

## 20th Annual Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Lecture

This lecture honors the memory of  
George Washington University Professor Letitia Woods Brown (1915-1976),  
who made the study of history serve living human purposes.  
Steven Newsome, director, The Anacostia Museum, will speak on  
“Local, Regional, National History: A Washington Perspective.”

**Friday, October 18, 1996 ■ 7:30 p.m. ■ Goethe-Institut ■ 814 7th St., N.W.**

## 23rd Annual Conference on Washington, D.C., Historical Studies

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**OCTOBER 18-19, 1996**

You are invited to participate in a two-day public forum that brings historians, preservationists, neighborhood researchers, students, and history buffs together to apply historical perspectives to contemporary issues and to celebrate and promote the diverse urban story of Washington, D.C.

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*The conference is free and no preregistration is required.*



# Program at a Glance

## FRIDAY OCTOBER 18

10:00 A.M.

REGISTRATION

10:30 A.M.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

11:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

**PUBLISHING WASHINGTON HISTORY**

Four editors discuss criteria, audiences, and markets for publishing D.C. history. **Jane Freundel Levey**, *Washington History*

**Mark G. Hirsch**, Smithsonian Institution Press

**Howard Means**, *Washingtonian*

**Erik Wemple**, *Washington City Paper*

12:30 P.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

LUNCH

1:30 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

**AL JOLSON LIVED HERE: SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON DURING THE 1920S AND '30S**

Panelists explore one of Washington's historic neighborhoods from a variety of perspectives, combining scholarly research and first-hand reminiscences.

**Denise Meringolo**, Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington

**Keith Melder**, Historian

**Carol Kolker**, Historian

**Neighborhood Informants**

1:30 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

**WASHINGTON'S CHANGING 19TH-CENTURY LANDSCAPE**

From L'Enfant's design to the construction of parks and government buildings, the physical and visual landscape of Washington changed dramatically during its first century. Panelists examine different aspects of the land itself and the built environment.

**Terence Young**, Dumbarton Oaks

**Herbert Druks**, Brooklyn College

**Melinda Young Stuart**, Historian

**Douglas E. Evelyn**, Smithsonian Institution

3:15 P.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

**EARLY TELEVISION IN WASHINGTON**

Historians describe and discuss the beginnings of Washington television from rented studio space in the 1940s to its emergence as the dominant media in the 1960s and the city's special role as a news center.

**Douglas Gomery**, University of Maryland

**David Weinstein**, University of Maryland

**Charles Suddarth Kelly**, former

Washington television producer

3:15 P.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

**TOWARD THE BICENTENNIAL**

A roundtable discussion of the possibilities and plans to celebrate Washington's Bicentennial in 2000.

**Betty Jane Gerber**, Georgetown Heritage Trust

**Matthew Gilmore**, D.C. Public Library

**Jeannine Clark**, Founding Chair, D.C. Bicentennial Commission

**Carl Cole**, Community historian

1:30 P.M. TO 4:45

CONTINUOUS SCREENING OF VIDEOS PROVIDED BY THE HUMANITIES COUNCIL OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

5:00 P.M.

DINNER BREAK

7:30 P.M.

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**Steven Newsome**, Director, Anacostia Museum

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### TO GET THERE

The Martin Luther King Memorial Library is located at 901 G St. N.W., at the Gallery Place Metro Station. Limited parking is available at the Library and in area garages. For further information call the Washingtonian Division, D.C. Public Library: 202-727-1213.

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 19

10:00 A.M.

REGISTRATION

10:30 A.M. TO 11:45 A.M.

**AS THE DIRT TURNS: NEIGHBORHOOD SURVIVAL IN THE SHADOW OF THE MCI CENTER**

Panelists will examine the impact of the new MCI Center from historical, archaeological, and community perspectives by presenting a before and after look at the history of Seventh Street, Chinatown, and nearby neighborhoods.

**Linda Lyons**, Architectural Historian

**Peter Glumac**, Archaeologist

**Duane Wang**, President, Chinatown Steering Committee

11:45 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

**TOUR OF CHINATOWN 7TH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD**

12:30 P.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

LUNCH IN CHINATOWN



1:30 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

**BLACK PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Presentations show the impact that black photographers have had in documenting local and national history of Washington, 1860 to the present.

**Thomas C. Battle**, Howard University

**Jeff Fearing**, Howard University

**Donna M. Wells**, Howard University

1:30 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

**CIVIL WAR MEDICINE: THE TREATMENT AND STUDY OF CONFEDERATE AND UNION INJURIES**

Care of wounded soldiers was a major challenge during the Civil War for both

North and South in the capital cities of Washington and Richmond.

**Burton K. Kummerow**, National Museum of Civil War Medicine

**Carlton Bonilla**, Historian

**Michael Rhode**, National Museum of Health and Medicine

3:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

**MARKETPLACE OF IDEAS AND RESOURCES**

**SHAW-U STREET HISTORY PROJECT**

**Kathryn Schneider Smith**, coordinator

**SELECTIONS FROM URBAN ODYSSEY**

**Sally Gifford**, coordinator

**D.C. HISTORY DAY**

**Anne Eigeman**, coordinator

**WASHINGTON HISTORY COLLECTIONS AND RESOURCES**

**Matthew Gilmore**, coordinator

4:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

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