

SU prof wins Tubman award

SALISBURY — When Harriet Tubman led escaped slaves to freedom via the Underground Railroad, her brave acts helped pave the way for African-Americans in the United States for generations to come.

Community leaders like Clara Small, professor of history at Salisbury University, are ensuring those deeds are not forgotten.

For her efforts in preserving Tubman's memory, Small is the African American Tourism Council of Maryland's 2011 Harriet Ross Tubman Lifetime Achievement Award honoree.

"I cannot think of any individual more deserving of this award than Dr. Clara Small," said SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach. "Her efforts to preserve and promote African-American history, including Harriet Tubman, are well-known throughout the state."

Small also will be recognized during the Maryland General Assembly next Thursday during the 11th annual Harriet Ross Tubman Day of Remembrance, com-



Salisbury University President Janet Dudley-Eshbach and African-American Tourism Council of Maryland President Lou Fields present SU professor Clara Small with the Harriet Ross Tubman Lifetime Achievement Award.

memorating the 98th anniversary of Tubman's death in 1913.

The history professor is currently working with the National and Maryland park services to help establish the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park near the site of Tubman's birthplace in Dorchester County. Recently, she shared her admiration for Tubman as a sculpture dedicated to the anti-slavery pioneer was dedicated on

SU's campus.

Small is the author of an article in the book "A History of African Americans on Maryland's and Delaware's Eastern Shore." She also wrote two books: "A Reality Check: Brief Biographies of African Americans on Delmarva" and, with the Rev. David Briddell, "Men of Color, to Arms! Manumitted Slaves and Free Blacks From the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland Who Served in the Civil War."