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Sharon Bryant honored with Heritage Visionary Leadership Award

NEW BERN--- Sharon C. Bryant, African-American Coordinator at Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens was honored on February 23 at the American Civil War Conference held in the Cameron Art Museum in Wilmington, NC. Ms. Bryant received a Heritage Visionary Leadership award, which recognizes individuals who are outstanding leaders in the field of African American culture and history.

Kay Williams, director of Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens said, "This award recognizing Sharon's work is well deserved." Mitch Bowman, executive director, Civil War Trails and William B. Gould IV, professor of law at Berkeley and Emeritus at Stanford University were also recipients of the Heritage Visionary Leadership award.

The American Civil War Conference featured presentations and exhibits from national and regional historians, storytellers, civil war scholars, the Forks Road Re-enactment, troop

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encampment, and living history cultural interpreters revolving around the participatory role of African Americans in the Civil War. ###



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