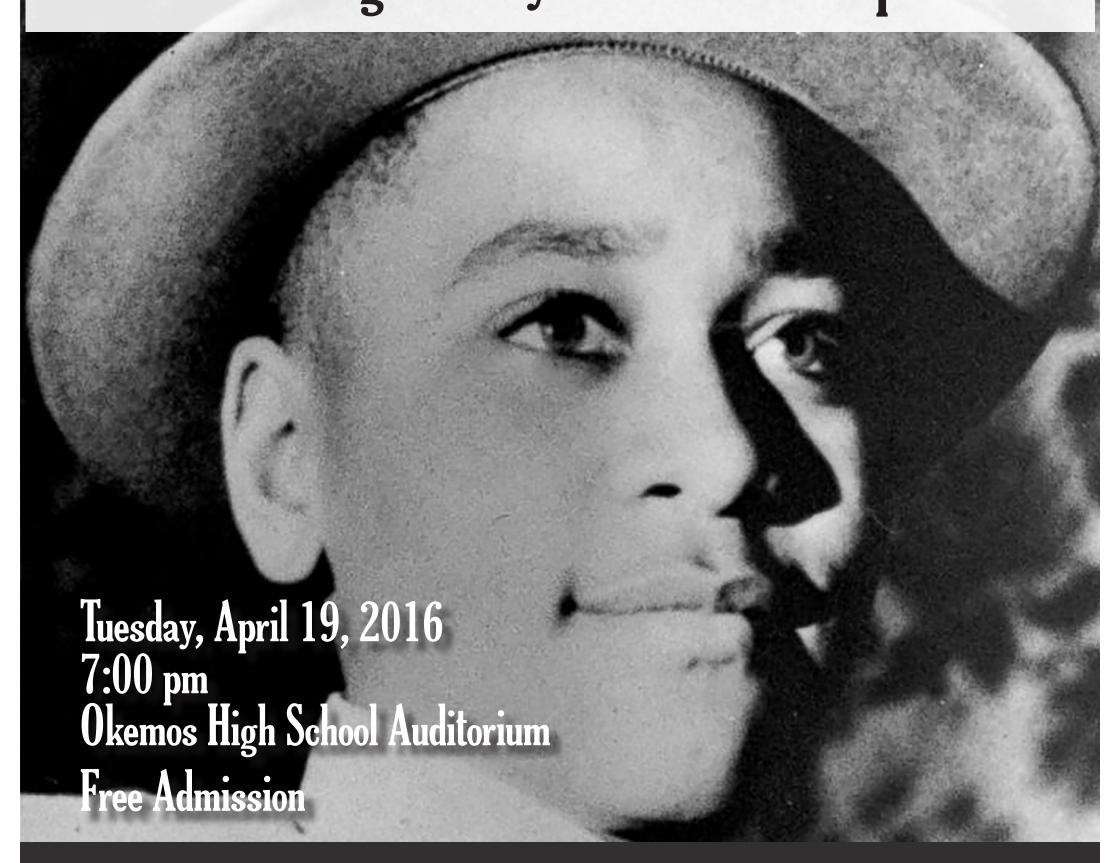
The Okemos Education Foundation is proud to host

THE LEGACY OF EMMETT TILL: Understanding History from Four Perspectives



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

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