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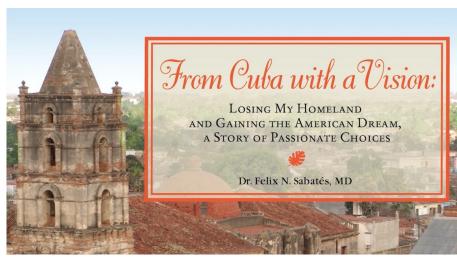
#### September 2017

Dr. Felix Sabates, Sr. to Discuss From Cuba with a Vision: Losing my homeland and gaining the American dream, a story of passionate choices

On **Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m.**, the National Archives at Kansas City will host **Dr. Felix Sabates, Sr.**, author of **From Cuba with a Vision: Losing my homeland and gaining the American dream, a story of passionate choices** who will join Erik Bergrud, associate vice president for external relations at Park University, for a public conversation about this book. A free light reception will precede the program at 6:00 p.m.

Sabates is a professor and founding chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Medicine/Eye Foundation of Kansas City

and Sabates Eye Centers. In 1960, a Cuban ophthalmologist named Felix Sabates was completing his medical training in Boston and looking forward to a bright future in Havana when he received a



telephone call that destroyed his dreams. "You can't come home," his father said. Fidel Castro had seized power in Cuba the year before and was now clearly imposing a communist dictatorship. Sabates found himself stranded in a foreign country, an accidental immigrant with no money, broken English, and a young family to support. Cuba's loss was America's gain. In his own words, Sabates recounts the story of his early days growing up in a close-knit family in the tropical homeland that was stolen from him and his courageous and passionate pursuit of a new life in the United States. His remarkable journey began with acquiring citizenship through an act of Congress just days before the failed Bay of Pigs invasion. Sabates quickly rose to the top of his field, gaining a reputation as one of the top eye surgeons in the world. Perplexed at first by the unwritten cultural rules of his adopted home, he set out to "infiltrate" Kansas City society and put the tools of capitalism to work advancing his vision of providing top-quality eye care for all, including the city's most indigent citizens. Sabates provides an intimate and engaging behind-the-scenes look at a stunning Kansas City success story and a shining embodiment of the "American Dream."

Copies of Sabates's book will be available for purchase and signing. Reservations are requested for this **free program** by calling 816-268-8010 or emailing <u>kansascity.educate@nara.gov</u>. Requests for ADA accommodations must be submitted five business days prior to events.

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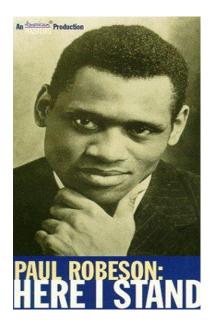
Unless noted, all events are held at the National Archives 400 W. Pershing Road Kansas City, MO 64108

- SEPT. 11 6:30 P.M. FILM SERIES: PAUL ROBESON: HERE I STAND\*
- SEPT. 12 ALL DAY: FACILITY CLOSED
- SEPT 12 5:00 p.m. DINNER AT THE SQUARE STUDENT EVENT\*
- SEPT. 13 7:00 p.m. Constitution Day Lecture\*
- SEPT. 26 6:30 p.m. Author Event: From Cuba with a Vision

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# 2017-2018 Film Series in Partnership with American Jazz Museum and the Greater Kansas City Black History Study Group

The National Archives at Kansas City, in collaboration with the American Jazz Museum and the Greater Kansas City Black History Study Group, will offer a free film series beginning in September 2017 and continuing through May 2018. All film programs are **free** to attend and will include post-film discussion with local scholars.



Films will be offered monthly at either the National Archives at Kansas City, 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri; or at the American Jazz Museum, 1616 East 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

A free light reception will precede each film at 6:00 p.m. Film start time is 6:30 p.m. for all locations.

#### Monday, September 11 at the American Jazz Museum Atrium Paul Robeson: Here I Stand (1999)

This PBS American Masters film presents the life and achievements of an extraordinary man. Athlete, singer, and scholar, Robeson was also a charismatic champion of the rights of the poor working man, the disenfranchised, and people of color. He led a life in the vanguard of many movements, achieved international acclaim for his music, and suffered tremendous personal sacrifice. His story is one of the great dramas of the 20th century, spanning an international canvas of social upheaval and ideological controversy. The film is directed by St. Clair Bourne and narrated by Ossie Davis. Reservations are requested for this **free program**, RSVP <u>here</u>.

## Constitution Day Lecture in Collaboration with Park University

On Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m., the National Archives at Kansas City, in collaboration with Park University will host Dr. Allan W. Austin, professor of history at Misericordia University in Dallas, Pennsylvania, who will discuss Ambassadors of Goodwill: Japanese-American Student Resettlement during World War II. The free public lecture will take place on the campus of Park University, 8700 NW River Park Drive, Parkville, Missouri, in the Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel. Reservations are not required.

Dr. Austin's lecture will focus on Japanese-American college students who faced a series of crises after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor. The lecture will explore the ways in which the students responded, thinking about the short and longterm implications for both the students and the wider American society. This year marks the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066 signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on February 19, 1942, which authorized the incarceration of Japanese-Americans (as well as German-Americans and Italian-Americans) to concentration camps. Austin is an immigration historian with a primary focus on investigating the contested meanings of race and American identity, especially in the 20th century United States. He has explored these issues in his books, including *From Concentration Camp to Campus: Japanese-American Students and World War II.* Austin earned his doctorate degree from the University of Cincinnati, and both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Bowling Green State University. *This program is presented in partnership with Park University.* 

# One Day Facility Closure on Tuesday, September 12

On Tuesday, September 12, 2017, the National Archives at Kansas City will be participating in a "Stand Down Day." The Stand Down Day will be devoted to staff training and project work. Regular hours of operation will resume on Wednesday, September 13.



