

On March 6, 1894, a meeting of 29 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 29 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 protect Washington landmarks, mark local sites of historic significance, and 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 local history research by its faculty and students with the appearance of the first of the *GW Washington Studies* monographs. To date there are 10 contributions to the series. In March 1980 the University established a multidisciplinary Center for Washington Area Studies. The Center will systematically increase research and teaching on local subject matter throughout the University.

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.

Oral History in the Mid-Atlantic Region (OHMAR) is a regional organization whose purpose is to share information about the techniques and applications of oral history, to promote standards of quality among practitioners, and to assist those interested in learning about the subject. Membership is open to public and academic historians, librarians, archivists, teachers, folklorists, independent researchers, and others sharing a mutual interest in oral history. This is OHMAR's eighth annual oral history conference.

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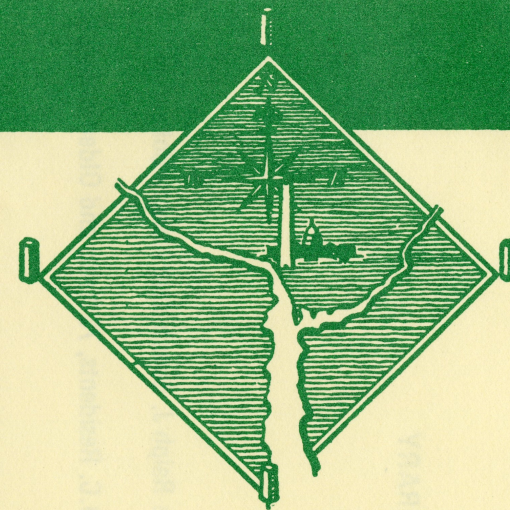
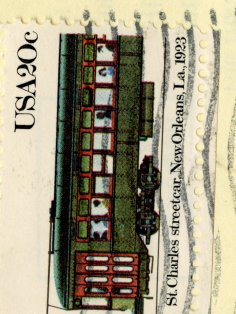
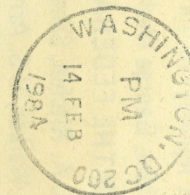
Olivia Cadaval, Roxanna Deane, Mary Jo Deering, Amelia Fry, James K. Flack, Jr., John Fonder-Smith, Marcia Greenlee, Paul Groves, Elizabeth Miller, Alfred Moss, Jr., Kathryn Smith; Perry Gerard Fisher and Howard Gillette, Jr., co-chairmen.

This series of annual conferences focuses on local urban, not federal, history. Sessions are open to all interested persons. There is no preregistration required and there are no registration fees for any of the sessions.

The Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Library is located at 901 G Street, N.W., at the Gallery Place station on the Metro Red Line. The Columbia Historical Society is at 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., one-half block from the Dupont Circle station on the Metro Red Line. For further information, please call the Columbia Historical Society at 785-2068 or the George Washington University Division of Experimental Programs at 676-7565.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., MEMORIAL LIBRARY

- 9:00 a.m. Registration  
9:30 a.m. CONFERENCE OPENING – Hardy R. Franklin, D.C. Public Library  
Perry G. Fisher, Columbia Historical Society
- 9:45 a.m. - LIFE IN SEGREGATED WASHINGTON  
11:15 a.m. Moderator and Commentator: Thomas C. Battle, Howard University  
"Segregation in Washington, D.C. as Represented in Selected Memoirs of the Ralph J. Bunch Oral History Collection" –  
Elinor DesVerney Sinnette, Howard University  
"Observations on Segregation, Oppression, and Liberation by Washington, D.C. Residents, 75 Years and Older" – Iris Kern,  
University of the District of Columbia
- 11:30 a.m. - THE DEVELOPMENT OF POST-CIVIL WAR WASHINGTON  
1:00 p.m. Moderator: Howard Gillette, Jr., George Washington University  
(concurrent (concurrent sessions) sessions)  
"The Evolution of Washington's Suburbs, 1870-1920" – Anneli M. Levy  
"The Role of Street Railways in the Development of 19th Century Washington" – Richard M. Levy, Cornell University  
Comment: Dana White, George Washington University
- ORAL HISTORY IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT: THEME AND VARIATIONS  
Moderator: Donald. A. Ritchie, Senate Historical Office  
Panelists: Paul K. Walker, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Pamela Henson, Smithsonian Institution  
Marie B. Allen, White House Office of Presidential Libraries  
John Vernon, National Archives
- 2:00 p.m. - WASHINGTON BUSINESS HISTORY  
3:15 p.m. Moderator: Thomas V. DiBacco, American University  
(concurrent sessions) "Appliances of an Advanced Civilization: The Metal Trades in Early Washington City" – Elizabeth J. Miller, Columbia  
Historical Society  
"Positioned for Survival: Small Business in Washington, 1900-1980" – Richard Voelkel, Strayer College  
Comment: William Becker, George Washington University
- ORAL HISTORY AND THE DOCUMENTATION OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS  
Moderator: James D. Walker, Fellow, National Geneological Society  
Panelists: Eleanor D. Shelton, Archdiocese of Washington  
James A. Smith
- 3:30 p.m. - WORKING WOMEN IN WASHINGTON: SELECTED ORAL HISTORY STUDIES  
5:00 p.m. Moderator: Patricia A. Cooper, Drexel University  
(concurrent sessions) "The Transition from 'Servant' to 'Day Worker' in Washington, D.C." – Elizabeth Clark-Lewis, Northern Virginia Community  
College  
"Abriendo Camino: The Latino Immigrant Woman in Washington" – Barbara Zulli D'Emilio
- MICROCOMPUTERS AND ORAL HISTORY  
Moderator: Frederick J. Stielow, University of Maryland, College Park  
"Microcomputers and Manual Systems for Oral History Collections" – Frederick J. Stielow  
"The Use of Data Base Management Systems for Oral History Collections" – Roy Rosenzweig, George Mason University  
"The Use of Word Processing Systems for Transcriptions" – Deborah Reid, Techni-type Transcriptions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., MEMORIAL LIBRARY

- 9:15 a.m. - Welcome – Mary Jo Deering, Oral History in the Mid-Atlantic Region  
10:00 a.m. Address: "Capturing, Sharing and Teaching Community History Through Oral History," – Linda Shopes, University of  
Maryland, Baltimore County
- 10:00 a.m. - CHILDHOOD MEMORIES OF WASHINGTON  
11:15 a.m. Moderator and Commentator: Bernard Mergen, George Washington University  
Panelists: Tom Lane, Capital Children's Museum  
Louise Sindler, Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington
- 11:30 a.m. - WASHINGTON MILITARY HISTORY  
1:00 p.m. Moderator: Sara Dunlap Jackson, National Historical Publications & Records Commission  
(concurrent sessions) "The Organization of the District of Columbia Volunteer Militia in 1861" – Albert W. Haarmann  
"The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Anacostia River" – Martin K. Gordon, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Commentator: Kim Holien, U.S. Army Center of Military History
- THE LATINO COMMUNITY IN WASHINGTON  
Moderator: Leslie Rankin Hill, University of the District of Columbia  
Panelists: Lisa Wheaton, Latin American Youth Center  
Olivia Cadaval, George Washington University

SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 25

- 6:00 p.m. - Reception: Columbia Historical Society, 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.  
7:30 p.m.
- 8:00 p.m. The Eighth Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Lecture  
Powell Auditorium, The Cosmos Club, 2121 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
"Community History – Beyond the Supply Side Fallacy" – Michael H. Frisch, State University of New York, Buffalo