

The Okemos Education Foundation is proud to host

# THE LEGACY OF EMMETT TILL: Understanding History from Four Perspectives

Tuesday, April 19, 2016  
7:00 pm  
Okemos High School Auditorium  
Free Admission

**Emmett Till** was a 14-year-old African American boy who was kidnapped in August 1955 from his uncle's Mississippi home after whistling at a white woman. His battered body was found three days later; two white men were tried and acquitted of his murder shortly thereafter (but they later sold their confession to *Look Magazine*). Media coverage surrounding Emmett's funeral and the trial brought wide-spread public awareness and outrage over the treatment of African Americans, and many believe this incident sparked the Civil Rights Movement.

***The Legacy of Emmett Till: Understanding History from Four Perspectives*** will feature a panel discussion highlighting the unique viewpoints of:

**Wheeler Parker**, Emmett Till's cousin who was present during the incident, brings history to life by sharing his first-hand account of the "whistling" encounter and Emmett's kidnapping.

**Dr. Chris Crowe**, author and Brigham Young University professor, offers an historical perspective based on his extensive research of both this event and the Civil Rights Movement.

**Dale Killinger** (via recorded video), the FBI agent who reopened the case in 2004, shares the forensic evidence that he uncovered during his investigation.

**Dr. Tamara Butler**, Michigan State University Associate Professor of English, African American and African Studies program offers insight into why this event is relevant today by exploring parallel cases in the news.

**Moderator: Kristina Marshall, JD**, Professor of Social Sciences at Baker College of Owosso

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT THIS FREE COMMUNITY EVENT.**

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