

Dr. Jacqueline Jones Lecture Index

Segment 01

In this segment Dr. Jones introduces herself and has each scholar give their name and the institution they work in (the introduction of the summer scholars has been deleted). Dr. Jones then gives an introduction to the City of Savannah from its founding to the introduction of slavery to the colony in 1750. She then begins a discussion on the city of Savannah in the colonial period.

Segment 02

In this segment Dr. Jones continues to build a picture of the city of Savannah in the antebellum period. Dr. Jones discusses the demography, physical set up, economics, and the cultural and social make-up of the city leading up to the Civil War. She begins a discussion on the differences between the life of the enslaved in the rural areas and the life of the enslaved in the city. She talks about the city as a place of uncertainty where it was harder for Whites to keep order.

Segment 03

At the start of this segment Dr. Jones touches on the importance of the Democratic Party in promoting the institution of slavery. The Democratic Party had to convince poor Whites that slavery benefited them despite the fact that Slave labor hurt them economically. In this segment Dr. Jones also discusses the lack of middle class in Savannah, contrasting Savannah to other major cities in the United States during this period. Finally she begins a discussion on the life and status of freed Blacks living in Savannah before the Civil War.

Segment 04

Dr. Jones continues her discussion on freed Blacks in antebellum Savannah. Dr. Jones begins to paint a detailed picture of Black life in Savannah. Dr. Jones speaks about the First African Baptist Church and the role of religious life in the city. She also speaks on the roles of Black women and men in the economy and social life of Savannah. Dr. Jones also briefly discusses the lifestyle of upper class Whites in Savannah at this time and begins a discussion of Savannah in the Civil War.

Segment 05:

In this segment Dr. Jones discusses the relationships between Black women and White men in Savannah prior to the Civil War. Dr. Jones introduces the major questions scholars pose about these relationships and the summer scholars provide further questions and inputs. Dr. Jones then discusses issues of Black family life in the city versus the rural areas, the entrepreneurial impulse of both freed and enslaved Blacks in Savannah, and the important information available in the Southern Claims Commission Papers.

Segment 06

In this segment Dr. Jones continues her discussion on the entrepreneurial impulses of the Black community in antebellum Savannah. She also speaks on the literacy and education of slaves in Savannah. Dr. Jones also touches on the awareness of the larger Atlantic world that Blacks living in the city had compared to those in rural areas. Finally Dr. Jones discusses the use of parades and other public commemorations to enforce the social order in Savannah and the subtle methods of challenging this order.

Segment 07:

In this segment Dr. Jones discusses the city of Savannah during the Civil War. Dr. Jones argues that the Civil War represented the antithesis of the order Whites strived for in pre-Civil War Savannah. Dr. Jones focuses on the life of the Black population of Savannah during this period and again emphasizes the entrepreneurial impulses of freed and enslaved Blacks during the war. Dr. Jones speaks about Sherman's march to the sea and his occupation of Savannah. Dr. Jones also touches on the experience of Black refugees following Sherman to the coast, and begins discussing post-war Savannah.

Segment 08

In this segment Dr. Jones discusses post-Civil War Savannah. She talks about the Black leadership that emerged immediately following the surrender of the city and the continuity of life in Savannah post-Civil War. Dr. Jones also discusses the way Savannah commemorates slavery and the Civil War through monuments.

Segment 09

This segment is primarily Question and Answers. Some of the topics discussed include source availability for African-American study, the sensitivity over slavery being called the reason for the Civil War, and the modern-day telling and teaching of the Civil War.

Segment 10

The Question and Answer portion of Dr. Jones's lecture continues and Dr. Jones speaks about her most recent project.