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In an increasingly diverse world, we are more and more likely to interact with other cultures in our daily lives. An educator dedicated to that task is Rowena McClintock, a professor in the department of historical studies at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

McClintock was born in Jackson, Miss., and received her bachelor’s degree in education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, her master’s from Western Carolina University and her doctoral degree from the University of Kentucky.

McClintock grew up in Mississippi under Jim Crow and vividly remembers signs for "whites only" facilities. McClintock’s father, a steelworker, was one of the few black people in the mill who did not have to live in the "Negro section" of town. McClintock’s family did not have access to the white section except to go to the movies, which was about a mile away and required a bus ride.

"It is easy for myself and my generation to forget the hostility and tension in relationships that existed in the South during the Jim Crow era," she said.

"These early experiences – along with my academic training – often allow me to participate in this project selectively, which can make me more empathetic toward the lives and death for individuals involved in crashes."

"Because the first hour following a traffic accident is the most critical, the Yellow Dot program provides essential personal information to emergency responders in order to quickly identify a crash victim and the medical information that could be a lifesaver."

"When a crash occurs, emergency medical first responders such as police officers, firefighters, paramedics and emergency medical technicians are immediately dispatched to the scene. These responders usually have basic information such as the location of the crash and number of people. Frequently minimal information is available during the early stages of emergency medical response.

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"The overall trend of job growth and falling unemployment in our state against the national headwinds of an uneven recovery is progress that we should be proud of," said Illinois Economic Security Foundation president Michael J. Smith. "The newly elected congressmen will begin representing their new constituents in November and there is a need to prepare students to understand their own historical record so that one may have access to those records before they are closed to the public."

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