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Museum to Feature Talk on Louisiana's Violent Past

The Jeanerette Bicentennial Park and Museum will host a history talk, *Violent Louisiana: Chaos After the Civil War*, led by ULL Professor Michael Martin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 21 in the annex building of the Jeanerette Museum located at 500 E. Main St., Jeanerette.

The talk will discuss the period from the end of the Civil War until the early twentieth century. This was marked one of the most violent eras in Louisiana's history. Murder, mob violence, feuds, and sometimes pitched battles occurred in the countryside and small towns but also in the big city of New Orleans.

Martin who is the director of the Center of Louisiana Studies and associate professor in ULL's Department of History, leads courses at the university on Louisiana, Public History, the U. S. South, and Colonial and Revolutionary North America, and supervises graduate student research in those fields. He also serves as managing editor of the state's historical journal, *Louisiana History*.

Martin's research interests focus on twentieth-century Louisiana and southern history. His publications include *Russell Long: A Life in Politics*, a biography of former U.S. Senator Russell Long; an edited volume entitled *Louisiana Beyond Black and White: Recent Interpretations of Twentieth-Century Race and Race Relations* and a pictorial history of Lafayette, *Historic Lafayette*.

He is a native of Lafayette and earned both his B.A. (1994) and M.A. (1997) in history from the then-University of Southwestern Louisiana. Martin earned his Ph.D. in American History at the University of Arkansas and, for two years prior to returning to ULL, worked as a research associate at the Albert Gore, Sr. Research Center of Middle Tennessee State University. He has taught at ULL since 2003.

Learn about what happened in Louisiana and--more important--why it happened in this discussion of the darker side of our state's history. For information visit the museum online at www.jeanerettemuseum.com; email jeanerettemuseum@yahoo.com, visit the museum on Facebook or call the museum 337-276-4408 Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.