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“Carolina in Crisis: Cherokees, Colonists, and Slaves in the American Southeast, 1756-1763”

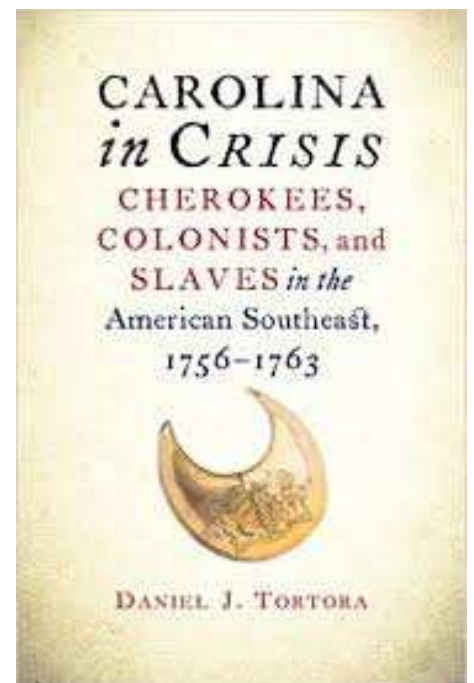
A Sunday Lecture with Award Winning Historian Daniel Tortora

PROGRAM: *Carolina in Crisis: Cherokees, Colonists, & Slaves in the American Southeast, 1756-1763*,
Sunday Lecture with Dr. Daniel Tortora

DATE: Sunday, August 7, 2016, at 2:30 p.m.

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 a special Sunday Lecture on August 7, Dr. Daniel J. Tortora will discuss his book *Carolina in Crisis: Cherokees, Colonists, and Slaves in the American Southeast, 1756-1763*.

Tortora’s innovative research explores how the Anglo-Cherokee War reshaped the political and cultural landscape of the colonial South. The book chronicles the series of clashes that erupted from 1758 to 1761 between Cherokees, settlers, and British troops, which would have included the Tennessee country that was then a part of the North Carolina colony. The conflict, no insignificant sideshow to the French and Indian War, eventually led to the regeneration of a British-Cherokee alliance. Tortora will discuss how the war destabilized the South Carolina colony and threatened the white coastal elite, arguing that the political and military success of the Cherokees led colonists to a greater fear of slave resistance and revolt and ultimately nurtured South Carolinians' rising interest in the movement for independence.

Daniel J. Tortora is an assistant professor of History at Colby College in Waterville, Maine and holds a Ph.D. from Duke University. He is the author of *Fort Halifax: Winslow's Historic Outpost* and *Carolina in Crisis*, which was awarded the 2015 George C. Rogers Jr. Award from the South Carolina Historical Society for the best book on South Carolina history.

The program is sponsored by the Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC and is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at 2:30 p.m. at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.