Saturday
August 21

9:00 — 9:15 Welcome

9:15 — 10:45 Session V: Some New Populations
Moderators: Maida Owens, LA State Folklife Program & Dr. Shane Rasmussen
Guiyuan Wang, Baton Rouge Community
Irma Rodriguez, Forest Hill Community
Pinki Diwan, Baton Rouge Community
Dr. Chandan Sharma, Baton Rouge Community
Martha Walker, Natchitoches Community

10:45 — 11:00 Break

11:00 — 12:00 Informance
Guiyuan Wang, Xiaomei Seal, & Chinese Dancers
Sunshine, LA

12:00 — 1:00 Conclusion

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“Culture Change & Continuity in the Delta Region”
A scholarly conversation between researchers and members of the folk communities in the Mississippi River Delta Region
Thursday
August 19

9:00 — 9:30 Welcome
President Randall Webb & Provost Lisa Abney, NSU
Laura Gates, Cane River Creole National Historical Park
Dr. Shane Rasmussen, LA Folklife Center, NSU
Symposium Co-director

9:30 — 10:00 Defining the Delta
Dr. Pete Gregory, Williamson Museum, NSU
Symposium Co-director

10:00 — 11:30 Session I
American Indian Communities: Keeping On Keeping On
Moderators: Dr. Dayna Bowker Lee, Ethnohistorian &
Dr. Pete Gregory
John Darden, Sovereign Nation of the Chitimacha
Christine Norris, Jena Band of Choctaw
Cheryl Smith, Jena Band of Choctaw
Walter Celestine, Alabama-Coushhatta
Jean Luc Pierite, Tunica-Biloxi

11:30 — 11:45 Break

11:45 — 12:30 Informance: The Pierites — Tunica-Biloxi Singers
Saving Songs & Stories

12:30 — 2:00 Lunch on own

2:00 — 3:30 Session II
The Creole Community: Continuity & Renaissance
Moderators: Dr. Deborah Clifton, Lafayette Natural
History Museum & Sheila Richmond, Creole
Heritage & LA Folklife Centers
Tracey Colson, Cane River National Heritage Area
Goldman Thibodeaux, Mallett Community
Theresa Thibodeaux, Mallett Community
Sherman Cravins, Swords Community
Joe Citizen, Opelousas Community

3:30 — 4:00 Break

4:00 — 5:00 Informance: Goldman Thibodeaux, & Joe Citizen
Creole La La Music

Friday
August 20

9:00 — 9:15 Welcome

9:15 — 10:45 Session III
Blues Along the River — Natchez to Ninth Ward
Moderators: Dr. Joyce Jackson, LSU-Baton Rouge
& Dr. Pete Gregory
Hezekiah Early, Natchez, MS Community
Hardrick Rivers, Natchitoches Community
Curtis Desselles, NCPTT
Rolonda Teal, Ethnohistorian,
Converse Community

10:45 — 11:00 Break

11:00 — 12:00 Informance: Hezekiah Early & Robert Watson
Learning & Listening: The Blues

12:00 — 2:00 Lunch on own

2:00 — 3:30 Session IV
People from the Hills, Rivers, & Swamps
Moderator: Dr. Susan Roach, LA Tech &
Dr. Shane Rasmussen
Dr. Ray Brassieur, UL-Lafayette
Judith Bingham, Delta Music Museum, Ferriday, LA
Dale Bordelon, Deville Community
Marcy Frantom, Natchitoches Community
Dr. Pete Gregory

3:30 — 4:00 Break

4:00 — 5:00 Informance: Max Turner, Marcy Frantom, & Friends
Picking & Singing

7:00 A Common Pot
Film & A Creole Discussion