their elements, in beautiful black and white photographs at the Withers Collection Museum and Gallery. His works have been featured in touring exhibits and shows around the world. The Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington D.C. currently displays more than 75 of Withers' images. For his life's work, Dr. Withers was elected to the Black Press Hall of Fame and received an honorary doctorate from the Massachusetts College of Art. The Withers Collection is the largest family-owned photographic collection taken by one individual. Withers Collection Museum and Gallery includes a main gallery, a music gallery, and a special events space in our studio lounge. It is the only authorized source for licensing Ernest C. Withers’ photographs. To learn more, please visit [www.witherscollection.org](http://www.witherscollection.org).

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