

# Beans + Rice: A Culinary and Cultural Odyssey

Presented by The Historic New Orleans Collection and the Ray Charles Program at Dillard University

## Reception

Friday, June 11, 2010

6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

The Historic New Orleans Collection  
533 Royal Street, French Quarter

## Forum

Saturday, June 12, 2010

Registration: 8:00 a.m.

Sessions: 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

The Historic New Orleans Collection's  
Williams Research Center  
410 Chartres Street, French Quarter

## Forum Schedule

### Session I

*Connections: Diffusion of Beans and Rice in the New World*

**Dr. Jessica Harris, Chair**

Ray Charles Chair, Dillard University

9–9:45 a.m.

#### **Out of Africa: Rice and Beans in Atlantic Foodways**

Dr. Judith Carney, Professor, Department of Geography, UCLA

9:45–10 a.m.

Break

10–11:15 a.m.

#### **Latin American Crossroads: The Rice and Bean Connection**

Dr. Maricel Presilla, Culinary Historian, Chef/Owner of Zafra, Cucharamama, and Ultramarinos, Hoboken, NJ

#### **The Haitian Connection: Red Beans and Rice**

Dr. Myron Beasley, Assistant Professor, African American/American Cultural Studies  
Bates College, Lewiston, ME

#### **Gandules: Puerto Rico's Love Affair with Gandules**

Dr. Patricia Wilson, Professor, College of Culinary Arts  
Johnson and Wales University's North Miami Campus

11:15–11:45 a.m.

#### **Hoppin' John: A Deconstruction and Homage**

John Martin "Hoppin' John" Taylor, culinary historian and purveyor of stone ground, whole grain, and heirloom corn products

11:45 a.m.–noon

Q+A

12–1:30 p.m.

Lunch on your own

## Session II

*Ingredients: What's in the Pot?*

**Kevin McCaffrey, Chair**

Executive Producer, e/Prime Media

1:30–2:30 p.m.

**Marketing Red Beans in New Orleans: Camellia Brand Products**

Connelly Hayward, Chief Business Development Officer, L. H. Hayword & Co.  
New Orleans

**Rice in Louisiana**

José Batre, Jazzmen Rice, New Orleans

**The *boucherie* Tradition: Sausage Making in Louisiana**

Donald Link, Chef/Owner, Link Restaurant Group, New Orleans

**We Like It Spicy**

Daphne Derven, Special Projects Manager, Emeril Lagasse Foundation, New Orleans

2:30–2:45 p.m.

Break

## Session III

*Consumption: Enjoying the Dish*

**Liz Williams, Chair**

President, Southern Food and Beverage Museum

2:45–3:45 p.m.

**Red Beans and Rice: A Brief History from Louis Armstrong to Katrina Comfort Food**

Dr. Karen Leathem, Historian, Louisiana State Museum, New Orleans

**A Lifetime of Beans and Rice**

Leah Chase, Chef, Dooky Chase's Restaurant, New Orleans

**Red Beans and Rice: A Culinary and Cultural Odyssey in New Orleans**

Susan Spicer, Chef/Owner, Bayona and Mondo restaurants, New Orleans

**3,000 Miles of Mondays: 2009 Red Beans Road Show**

Pableaux Johnson, Writer, New Orleans

3:45–4:15 p.m.

Concluding Remarks; final Q+A