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Shirley Sherrod Speaks at Small Farmers Conference Banquet

Shirley Sherrod, a former United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) employee, will be the keynote speaker at the Small Farmers Conference Celebration Banquet tonight at 7:00 p.m., Hattiesburg Convention Center, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Sherrod, who was forced to resign from her position after a conservation blogger posted video excerpts on his website of an address she gave at a National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) event.

Sherrod was born in Baker County, Georgia. She is a graduate of Albany State College where she studied sociology while also working for civil rights with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Council (SNCC). She earned a master's degree in community development from Antioch University.

For additional information, contact Myra Bryant, conference co-chair at 601-354-2750 or the Alcorn State University Extension Program (ASUEP) at 877-427-9536.

The conference is being sponsored by ASUEP in partnership with the Mississippi Association of Cooperatives (MAC).

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