

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Savannah Voted #8 Best U.S. City

New York – Condé Nast Traveler has announced that its readers have voted Savannah as the #8 best city to visit in the United States. Over 32,000 Condé Nast Traveler readers participated in the 2008 Readers' Choice Survey, and the complete award results will appear in the November issue (on newsstands Oct. 21) and on

the magazine's website at cntraveler.com.

"These awards celebrate the destinations, lodgings, and modes of transportation that manage to exceed our expectations," said Condé Nast Traveler Editor in Chief Klara Glowczewska. "The Readers' Choice Awards, with over 32,000 readers vot-

ing, are a credit to the world's expertise of Condé Nast Traveler readers—passionate travelers for whom no island is too remote, no city too challenging, and no hotel too untested."

The full list of winners is on [cntraveler.com](http://www.concierge.com/cntraveler/articles/500074) at: <http://www.concierge.com/cntraveler/articles/500074>

Author Examines Mid-nineteenth Century Savannah

Saving Savannah: The City and the Civil War by Jacqueline Jones, is an examination of a society trying to redefine itself in the face of sweeping change. An exploration of the power structure of pre-Civil War society sets the stage for her examination of the struggle for power and relevance by the former elite following the war, and also the struggle for self-determination by African Americans in the wake of emancipation and Sherman's Field Orders No. 15.



Jacqueline Jones

Monumental United Methodist Church on Calhoun Square in downtown Savannah at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 23,

2008. Free and open to the public. A book signing will follow the lecture.

Jacqueline Jones won the Bancroft Prize from Columbia University as well as the Brown Publication Prize of The Association Of Black Women Historians for her earlier work, *Labor of Love, Labor of Sorrow: Black Women, Work, and the Family from Slavery to the Present*. In her latest book, Jones has compiled the experiences of many members of Savannah society to create a unique look at the different communities of the city during the tumultuous years of the mid-nineteenth century.

The Georgia Historical Society will present this lecture at the Wesley

Metro Police Welcomes 14 New officers, a Lieutenant, and Four New Sergeants

Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Chief Michael Berkow added 14 new officers to the department, as graduates were pinned at a ceremony at The Savannah Civic Center Ballroom. He also announced the promotion of four Sergeants, and appointment of one Lieutenant to his command staff.

Lieutenant Mike Wilson, who most recently served in the Public Affairs Office, was officially pinned. Mike Wilson is now a supervisor in the Downtown precinct. The experience and leadership capability of Lt. Mike Wilson is a great addition to the Downtown precinct that we can all be proud of.

The four individuals selected as new Sergeants will no doubt, tremendously benefit our department as these new supervisors bring with them a positive attitude and leadership capability that reflects the quality requirements of our department. They are Sgt. Karen Ryan, Sgt. David James, Sgt. Mark Galipeau, and Sgt. George Gundich.

"I expect the addition of our 14 new Officers, four new Sergeants and one new Lieutenant to make a significant impact on the streets,"

Lieutenant Mike Wilson (r) is now a supervisor in the Downtown precinct

said Chief Berkow. "The new officers will be walking the beats around the clock for the next month in targeted high-crime areas, and I have set ambitious goals for crime reduction during that time."



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Kings Bay Area Chapter of Blacks in Government to Host "Meet and Greet" in Brunswick

The Kings Bay Area Chapter of Blacks in Government (BIG) will host a Chapter "Meet and Greet" in Brunswick on Saturday, November 08, 2008, beginning at 1 p.m. The "Meet and Greet" will be held in the board room of the YWCA of Brunswick, 144 Scranton Connector, and it is free and open to the public. Attendees will meet Chapter representatives, learn more about BIG, it's goals, purposes, and programs. Former members will have an opportunity to get reacquainted with BIG and the Chapter. Membership applications will be available. Annual membership dues are: Regular - \$35, Associate - \$25, and Chapter dues - \$15.

Life membership is \$300.

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