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Dr. Eric Hall, Assistant Professor of History at Georgia Southern University, will appear on C-SPAN3 Sunday, August 23 at 7 p.m. The nationally broadcasted TV channel’s American History TV series will air on tape delay Dr. Hall’s Banner Lecture at the Virginia Historical Society entitled “A Native Son Comes Home: the Life and Legacy of Arthur Ashe”.

The lecture will explore Ashe’s early life in Virginia as well as his legacy as a public intellectual. Ashe was deeply committed to human and civil rights causes and fought against racism and injustice.

On the tennis court Ashe was a World No. 1 professional tennis player and won three grand slam titles while becoming the first African-American to win singles titles at Wimbledon, the US Open, or the Australian Open and was the first African-American player selected to the United States’ Davis Cup team.

Dr. Hall is the author of “Arthur Ashe: Tennis and Justice in the Civil Rights Era” and is an assistant professor in the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences’ departments of History and Africana Studies.

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