

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 11 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.

The District of Columbia Public Library was established in 1898 with an early goal to foster good citizenship through stimulating civic interest. As part of that effort, a Washingtoniana Collection was begun in earnest in 1905. By 1928 the collection had grown large enough to have its own room, and it is now the largest division in the Martin Luther King Memorial Library. The lives and customs of Washingtonians through the years and the growth of the city in which they live are depicted in news clippings, maps, books, pictures, and oral histories. For some years the Library stored the collections of the Columbia Historical Society until their permanent home was found. All but one of the Historical Studies Conferences have been held at the King Library.

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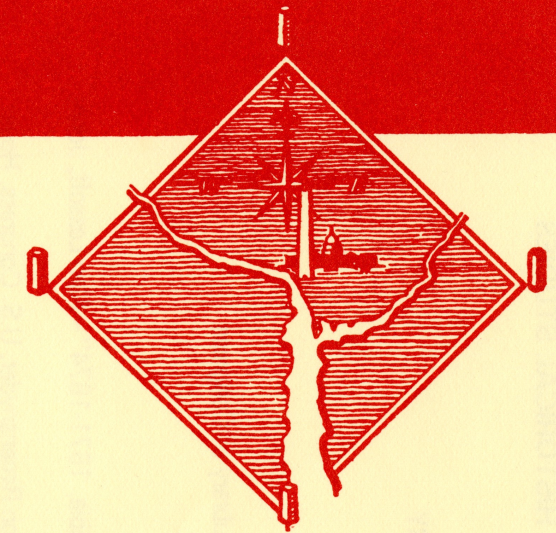
James K. Flack, Jr., John Fondersmith, Marcia Greenlee, Kathryn Smith; Roxanna Deane, Howard Gillette, Jr., Elizabeth Miller, co-chairs.

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 Center for Washington Area Studies, 676-6073.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., MEMORIAL LIBRARY

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:15 a.m. CONFERENCE OPENING—Roxanna Dean, D.C. Public Library
- 9:30 a.m.- RESOURCES FOR THE STUDY OF WASHINGTON
- 10:45 a.m. Moderator: Dorothy Provine, District of Columbia City Government
"The Washingtoniana Project at the Library of Congress"—Kathleen Collins, Library of Congress
"Photo Resources at Moorland-Spingarn"—Marcia Bracey, Howard University
- 11:00 a.m.- ASSESSING WASHINGTON'S POLITICAL HISTORY
- 12:30 p.m. Moderator: Alan M. Kraut, American University
(concurrent sessions) "Alexander Shepherd and the Politics of Development in the District of Columbia, 1871-1874"—Alan Lessoff, Johns Hopkins University
"William J. Tindall, Secretary of the District of Columbia Government"—Nelson Rimensnyder, U.S. Congress, House District Committee
Comment: Stephen J. Diner, University of the District of Columbia
- DOCUMENTING THE WASHINGTON LABOR EXPERIENCE
This session is presented in cooperation with the National Capital Labor History Society
Chair and Comment: Anatoli M. Illyashov, University of the District of Columbia
Arlene Neal, Service Employees International Union Local 82
Francois Somlyo, Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union Local 209
Ronda Hanson, National Educational Association, Prince Georges County
- 1:30 p.m.- WASHINGTON ARCHITECTS IN THE GROWTH OF THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION
- 3:15 p.m. Moderator: Tony P. Wrenn, American Institute of Architects
(concurrent sessions) "Glenn Brown and the Emergence of a Professional Voice for the Private Architect"—William Bushong, George Washington University
"The Supervising Architect's Office: A Help or a Hindrance to the Professionalism of Architecture?"—Antoinette J. Lee, Columbia Historical Society
Comment: Sue Kohler, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts
- THE BLACK CHURCH IN WASHINGTON
Chair: Nina Clark
George A. Stallings, St. Teresa's Catholic Church
Robert Hall, Lincoln Congregational Church
Comment: Paul Sluby
- 3:30 p.m.- L'ENFANT UNDER REVIEW
- 5:00 p.m. Moderator: Cynthia Field, Smithsonian Institution
(concurrent sessions) "Placing L'Enfant in Context"—Dora Wiebenson, University of Virginia
Comment: Charles M. Harris, Columbia Historical Society
- BLACK WOMEN'S EDUCATION IN THE 1920s AND 1930s
Chair: Keith Melder, Smithsonian Institution
"The Third Step: Anna Julia Cooper and Education in the District of Columbia"—Mindy Chateauvert, George Washington University
"What a Woman Can Be: Nannie Helen Burroughs as a Black Woman Educator"—Phyllis Palmer, George Washington University
Comment: Evelyn Brooks, University of Maryland

FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 22

COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- 7:00 p.m.- Reception
- 8:00 p.m.
- 8:00 p.m. THE NINTH LETITIA WOODS BROWN MEMORIAL LECTURE
Introduction—Elizabeth J. Miller, Columbia Historical Society
"Urban Pagentry and German American Ethnicity"—Kathleen Conzen, University of Chicago

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., MEMORIAL LIBRARY

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:15 a.m. Welcome—Howard Gillette, Jr., George Washington University
- HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES ON NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Moderator: John Fondersmith, District of Columbia City Government

- 9:30 a.m.- Keynote—Francis D. Lethbridge
- 10:00 a.m.
- 10:15 a.m.- Case Studies
- 11:15 a.m. "Historic Districting in Cleveland Park"—Kathleen Wood
"Preservation in and of the L'Enfant Plan"—Paul Goldner, National Park Service
- 11:30 a.m.- Panel Discussion
- 1:00 p.m. Chair: Russell Wright, National Trust for Historic Preservation
Ronald Lewis, District of Columbia City Government
Alison K. Hogland, District Preservation League
Marcia Greenlee
Theresa F. Brown, Le Droit Park Preservation Society
- 2:00 p.m.- WORKSHOP: HOW TO RESEARCH YOUR HOUSE AND NEIGHBORHOOD
- 3:30 p.m. Washingtoniana Division, Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Library
Roxanna Dean, D.C. Public Library
Elizabeth J. Miller, Columbia Historical Society
Participation limited to 25 people. Pre-registration required during the conference.