The session will begin with a general introduction to Digital Humanities and group discussion*. The featured speaker will be Professor Ken Middleton, the Digital Initiatives Librarian at MTSU’s Walker Library. He will present on how Story Maps offers historians a straightforward approach to combining mapping with historical narratives. This includes a few samples of Story Maps projects, its advantages and a demo of the basic steps of creating a Story Map. He will also recommend various tools for finding locations of properties, and show a draft of a guide to historical GIS resources. A discussion will follow.

*To help prepare for the group discussion, review the following articles and websites:

Gordon, Colin
2. Mapping Decline: St. Louis and the Fate of the American City, which is available as an ebook in Walker Library's catalog: http://161.45.205.32/vufind/Record/.b29201640
3. A companion website with interactive views of maps from the book: http://mappingdecline.lib.uiowa.edu/map/

Sarah Shoenfeld and Mara Cherkasky
2. Article about a public history firm’s development of this Story Map: http://jmt.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/?appid=061d0da22587475fb969483653179091

Additional examples of historical Story Maps: