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HSSU Brought Genealogy Enthusiasts on Campus for Regional Institute

ST. LOUIS, MO (July 23, 2013) – Harris-Stowe State University recently partnered with the St. Louis African American History and Genealogy Society (STL-AAHGS) to host the inaugural Midwest African American Genealogy Institute (MAAGI) on its campus July 8-11, 2013.

HSSU was excited to provide an opportunity for those looking to enhance their own skills and research in the area of African-American history. Participants from across the Midwest varied from genealogy novices to experienced researchers who immersed themselves in one of four tracks consisting of 12 lectures over the course of the three-day event.

The MAAGI brought together on Harris-Stowe's campus leading genealogy and family history scholars from throughout the nation, most of whom resided on campus in the residence halls. Authors, bloggers, radio hosts and professors were among those in attendance. Among the presenters were Bernice Bennett, a leader in the genealogy blogging community; African-American coal miner specialist Timothy Pinnick and noted African-American and Indian genealogist Angela Walton-Raji. Additionally, Curt Witcher, former president of the National Genealogy Society and Kenyatta Berry, national president of the Association of Professional Genealogist also spoke during one of the sessions.

Participants also got a taste of St. Louis history via private tours to the Scott Joplin House, Dred Scott statue, Annie Malone Children and Family Service Center and the St. Louis Gateway Arch.

STL-AAHGS is the first organization of its kind and is the authority on African-American History and Genealogy in the St. Louis Area. This group provides ongoing information to assist the beginning researcher as well as the more experienced. For more information about the STL-AAHGS visit www.stl-aahgs.com.

For more information or pre-registration for next year's event visit MAAGI at www.maagi-stl.org.

Harris-Stowe State University, located in midtown St. Louis, is a four-year institution that offers 15 degree programs in the areas of Accounting, Business Administration, Biology, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Health Care Management, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Information Sciences and Computer Technology, Mathematics, Educational Studies, Middle School Education, Professional Interdisciplinary Studies, Secondary Education and Urban Affairs. Ranked by *U.S. News* as one of America's Best Colleges in the Midwest, the university, which has been in existence for more than 150 years, offers the most affordable bachelor's degree in the metropolitan area.