



The home Ernest C. Withers will be dedicated as a historic site Feb. 10.

LeMoyne-Owen College will host a Historical Symposium, including an exhibit of the photographer's work, Feb. 9 as part of the event.

The Southwest Memphis home of renowned photojournalist Ernest C. Withers will be formally dedicated as a historic site during a ceremony Feb. 10.

The 10 a.m. at 480 West Brooks Road, will include the unveiling of a historical marker at the home.

As part of the unveiling ceremony, LeMoyne-Owen College will host a "Historical Symposium" at 5 p.m. Feb. 9 in the college's

Little Theatre inside the Alma C. Hanson Memorial Student Center.

An exhibit of Withers' photographs will be on display that day in the Dorothy Harris Lounge, also in the student center. LeMoyne-Owen is at 807 Walker Ave.

Withers is best known for capturing more than 60 years of African-American history in the segregated South. His work includes iconic images of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the trial of the accused killers of Emmett Till, the Memphis Sanitation Worker's Strike, Negro League baseball and musical artists, especially the iconic artists who put Memphis music on the world's map.

For his life's work, Withers was elected to the Black Press Hall of Fame and received an honorary doctorate degree from the Massachusetts College of Art. He was 85 when he died on Oct. 15, 2007.

The symposium, sponsored by the Ernest C. Withers Historical Photographic Foundation, will feature as panelists educator Pam Ali; artist and activist Mary Mudiku, who uses her art as part of her activism; Wovoka Sobukwe, owner of the Fannie Lou Hamer Freedom School & Culture Center; Dr. A. J. Stovall, chair (and professor) of the Department of Social Science at Rust College in Holly Springs, Miss., and photographer Andrew Rome Withers, son of Ernest C. Withers.

Students from LeMoyne-Owen and Rust also will participate in the symposium, which will be moderated by Tennessee State Rep. Joe Towns.

**ERNEST C. WITHERS**  
HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHIC FOUNDATION

On February 9, 2018 @ 5 P.M., there will be an Historical Symposium at LeMoyne Owen College...in addition, it will be a historical presentation by professors of History and a Pictorial Exhibit featuring some of the photographic works of the **Legendary Photographer Dr. Ernest C. Withers.**

**BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM CITYWIDE CELEBRATION**

**“UNVEILING CEREMONY”**  
MEMPHIS LANDMARK COMMISSION APPROVES HISTORICAL MARKER FOR THE LONGTIME HOME OF CIVIL RIGHTS PHOTOGRAPHER

**Dr. Ernest C. Withers**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018**  
**@ 10:10AM**

The historical marker will be unveiled at the home of the late Ernest C. Withers, Sr. and the late Dorothy Withers.  
**480 West Brooks Rd.**

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