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The Birth of the American Research University with author Michael T. Benson

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (August 20, 2024) – The Louisville Free Public Library, in partnership with the Filson Historical Society, welcomes former ECU and current Coastal Carolina University president Michael T. Benson to the Main Library for a discussion of his book *Daniel Coit Gilman and the Birth of the American Research University*.

Gilman may not be a household name, but under his leadership as the first president of Johns Hopkins University in 1876, many of the university elements that he instituted—graduate fellowships, an emphasis on primary investigations and discovery, funding for laboratory and research spaces, scholarly journals, etc.—are now the standard. Gilman’s trailblazing efforts also influenced the work of nationally-renowned 20th century medical education reformer, Louisvillian Abraham Flexner, as well as Transylvania University graduate Dr. Hugh Toland, who founded the medical school that is now UC San Francisco.

Join Michael T. Benson next Tuesday, August 27 (6:30 p.m.), at the Main Library, 301 York Street. The event is free, but registration is requested: www.LFPL.org/Authors or (502) 574-1644.