

# Spring 2020 McCarthy Symposium

## Vietnam 1970: Homefront and Battlefield (Cancelled due to COVID-19)



In the future, the Dale Center plans to host (to make up for the event cancelled in 2020) a McCarthy Symposium: "Vietnam 1970: Homefront and Battlefield," commemorating the Vietnam War events of 1970 and the Jackson State College shooting. The symposium, which is a twist on the annual McCarthy Lecture Series, will be held on the Gulf Park at a date to be determined and will feature panels of American and Vietnamese veterans of the Vietnam War, as well as Vietnam War scholars, and a keynote address on the Jackson State shooting.

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Date:** Spring 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

**Location:** Fleming Education Center, University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park Campus ([link to gulf park campus map \(pdf\)](#)).

**Featured Keynote Speakers:**



**James "Lap" Baker**, graduate of Jackson State University and survivor of the May 15, 1970, Jackson State shooting



**Lt. Col. Tran Ngoc "Harry" Hue**, former lieutenant colonel of the 1st Division of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam) and subject of Dr. Andrew Wiest's award-winning book, **[Vietnam's Forgotten Army: Heroism and Betrayal in the ARVN](#)**

### **Featured Panelists:**

- **Dr. Curtis Austin**, University of Oregon. Southern Miss alum and author of [Up Against the Wall: Violence in the Making and Unmaking of the Black Panther Party](#)
- **Dr. Amy Rutenberg**, Iowa State University, author of [Rough Draft: Cold War Military Manpower Policy and the Origins of Vietnam-Era Draft Resistance](#)
- **Dr. Maureen Ryan**, USM Distinguished Professor of English and author of [The Other Side of Grief: The Homefront and the Aftermath in American Narratives of the Vietnam War](#)
- **Dr. James H. Willbanks**, career US Army officer, retired professor at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, and author of numerous books including [Abandoning Vietnam: How America Left and South Vietnam Lost Its War](#)
- **Dr. William Allison**, Georgia Southern University, author of numerous books including [My Lai: An American Atrocity in the Vietnam War](#)
- **George "Jay" Veith**, author of numerous books on the Vietnam War, including [Black April: The Fall of South Vietnam, 1973-75](#)