

## Middleton to speak at Lunch with Books

The Friends of the Library are delighted to have Dr. Stephen Middleton speak on Oct 18, 2008 at noon, at the library. Stephen Middleton is professor and director of African American Studies at Mississippi State University. His interdisciplinary training is in law and history, with a research agenda on race and law. He holds the doctorate from Miami University (Ohio) and completed the first-year curriculum in law at New York University School of Law. He has lectured at Cambridge University, Keele University, and presented papers at the British Legal History Association and the British Association of American Studies in the United Kingdom. Dr. Middleton is the author of *Ohio and the Antislavery Activities of Salmon P. Chase*, *The Black Laws in the Old Northwest: A Documentary History*, *Black Congressmen During Reconstruction: A Documentary Sourcebook*, and *The Black Laws: Race and the Legal Process in Early Ohio*. He is currently working on a biography of Judge Robert Heber-ton Terrell. His topic will be biographies as history: Jeremiah Finney and Robert Herber-ton Terrell. Dr. Middleton is a dynamic and interesting speaker, please come and hear him.

## National History expert offers "her" slant on women today at MSU on Tuesday

The country may not have been ready for a woman president in 2008 but by 2010, when women will take control of 60 percent of the nation's wealth according to some futurists, a change in leadership may follow. Are women ready? Jill S. Tietjen, a national history expert and co-author of *Her Story: A Timeline of the Women Who Changed America* (HarperCollins 2008) believes they are. Tietjen will be visiting MSU on October 14 to speak about "Putting Her Story into History" and to sign copies of *Her Story*, co-authored with Charlotte S. Waisman.



Jill Tietjen

An evening Dessert Reception and Booksigning is planned at Shackovls Honors College on the MSU campus. The event is free and open to the public. Call 662-325-7880 for information. You can also visit [www.herstoryatimeline.com](http://www.herstoryatimeline.com) for general information.

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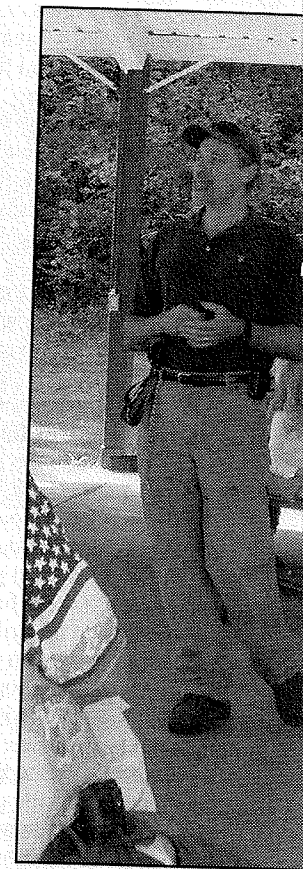
Dear Readers, the Big Read continues with several stellar events for adults and children and three, count 'em, three discussion groups. So, saddle up buckaroos and buckerettes here we go.

**Panel Discussion : "What is the 'Call of the Wild' ? Then and Now" - Starkville Public Library, Tuesday, October 14, 7 p.m.**

You say you want content in our Big Read programs ? Read on. The always popular Dr. Nancy Hargrove moderates a panel of MSU English Professors, Drs Bonnie O'Neil, Robert Phillips and Noel Polk as they explore the novel's ideas, themes and narrative elements. Now you don't have to do homework before you come, but in case you are so moved, Nancy suggests that you read the novel and "if the spirit moves you" look up some info on Jack London on the web.. She also promises that there will be time to share your insights and opinions. Nancy also assures all that fun will be had.. Refreshments will be provided by Starkville Reads, and as with all of our programs, this one is free and open to the public.

**Latch on to Hatchet! - Starkville Public Library, Tuesday, October 14, 5:30 p.m.**

Survive a wild night @ the library with pizza, a movie, and Jack London's *The Call of the Wild*. Teens are invited to the Starkville Public Library on Tuesday, October 14, at 5:30 p.m. to come watch the movie version of *Hatchet*, a young adult novel by Gary Paulsen, and compare and contrast Paulson's story with Jack London's *The Call of the Wild*. Pizza will be served courtesy of Starkville Reads. This Big Read event will be held in conjunction with Teen Read Week.



Russell Gaines presented a part of Starkville Reads Call of the Wild

**Book Discussion - *Buck* Noble, Thursday, October 23, at 3 p.m.**

Please join Susan Rensing leads this discussion of another *Call of the Wild*. The title author's presentation is "Buck a Jack London's Racial Politics highlight science and pseudo the late 19th century and how ted London and his contempo