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Quick Facts

- The exhibit will be on display until March 29.
- Alison Boulton will give a lecture Tuesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. at Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections. It is a free cultural event.



Alison Boulton

ROCK HILL, S.C. — Back by popular demand, take a trip to the 1800s with “**A-Dressing Jehossee: Everyday Clothing of an Antebellum Island Plantation**,” the fascinating clothing exhibit from Winthrop University graduate student and alumna **Alison Boulton '11**.

The exhibit, with a few new pieces, will once again be on display in the **Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections**, located at 700 Cherry Road, until March 29. Boulton will give a lecture on her exhibit Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. It is a free cultural event, and seating is limited to approximately 50 people.

Boulton’s fascination with clothing began when she was a young child traveling with her mother to historic sites in Eastern North Carolina. For her undergraduate history project, Boulton decided to create replicas of clothing worn at Jehossee, the plantation home of **former S.C. Gov. William Aiken Jr.** that was located on Jehossee Island, just south of Charleston.

Through extensive research, Boulton made each item by hand, each depicting common clothing associated with the female residents of Jehossee in 1850. The clothing includes items worn by personal servants and members of the Aiken family.

Archives’ hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Contact Archives with any questions at 803/323-2334 or by e-mail at archives@winthrop.edu.

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