



## Civil Rights

### Session 5: Friday, June 7, 9-10:30 a.m.

**“Navigating Southern culture, commerce, color and church: An ethnographic reflection on student and faculty learnings”**

*Location: Yarnton*

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“The South” birthed gospel, blues, and country music. It prospered from cotton, tobacco, and rice. Its immigrant entrepreneurs were invaluable “brokers.”. Color, race and racism are endemic, from indigenous names to slavery, Jim Crow, and Civil Rights. The Black church emerged and was integral in fighting racism. Based upon taking undergraduate students to Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee, we present student learning and use autoethnography to frame the impact of this high impact practice upon us individually and as a biracial teaching team.