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### ***“Clinton High School and the Immortal Twelve”*** **A Brown Bag Lecture with Jerry Shattuck**

**PROGRAM:** *Clinton High School and the Immortal Twelve*, a Brown Bag Lecture by Jerry Shattuck

**DATE:** Noon, Wednesday, March 1, 2017

**LOCATION:** East Tennessee History Center  
601 South Gay Street  
Knoxville, TN 37902

**ADMISSION:** FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a “brown bag” lunch

(Knoxville, TN) In 1956, twelve courageous young students made history when they walked into Clinton High School, making it the first state-supported public high school in the Southeast to desegregate. The community’s initially constructive approach was marred by the violence and strife incited by outside agitators, a storm quelled only by the calling of the National Guard. In a Brown Bag Lecture on Wednesday, March 1, Jerry Shattuck, then president of the Clinton High School student council and captain of the football team, will discuss the inspiring story of how the black and white communities and religious leaders came together to foster a successful transition, a story commemorated today at the Green McAdoo Cultural Center and Museum.



The program is sponsored by the Harriet Z. Albers Memorial and is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a “Brown Bag” lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at [www.EastTNHistory.org](http://www.EastTNHistory.org).

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