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Museum to Feature Talk on Louisiana Scandals

The Jeanerette Bicentennial Park and Museum will host a history talk, *Louisiana Scandals*, led by ULL Professor Michael Martin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9 at the museum located at 500 E. Main St., Jeanerette.

Even after Huey Long's death, his political machine and cronies kept up the political tide high in Louisiana. It all came to a halt in 1939, however, when investigations into misuse of state funds uncovered nearly \$100 million missing. Prominent individuals, most notable Governor Richard Leche and LSU president James Monroe Smith, served prison time. How did it all happen, and what were the consequences? Find out by attending the program at the museum.

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.

For more information on the Louisiana Scandals history talk, 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. This event is suitable for teenagers and adults and is being held free of charge.