

Dr. Scott Reynolds Nelson

The Death of John Henry and the Birth of Rock & Roll



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**Wednesday, November 18
at 6:00 pm**

**Parker Hannifin Hall, 2258 Euclid Avenue
Reception at 5:30 pm**

Dr. Scott Nelson Reynolds, Leslie and Naomi Legum Professor of History at The College of William & Mary, will deliver a lecture on November 18th at 6:00 p.m.

This event, entitled *The Death of John Henry and the Birth of Rock and Roll*, investigates the life and legend of John Henry as a way of exploring the tradition of work songs and their evolution into blues and rock and roll. Nelson is author of the award-winning *Steel Drivin' Man: John Henry, the Untold Story of an American Legend*.

The event is presented by the CSU Department of History and the Center for Public History & Digital Humanities as a component of the Teaching American History workshop, *Constructing Consuming and Conserving America*.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Students, teachers, and scholars from all levels and fields are invited to attend.

Scott Reynolds Nelson is the winner of the Arts Club of Washington's inaugural National Award for Arts Writing for *Steel Drivin' Man: John Henry, The Untold Story of an American Legend* (Oxford University Press). *Steel Drivin' Man* has also received a 2007 Merle Curti Prize from the Organization of American Historians and the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award for Nonfiction, an award that recognizes books on race and culture.

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