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**“Meeting at Kaw Point: A Convergence of Waters and Cultures”  
Task Force Announces Featured Speakers**

In late June 1804, Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery stopped at Kaw Point located at the convergence of the Missouri and Kansas Rivers. While there they recorded facts about the rivers and local conditions. Kaw Point is the most historically significant Lewis and Clark encampment in the area and is being developed into a riverfront park which will be dedicated the evening of June 25 to kick off the bicentennial commemoration.

**Hasan Davis**

Part storyteller, part performer, Hasan has thrilled diverse audiences across the United States. With more than 15 years of public speaking experience, he is in high demand to share his inspirational message with youth and adult audiences. *York: Black Explorer of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*, Hasan's latest piece, examines the life of the African-American man known only as York. York was a distinguished member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1803. However, when the explorers returned to “civilization” three years later, York was returned to a position of insignificance and inferiority.

**James J. Holmberg**

Native to Louisville, Kentucky, James writes and lectures on the Lewis and Clark Expedition, with special focus on William Clark and York. James wrote the epilogue for the revised Robert Betts' *In Search of York: The Slave who went to the Pacific with Lewis and Clark*, and edited *Dear Brother: Letters of William Clark to Jonathan Clark*. James is currently working on a Lewis and Clark book for the Kentucky Humanities Council's “New Books for New Readers” series.

**Selene Phillips**

A member of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior, Selene brings the life of Sacagawea alive. Performed in first person, Selene tells the story of this young girl who went with Lewis and Clark on the Corps of Discovery. Selene has published articles on Native American studies and communication, and was visiting professor in the School of Communications at the University of North Dakota.

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**Robert Miller**

As an Associate professor of Indian law at Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland Oregon, Robert will speak to the aspect of Lewis and Clark and Native Americans. Robert serves as Chief Justice of the court of appeals for the Grand Ronde Tribe and was appointed to the Circle of Tribal Advisors (COTA). He serves as advisor to the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

**Dale Blevins**

A USGS (United States Geological Survey) presenter, Dale speaks on the Missouri River flow velocity and suspended sediment measurements made by Lewis and Clark. Many of these measurements were made near Kansas City including on sediment measurement at Kaw Point.

**Cecil Williams**

A retired USGS employee, Cecil performs original ballads on famous African-American figures of the American West, including York.

**Steve Wilson**

Director of Fort Osage in Sibley, Missouri, Steve tells the story of Patrick Gass. Gass was made sergeant after the death of one crewmember. Steve tells the story of Gass through period tools.

**Steve Allie**

Military attire was used to denote a position among the soldiers. Steve brings a vast knowledge of the styles of the different military dress to his speech. Steve is the director of the Frontier Army Museum at Fort Leavenworth, KS.

**Pete Cuppage**

Medicine and Lewis and Clark is the topic that Dr. Pete Cuppage brings to this lecture. Dr. Cuppage talks about the different medicines, such as the infamous "thunderbolts," purchased for the trip as well as some of the medical problems the Corps of Discovery experienced.

All programs will take place in the Tent of Many Voices. A part of the "Corps of Discovery II: 200 Years to the Future," the Tent of Many Voices will be at the Lewis and Clark Historic Park at Kaw Point June 25 through July 4. Events are free and open to the public. For more information or a schedule of events, visit our website [www.lewisandclarkwyco.org](http://www.lewisandclarkwyco.org) or call 913 721-1078.

**Don't miss this event that has been 200 years in the making!**

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