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Emmett Curran, S.J., Associate Professor of History, Georgetown University

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Reverend Monsignor Frederick R. McManus, Professor of Canon Law, Catholic University of America

Edward C. Smith, Professor of Education, American University

Commentator:

Wilten Corkern, Director, Accokeek Foundation and Former Vice President, Consortium of Universities for the Washington Metropolitan Area

**3:15-5:00 P.M., Session I
WASHINGTON'S MARKETS:
NATIONAL MODEL, CITY SERVICE**

Market halls have served the national capital and its neighborhoods since 1801. Panelists will explore the long-term architectural, urbanistic, and economic impact of the Centre and Eastern Markets on the city's development.

Moderator:

Richard Longstreth, Associate Professor of Architectural History and Director, Historic Preservation, George Washington University

Panelists:

Helen Tangires, Graduate Student, George Washington University

Alice Norris, Independent Researcher, Washington, D.C.

Nancy Schwartz, Architectural Historian, Garrett Park, Md.

**3:15-5:00 P.M., Session II
SOCIAL ACTIVISM IN THE 1960'S**

An examination of some of the key figures who played a role in the central, social, and cultural changes of the turbulent and formative 1960's.

Moderator:

Jim Kalish, Publisher, *D.C. Issues Watch*

Speakers:

"Julius Hobson" Tina Hobson, Executive Director, Renew America

"Geno Baroni" Lawrence M. O'Rourke, National Political Correspondent, McClatchy Newspapers

"Frank Kameny" David K. Johnson, Historian, History Associates

"Carlos Rosario" José Sueiro, Publisher, *El Diario de la Nación*

Commentator:

Jerome Paige, Interim Provost, University of Baltimore

The Historical Society of Washington, D.C. (formerly the Columbia Historical Society), was founded in 1894 to preserve, collect, and teach the history of the nation's capital. The HSW's extensive research collections, programs, publications, and exhibits document the national, regional, and local trends, movements, and personalities that have shaped Washington development since 1790. The HSW library is open to the public and houses more than 100,000 items including 12,000 books and 70,000 photographs. *Washington History*, HSW's semiannual magazine, is a free membership benefit. For information about membership, hours, and programs call (202) 785-2068.

The purpose of **The Center for Washington Area Studies** of The George Washington University is to carry on scholarly activities related to the Greater Washington area and to relate university resources to the needs and concerns of Washington area citizens. Its primary objectives include the following: To foster research and writing related to the history and culture of the Washington area; To stimulate research and publishing of studies of local public policy issues in the Washington area; To channel the skills and talents of university faculty and students toward local problem-solving in areas related to the public welfare.

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FRIDAY, February 28

Martin Luther King Memorial Library

12:30 P.M. REGISTRATION

1:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE OPENING

Cheryl Miller, Curator of Collections,
The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

1:15–2:45 P.M.

THE WHITE HOUSE IN THE WASHINGTON COMMUNITY

This session explores the historic interrelations between
White House residents and the City of Washington.

Moderator:

Betty Monkman, Associate Curator, The White
House

Papers:

“James Hoban: His Civic Life in Washington,”

Nelson Rimensnyder, Historian, Committee on
the District of Columbia, U.S. House of
Representatives

**“Voices from the Back Stairs: An Oral
History of White House Workers,”**

James Popkin, Associate Editor, *U.S. News and World
Report*

**“The White House: Patron of the Washington
Business Community,”**

William G. Allman,
Assistant Curator, The White House

**“First Ladies: An Active Life in the
Community,”**

Carl Sferrazza Anthony, author,
*First Ladies: The Saga of Presidents’ Wives and
Their Power*

3:00–5:00 P.M., Session I THE CIVIL WAR CHANGES THE CITY’S FABRIC: 1860–1874

The Civil War brought profound physical, social, and political
changes to this southern city. Panelists set the scene in
1860–61, discuss Congress’s failure to make social revolution,
and examine a congressional investigation that led to the
death of Home Rule in 1874.