Regular facility hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

# National Archives and American Public Square to Offer Student Workshop

The National Archives, in partnership with American Public Square, will offer a free student-only event for high school debate students in the Kansas City metro area on **Tuesday**, **September 12 at 5:30 p.m.** More information is below. **Reservations are required** by calling 816-235-5067.



# **Resolved:**

The United States federal government should substantially increase its funding and/or regulation of elementary and/or secondary education in the United States.

#### Panelists

Matthew Katz (UNO Charter School Network) Michael McShane (Show-Me Institute) Lorén Trull (UnidosUS, formerly NCLR) Sändra Walker (Teacher, Lawrence Public Schools)

American Public Square is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is changing the tone and quality of public discourse by bringing together non-like-minded people to create a forum for fact-based, civil conversation about national, regional, and local issues.

At this event, Metro-area debate students will share a meal and conversation, and they will engage with a panel of national and local education experts with diverse points of view.

KCPT's Nick Haines will moderate the discussion. KCUR's Stephen Steigman, roving reporter, will prompt students to ask questions and challenge stated facts.

For more information, please visit http://www.americanpublicsquare.org.





#### Schedule of events

3pmUMKC campus tour5pmDinner at Pierson Hall5:30pmProgram & panel discussion7:30pmProgram ends - depart UMKC

#### \*Seats are limited.

\*Please call (816) 235-5067 to make a reservation for your team. \*A transportation allowance is available to participating schools.

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### Hidden Treasures from the Stacks The War Emergency Food Survey Dietary Survey

Editorial note: In 2017, the United States will commemorate the 100th anniversary of its involvement in World War I, known as the Great War. Throughout 2017, in each issue of this monthly newsletter, the National Archives at Kanas City will highlight materials from our holdings that illustrate various aspects of the war - either on the home front or abroad.

In the May issue of this newsletter, records from the U.S. Food Administration were featured specifically highlighting the role the agency played during World War I. The Food Administration regulated the supply, distribution, and conservation of food to ensure there would be enough food resources to aid the war effort. While the Food Administration was heavily promoting the idea of food conservation and rationing to the American public, the Office of Home Economics within the Department of Agriculture was studying what Americans were eating to better understand exactly how to support the war effort.

From 1917 - 1919, the Office of Home Economics conducted the War Emergency Food Survey across America to gather information "regarding the dietary habits and needs of the different classes of the populations." The purpose of the survey was to "determine the most rational course to pursue in the utilization of the food supply of the country." The Office of Home Economics employed over 1,000 investigators throughout the country to gather data for the survey. They emphasized to the investigators that by doing this work they would be performing a "real patriotic service of great importance." Families and institutions from all over the United States participated in this survey. The investigators were instructed to select families that would represent a typical diet of the majority of their community using an average family income. The subjects were supposed to depict all economic groups, ethnicities, and races.

For one week all food eaten by each member of a household was weighed and recorded in charts provided by the agency. Investigators would set up an initial meeting with the homemaker of each household to gather basic biographical information (gender, age, weight, place of birth, general health, occupation, income, and ethnicity) for each person living in the home and also of any guests staying in the home. They would also try to obtain typical meal menus for two days. Each family was assured that their names would not be included in the study and that by cooperating they were providing an important national service to their country.

During the week of January 18-25, 1919, the Bouck family tracked everything they ate on their farm outside of Mason City, Iowa. At the beginning of the week, the investigator, Helen Burling, and Mrs. W.E. Bouck conducted an inventory of all the food in the house, including the weight and price of each item. They did the same inventory at the end of the week. Investigator Burling visited Mrs. Bouck each day to record any food the family purchased and which foods the family ate. Mrs. Bouck also had to save any food waste. That food waste then had to be divided into edible and inedible food waste (i.e., bones, etc.) so it could be weighed and recorded. When the week was over, Investigator Burling completed a large chart that listed every type of food the family ate during the week with the cost and weight (in grams) of each item. She then calculated the percentage and weight of the amount of protein, fat, carbohydrates, total ash, calcium, iron, phosphorus, and fuel value for each food and record those values.

Investigators did not only survey single family households. They also surveyed many institutions across the country, including fraternities, sororities, and boarding houses. Unfortunately the results of these studies are not included in the Office of Home Economics archival documents, but the records do include all the charts from each household and institution. Copies of the documentation for the Bouck family and the Thompson family from Wayne, Nebraska, follow on pages 5-7.

For more information about these and other records from RG 176, Records of the Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics, please visit the <u>National Archives Catalog</u>.

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Above: Biographical information of the Bouck family of Mason City, Iowa, January 1919. National Archives at Kansas City, Record Group 176, Records of the Bureau of Nutrition and Home Economics, War Emergency Food Survey, 1917-1919. National Archives Identifier 16962785.

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Above: Chart of the food the Thompson family of Wayne, Nebraska, ate on November 19, 1917. National Archives at Kansas City, Record Group 176, Records of the Bureau of Nutrition and Home Economics, War Emergency Food Survey, 1917-1919. National Archives Identifier 16962785.

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