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## **Heritage Center Highlights African-American Business Owners of Oberlin**

Amanda Manahan presents stories of Oberlin's African-American business owners, highlighting their accomplishments, struggles and the legacies they left behind. Her illustrated program focuses on the long remarkable history and diversity of businesses of the past, including Carter Nursing Home, Gayters' Skating Rink, Gigi's Barber Shop, Mason's Tea Room, Parker's Grocery and Pettiford Bakery. Attendees also will have the opportunity to share recollections and help the Heritage Center preserve more of the history of African-American businesses in Oberlin.

The presentation takes place on Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 p.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Oberlin's House of Zion Fellowship Center (81 Locust Street), and it is free and open to the public.

Manahan is the Museum Education and Tour Coordinator for the Oberlin Heritage Center. She joined OHC in 2015, coming from the Hanford Mills Museum in East Meredith, NY, where she had served as the Collections and Interpretation Coordinator. A native of Indiana, she has a BA in Anthropology from Heidelberg University (Tiffin, OH) and a MA in History Museum Studies from The Cooperstown Graduate Program at SUNY/Oneonta. Amanda's experience in developing tours and programming for all ages has been an asset to the Heritage Center in reaching out to new audiences and expanding its interpretive focus to include more 20<sup>th</sup> century stories.

For more information about this upcoming program or about other events on the Oberlin Heritage Center 2018 calendar, visit [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org) or call (440) 774-1700.

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