

**Poydras Home and Benevolence:
Religion, Politics, and Class in New Orleans
1817-1833**

You are invited to an evening presentation discussing the early years of Poydras Home and how the benevolent society of women faced a major challenge addressing the needs of both orphaned girls and their community.

Thursday May 6, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Admission is free and open to the public!

Poydras Home
5354 Magazine St., New Orleans, LA 70115
(Enter at 825 Jefferson Ave.)

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Our presenter for the evening is Mark Duvall who was born in St. Louis, Missouri. Mark attended St. Louis University High School and received his B.A. from Loyola University in New Orleans in 2006.

Mark also attended the University of New Orleans graduate school 2007-2009, and was a graduate assistant at UNO 2008-2009, receiving his M.A. in History in 2009.

In March 2009, Mark delivered a presentation at the Annual Louisiana Historical Association Meeting titled,

“Emergency of the Southern Belle: New Orleans Poydras Home Re-defines Gender Roles in Antebellum New Orleans”

Mark taught at the Red Cloud Indian School on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in 2006-2007 as part of AmeriCorps and is currently teaching middle school History at Country Day School in St. Louis.

Through his presentation Mark will address the significance of how the early years of Poydras Home played an important role for the very children and families who lived within the walls and how they benefited from the services.

Mr. Duvall hopes his presentation will enlighten your mind about the long history and relationship Poydras Home has with the city of New Orleans.

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Please R.S.V.P. 504.897.0535 by May 3, 2010