Moderator:

Leroy Graham, Archivist, D.C. Public Library

Papers:

**“Washington on the Eve of the Civil
War,”** Edwin Cole Bearss, Chief Historian,
National Park Service and Consultant, Ken
Burns’s “Civil War”

**“The Decision to Fund Segregated Public
Schools, 1862,”** Jane Freundel Levey,
Managing Editor, *Washington History*

**“The Great Safe Burglary: A Nineteenth-
Century Watergate,”** Philip W. Ogilvie,
Public Records Administrator of the District of
Columbia

3:00–5:00 P.M., Session II

ORAL HISTORY: THE WHAT, HOW, AND WHY

Participants will describe their particular oral history projects
as well as discuss broader issues of project design, the Oral
History Association standards, and the need for collecting oral
history.

Moderator:

Roxanna Deane, Chief, Washingtoniana
Division, D.C. Public Library

Panelists:

Zora Martin Felton, Chief, Office of Education,
Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Spencie Love, Historian, 20th-Century U.S.
History, Richmond, Va.

Jane W. North, Executive Director, The
Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

Brien Williams, President, Oral History
Association of the Mid-Atlantic Region

Barbara Vandegrift, Librarian-Archivist, National
Press Club

Marjorie Zapruder, Director, Oral History Project,
Chevy Chase Historical Society

FRIDAY EVENING, February 28

Charles Sumner Schoolhouse
17th and M Streets, N.W.

7:30–9:30 P.M.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL LETITIA WOODS BROWN MEMORIAL LECTURE and PRESENTATION of the RENCHARD PRIZE FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION of THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

Speaker:

Spencie Love, Historian, 20th-Century U.S.
History, Richmond, Va.

**“ ‘Noted Physician Fatally Injured’: The
Shifting Stories of Charles Drew and the
Elusive Role of Myth in the Writing of
American History.”**

Reception follows to honor the Letitia Woods
Brown lecturer and the Renchard Prize
recipient. A contribution of \$4 is requested.

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SATURDAY, February 29

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9:30 A.M. REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

10:00 A.M.–12:00 NOON WHITHER WASHINGTON HISTORY?

A surge of new interest in urban, social, and community history has inspired a great deal of new research in local history in Washington, D.C., and across the country since the 1970's. Panelists will review the work of the past two decades in Washington and suggest priorities for future study and collecting. Small group discussions will follow, with opportunities for participants to share news of research and collecting projects in progress.

Moderator:
Kathryn S. Smith, Editor, *Washington History*
and President, The Historical Society of
Washington, D.C.

Panelists:
Thomas Battle, Director, Moorland-Spingarn
Research Center, Howard University

Pamela Cressey, City Archaeologist, City of
Alexandria

Roxanna Deane, Chief, Washingtoniana
Division, D.C. Public Library

Steven J. Diner, Professor of History and
Director, Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study,
George Mason University

Howard F. Gillette, Jr., Professor of American
Civilization, George Washington University

Paul A. Groves, Associate Professor of
Geography, University of Maryland

James O. Horton, Director, Afro-American
Communities Project, Smithsonian Institution,
and Professor of American History and
Civilization, George Washington University

12:00–1:15 P.M. LUNCH AND FILMS

You may bring your own lunch and view films depicting local history topics.

1:15–3:00 P.M., Session I BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY IN WASHINGTON AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY

Panelists will examine the growth of commercial Washington and the federal workforce in the late nineteenth century.

Moderator:
William Becker, Chairman, Department of
History, George Washington University

Papers:
"Promoting Black Capitalism in Washington,
D.C., in the Late Nineteenth Century,"
Richard L. Mattis, Freelance Writer,
Gaithersburg, Md.

"The Role of Freedmen's Banks in
Washington, D.C.," Barbara Richardson,
Doctoral Candidate, Howard University

"The Federal Government as a Patron to
the Crafts," Deborah J. Warner, Curator,
History of Physical Sciences, Smithsonian
Institution

1:15–3:00 P.M., Session II HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Panelists will discuss the purposes for the foundations of their respective institutions, how these goals have been met, and the institutions' impact on the city's educational scene.

Moderator:
Jeannine S. Clark, Founding Chair, D.C.
Bicentennial Commission

Panelists:
Esme E. Bhan, Research Associate, Moorland-
Spingarn Research Center, Howard University

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