

## **Fifth Annual Conference on Washington, D.C. Historical Studies**

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

#### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library**

9:45 a.m.  
10:00-  
12 noon

Conference Opening

**Women in Washington**

Moderator: Keith E. Melder, Washington, D.C.

“Survival in the Nation’s Capital: Black Women and their Quality of Life, 1890-1920” — Sharon Harley, University of the District of Columbia

“ ‘All Qualified Persons;’ Women Physicians in the District of Columbia, 1870-1900” — Gloria M. Moldow, University of Maryland

Comment: Hasia Diner, Goucher College

“**Washington Black Writers in the 1920s**” — Ronald M. Johnson,

Georgetown University

Moderator: Michael R. Winston, Moorland-Spangarn Research Center, Howard University

Comment: David L. Lewis, University of the District of Columbia

**Directions in Washington Historiography and Research in Progress**

Convenors: Steven A. Diner, University of the District of Columbia

Perry G. Fisher, Columbia Historical Society

Howard F. Gillette, George Washington University

3:30-  
5:00 p.m.

### **FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 3**

#### **Columbia Historical Society**

8:00 p.m.

“**Africa, White Churches and the Evolution of the Slave Family**”

John W. Blassingame, Professor of History, Yale University

This is the second Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Lecture. It will be given in the Christian Heurich Mansion at 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Light refreshments will be served beginning at 7:30.

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

#### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library**

9:15-  
10:45 a.m.

**Death and Life of Washington Neighborhoods**

Moderator: Paul A. Groves, University of Maryland

“Mt. Pleasant” — Perry G. Fisher, Columbia Historical Society

“Bloomington-Edgewood-Eckington” — Videotape presented by Robert Lange, Federal Home Loan Bank Board

**Washington Folklore**

Moderator: John Y. Cole, Library of Congress

“Washington Folk Songs” — Joseph C. Hickerson, Library of Congress

“Washington Lore” — Steve Zeitlin and Jack Santino, Smithsonian Institution

“Children’s Singing Games” — Jean Alexander, Brightwood Elementary School

Comment: Bernard M. Mergen, George Washington University

11:15 a.m.-  
1:00 p.m.

This series of annual conferences focuses on local urban, not federal history. Sessions are open to all interested persons. There is no registration fee, and no preregistration is required. Public parking is available at the library in an underground garage.

On March 6, 1894, a meeting of twenty-nine prominent historians, scientists, journalists, and academics was held in the office of President James Welling of Columbian (now George Washington) University "to exchange views as to the best means of gathering and preserving the history of the Nation's Capital." This colloquy resulted in the immediate organization of the Columbia Historical Society of Washington, D.C., and the twenty-nine assembled scholars comprised the charter membership.

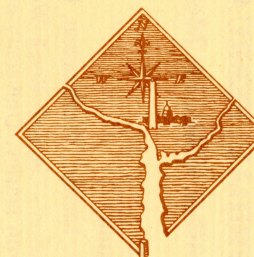
In the subsequent efforts to preserve and record the history of the District of Columbia and vicinity there has continued to be a close working relationship between the Columbia Historical Society and the George Washington University. Members of the two institutions have joined forces in movements to research and safeguard Washington landmarks, to mark local historic sites, and to present exhibitions to promote public awareness of various aspects of the history and development of the national capital region. The Society and the University have assembled independent but complementary collections of specialized materials for the study of local history. George Washington University professors have been frequent contributors to the RECORDS OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, an internationally-distributed series for local historical scholarship published by the Society since 1897.

Cooperation between the Columbia Historical Society and the George Washington University entered a new phase with the joint sponsorship of the First Annual Conference on Washington, D.C. Historical Studies in January 1973. In December 1974 the University inaugurated a new series for the publication of the local history research of its faculty and students with the appearance of the first of the *GW Washington Studies* monographs. To date there are six contributions to the series.

Membership in the Columbia Historical Society is open to all persons interested in the history of Washington, D.C. and its people. Annual dues entitle members to all publications, meetings, special activities, and use of the collections of the Society.

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