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HISTORY OF THE NORTH AMERICAN FUNERAL HOME: The Story of How the Funeral Homes Became a Community Icon.

Dr. Joel Getts will be the guest speaker at the **MOUND SCIENCE AND ENERGY MUSEUM'S** Lecture Series. The event will take place on Wednesday May 25, 2016, starting at 7:00 PM. The Museum is located at 1075 Mound Rd., Miamisburg, Ohio, and is free and open to the general public.

The history of the funeral home in the U.S.A. is one of both evolution and innovation. It finds its real primary roots in the mid-western part of the nation. Dr. Getts will examine the mid-western development of funeral homes because this is the geographical area where the most dynamic changes occurred in the most concentrated frame of funeral service and practice in the course of our nation's history. There have been decades when traditions of the North American funeralization process remained unchanged, but the owners and operators of the local funeral establishments were always continually examining new possibilities and ways to better serve their clientele and to market their services and merchandise to their clientele.

Author, educator and researcher, Joel Getts has been involved in education and Christian ministry for most of his life. After spending nearly two decades owning and operating two funeral homes in southwest Ohio as a licensed funeral director and embalmer, he continued his education in pastoral ministry. He is a graduate of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, the Church Leadership Academy of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Colorado Springs, Colorado, earned a B.A. in History from Concordia College, and a M.A. in Philosophy and Apologetics from Trinity Theological Seminary. He earned his Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from the St. Luke School of Biblical Studies. He has authored and contributed to several books on theology and history. He has been an adjunct instructor at the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science since 2009 and a continuing education seminar presenter for the Central Institute for Educational Advancement in Dayton, Ohio since 2001. He currently serves as the pastor at Trinity Church of Miamisburg, Ohio. He and his wife Jeri, reside in Miamisburg.

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