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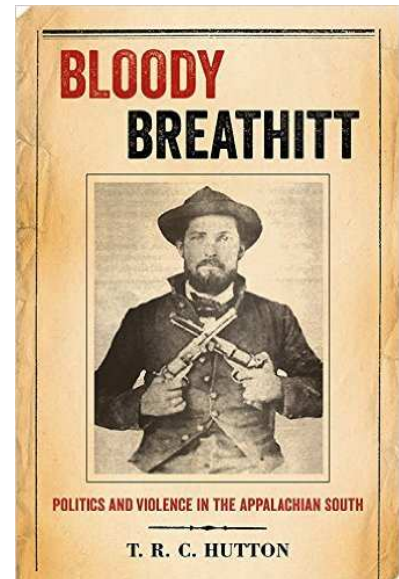
***Bloody Breathitt: Politics and Violence in the Appalachian South***  
**Brown Bag Lecture by Dr. T. R. C. Hutton**

**PROGRAM:** *Bloody Breathitt: Politics and Violence in the Appalachian South*, a Brown Bag Lecture by Dr. T. R. C. Hutton

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** East Tennessee History Center  
601 South Gay Street  
Knoxville, TN 37902

**ADMISSION:** FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a “brown bag” lunch



(Knoxville, TN) Following the Civil War, the rugged upcountry of Breathitt County, Kentucky, developed the reputation as “the darkest and bloodiest of all the dark and bloody feud counties.” In a Brown Bag Lecture on February 10, Dr. T. R. C. Hutton will discuss his book *Bloody Breathitt: Politics and Violence in the Appalachian South* and argue that “feud” became a loaded term that was sometimes used to disguise the more complex nature of the violence. Hutton’s careful investigation links specific incidents to national and regional events and finds that the violence often reflected distinct political intentions. His award-winning book will be available for purchase and signing following the lecture.

Hutton received his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in 2009 and teaches American History at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, specializing in the American South and Appalachia. His articles have appeared in *Reconstructing Appalachia: The Civil War’s Aftermath* and *Blood in the Hills: A History of Violence in Appalachia*. His first book, *Bloody Breathitt*, has received numerous awards, including the 2013 Appalachian Studies Association’s Weatherford Award for nonfiction, the 2014 Appalachian Writers Association Book of the Year for Non-fiction, and a Kentucky History Award from the Kentucky Historical Society.

The lecture is sponsored by the Harriet Z. Albers Memorial and is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a “Brown Bag” lunch and enjoy the lecture. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at [www.EastTNHistory.org](http://www.EastTNHistory.org).

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