

CCHA Program Voices of North Carolina The Legacy of Tar Heel Talk

**Sunday, October 7, 2018
2:00 – 3:30 pm
Historic Courthouse
Pittsboro
Free and open to the public.**

One of the under-recognized traditions of the Tar Heel State is its linguistic heritage, from the historically isolated Outer Banks dialects of Ocracoke and Harkers Islands to the mountain dialects and Cherokee language of the Smoky Mountains. On Sunday, October 7 at 2:00pm, in the Historic Chatham County Courthouse in Pittsboro, Dr. Walt Wolfram will profile the regional and ethnic traditions of language and dialects through a series of video and audio vignettes that have come from more than two decades of extensive research, documentary production, and preservation activities. No state has a richer tradition of language variation than North Cackalacky. Join us to celebrate the voices of North Carolina as an integral part of North Carolina's historical and cultural legacy.

Walt Wolfram is William C. Friday Distinguished University Professor at North Carolina State University, where he also directs the Language and Life Project. He has pioneered research on social and ethnic dialects since the 1960s and published more than 20 books and over 300 articles. Over the last two decades, he and his students have conducted more than 3,500 sociolinguistic interviews with residents of North Carolina extending from Murphy to Manteo. He has received numerous awards, including the North Carolina Award--the highest award given to a citizen of North Carolina.



The Chatham County Historical Association program is free and the public is welcome! Join us to learn more about another aspect of North Carolina's rich and varied history. Questions: history@chathamhistory.org