

Historical Reflections on the Integration of Ole Miss

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The dates of this year's AJHA convention have special significance in civil rights history. Sixty years ago this weekend, James Meredith became the first Black student to enroll at the University of Mississippi. President John F. Kennedy had to call out the Army to quell the subsequent riot. A new book titled *James Meredith: Breaking the Barrier* shares stories of that weekend from students who were present, journalists who covered the story, historians, and James Meredith himself. This panel offers an inside look at the project and the insights it revealed.