

**COMMITTEE FOR THE
22ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE
ON WASHINGTON, D.C.,
HISTORICAL STUDIES**

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**3:15-5:15 P.M., Session I
EDUCATIONAL CHANGES
DURING WARTIME**

In recognition of the 175th anniversary of the founding of The George Washington University, the panel will examine how the war influenced local public school and university education.

Moderator:

Francine Henderson, Head, Special Collections Department, The George Washington University

Papers:

"George Washington University and World War II," David Anderson, University Archivist, The George Washington University

"Educational Reform During the War,"

Donald Rowe, Archivist, National Archives, and Adjunct Professor, Howard University

**3:15-5:00 P.M., Session II
BUILDING POST-WAR
COMMERCIAL WASHINGTON**

Moderator:

Richard Longstreth, Professor of American Civilization, The George Washington University

Papers:

"The Spread of the Supermarket in the Washington Area," Lisa Pfueller, doctoral student, The George Washington University

"Food for the Whole Family' At a Location Near You," Shannon Bell, doctoral student, The George Washington University

"Seven Corners Shopping Center and the Transformation of Fairfax County"

Christopher Martin, Senior Cultural Resources Specialist, Greenhorne & O'Mara, and doctoral student, The George Washington University

The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

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FRIDAY, October 13

*Lower Lobby
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**12:30 P.M.
REGISTRATION**

**1:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE OPENING**

Linda B. Salamon,
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs,
The George Washington University

Jack Siggins,
University Librarian, and Gelman Library Staff

**1:30-3:00 P.M.
WOMEN'S WORK ON THE HOME
FRONT, WORLD WAR II**

Participants will share memories about their lives and work as young women in WWII Washington.

Moderator:
Betsy Burstein, Museum Specialist, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

Panelists:
Rosalyn Silverman, former Navy Department "government girl" and boarding house resident

Phyllis Fineshriber, former Combined Agency for Middle East Supply specialist

Jewell Mazique, former Library of Congress employee, union organizer, and medical technician at Freedmen's Hospital

**3:15-5:15 P.M., Session I
ARTS AND ARTISTS IN
1940'S WASHINGTON**

Participants will discuss the arts community during and after World War II.

Moderator:
Melinda Young Stuart, Independent Historian and Museums Consultant

Papers:
"America's Black Broadway Revisited," Tamara Brown, doctoral student, Howard University, and project director, "Lingering Lights from America's Black Broadway," Anacostia Museum and Howard University

"Building Audiences in Post-War Washington," Patrick Hayes, Founder, Washington Performing Arts Society

"Reminiscences of the Role of the Church in WWII Washington," Monsignor Arthur, Chaplain, Little Sisters of the Poor

**3:15-5:15 P.M., Session II
MEDICINE IN WARTIME WASHINGTON**

The impact of World War II on the medical treatment, research, and education efforts based in Washington is examined via the activities of key federal agencies and individuals who helped shape the city's response to the war.

Moderator:
Robert I. Goler, National Museum of Health and Medicine

Introductions:
Robert Keimowitz, Dean of Academic Affairs, School of Medicine, The George Washington University

Papers:
"War Heroes and Their Treatment at Walter Reed Hospital, 1943-1945," Col. Norman W. Ream, M.D., Consultant in Academic Medicine, Walter Reed Army Medical Center

"Wartime Research at the National Institutes of Health," Victoria A. Harden, Director, DeWitt Stetten, Jr., Museum of Health and Medicine

Film:
"Fight Syphilis," 1941 film produced by the Public Health Service and the War Department, introduced by Robert I. Goler

FRIDAY EVENING, October 13

*The George Washington University
[Call (202) 994-7549 for location]*

**7:30-9:30 P.M.
NINETEENTH ANNUAL LETITIA WOODS
BROWN MEMORIAL LECTURE AND
PRESENTATION OF THE
RENCHARD PRIZE
FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Speaker:
Howard Gillette, Jr.
Professor of American Civilization
The George Washington University

"History Matters"

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SATURDAY, October 14

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**9:30 A.M.
REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**

**10:00 A.M.-12 NOON
LEARNING FROM HISTORY: CONGRES-
SIONAL/DISTRICT RELATIONS**

This session will draw from the history of the city's key relationship to propose equitable and just resolutions to the current crisis in city governance.

Moderator:

Philip W. Ogilvie, District of Columbia Public Records Administrator

Panelists:

Eleanor Holmes Norton, Delegate to Congress

"Congressional/District Relations, 1900 to Home Rule," Steven Diner, Professor of History, George Mason University

"Congressional/District Relations, Home Rule to the Present," Charles W. Harris, Professor of Political Science, Howard University

**12:00-1 P.M.
LUNCH AND FILMS ON
WASHINGTON HISTORY**

Bring your lunch to the media room and view films on area history.

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**1:15-3:00 P.M., Session I
RADIO DAYS**

Panelists will recall how audiences were built and news was gathered in post-war Washington radio.

Moderator:

Sam Smith, editor, the Progressive Review, former news reporter, WWDC Radio

Panelists:

Jim Kelsey, Claims Manager, Maryland State Lottery, former vice president and general manager, WOL radio

Ed Walker, WAMU radio and News Channel 8 TV

**1:15-3:00 P.M., Session II
TROUBLED TIMES ON THE HOME FRONT**

Participants will describe how the war presented particular hardships—and opportunities—to minority groups.

Moderator:

Esme Bhan, National African American Museum Project, Smithsonian Institution

Panelists:

"The Treatment of German Americans and German-American Jews," Gabrielle Simon Edgcomb, author, *From Swastika to Jim Crow: Refugee Scholars at Black Colleges*

"The District of Columbia and the Negro March on Washington, 1941," Lucy Barber, Assistant Professor of History, University of California, Davis