



“I learned the wisdom of my father’s rule that you can learn a lesson from every person you meet in life ... [T]here is a timeless quality to the stories — their humor, their pathos — the moment they are recorded, photographed or filmed. I also learned that moments captured through media are never fully heard or seen until later, when the photograph is developed, the tape played back, the film viewed. Each time I hear these recordings, look at the photographs or watch the films, I notice new details that remind me that these worlds of storytelling and music are richly textured and never stop speaking to me.”

— William “Bill” Ferris ‘60

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William Ferris is Joel R. Williamson Eminent Professor of History and senior associate director of the Center for the Study of the American South, Emeritus, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A former chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Ferris is author of “Give My Poor Heart Ease: Voices of the Mississippi Blues,” among other books, and is the co-editor of the award-winning “Encyclopedia of Southern Culture.” In 2019 he won two Grammy awards for “Voices of the Mississippi,” a box set. Awarded the “2022 Pathfinder” at the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum’s annual “Champions of Justice” ceremony, Ferris and his work are a true reflection of an artist communicating with compassion and courage. Brooks School is delighted to exhibit his gifts to the Robert Lehman Art Center with an interactive exhibition in honor of Black History Month.

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