

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Martin Luther King Memorial Library,  
910 G Street, N.W.

10 a.m.  
Registration

10:30 a.m.—Noon

*The Washington Fires of '68*

In 1968, some Washington, D.C., residents responded to the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King with civil unrest. While a scholarly history of this important city event remains to be written, participants will reminisce about their experiences during the events of April 4 and their aftermath.

Paul Devroux, Devroux & Purnell Architects/Planners PC

Robert G. Kaiser, *The Washington Post*

Rev. Walter Fauntroy, New Bethel Baptist Church

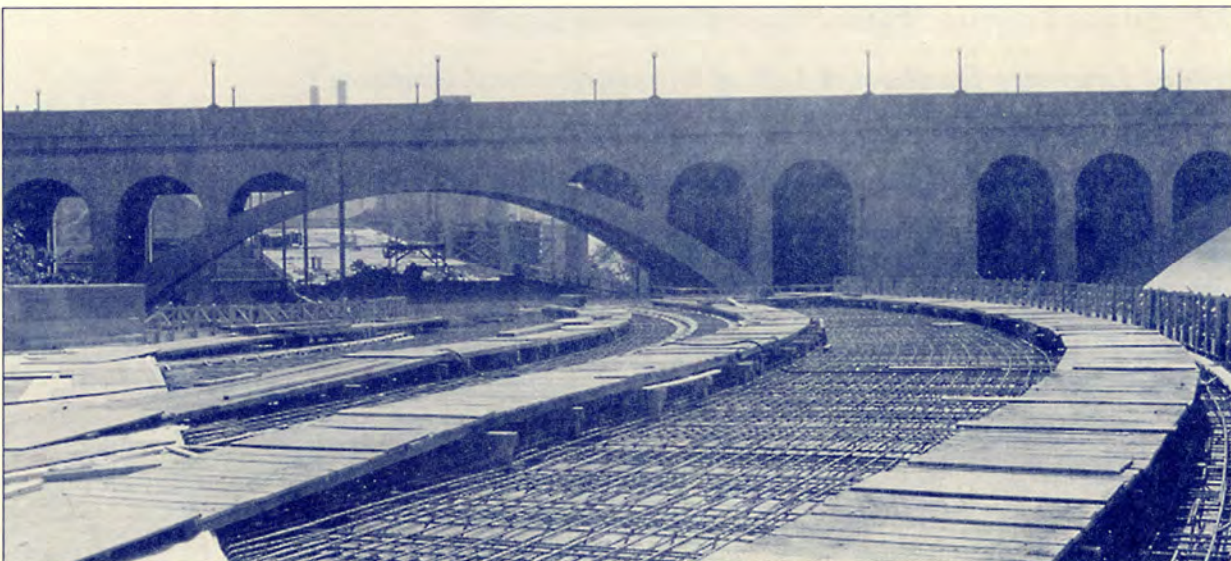
Larry Rosen, former proprietor, Smith Pharmacy, 2518 14th Street, N.W.

Moderator: Rev. Raymond Kemp, Woodstock Theological Center, formerly of St. Augustine's Catholic Church

12:15 p.m.  
Departure for Upper Georgia Avenue  
via Old Town Trolley

Lunch for participants with reservations at Emory Methodist Church near the Civil War Fort Stevens Site. Dramatic presentation on Fort Stevens in the Civil War written by Eleanor Trailor. Following lunch, travel by bus to the Moorings (the Blair Family estate in Silver Spring) and the National Museum of Health and Medicine at Walter Reed Army Hospital. Busses will return to the library by 4 p.m.

Whitehurst Freeway, HSW Collections.



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You are invited to participate in the  
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Washington, D.C. Historical Studies**  
**October 29–31, 1998**



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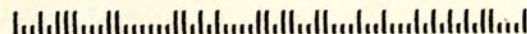
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25TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON WASHINGTON, D.C. HISTORICAL STUDIES

*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.*

*The conference is free and open to the public. Please register for the conference using the form at right. Lunch may be purchased.*

Registration Form

I will attend the following sessions:

- 22nd Annual Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Lecture, Thursday, October 29—Free  
Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_
- Historical Studies Sessions, Friday, October 30—Free  
Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_
- Historical Studies Sessions, Saturday, October 31—Free  
Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order lunch on the following days:

- Friday, October 30, 1998—\$8 per person  
Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday, October 31, 1998—\$8 per person  
Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 A check made payable to The Historical Society of Washington, D.C. is enclosed  
 Please charge my credit card:  Visa  MasterCard  
 Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please call 202-785-2068 if you have any questions • Please return to 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036  
The deadline for registration is Friday, October 23.





# 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Washington, D.C. Historical Studies October 29–31, 1998

## *Program at a Glance*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

The George Washington University, University Club Dining Room  
800 21<sup>st</sup> Street, N.W.

7:30 p.m.

22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Lecture

“Paul Laurence Dunbar: A Life of Innovation and Prophecy.”

Joanne Braxton, Professor of English and Francis L. and Edwin L. Cummings Professor of American Studies and English, College of William and Mary

### Directions to the conference locations

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

The George Washington University, University Club Dining Room is located at 800 21<sup>st</sup> Street, N.W., on the third floor of the Marvin Center just a few blocks from the Foggy Bottom Metro Station, BLUE and ORANGE lines.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Martin Luther King Memorial Library,  
901 G Street, N.W.

9:30 a.m.

Registration

The conference is free and open to the public. To register in advance, see form on other side.

10 a.m.

Welcome & Presentation of American Association of State and Local History annual awards

10:30 a.m.–Noon

Roundtable on Washington, D.C.,  
History: Past, Present & Future

In honor of the conference's 25th year, join a discussion of the status of Washington historical research in universities, libraries, archives, and museums.

Kathryn Schneider Smith, independent historian, and Past President, The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

James Flack, Professor of History, University of Maryland

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

Jeff Henig, Director, Center for Washington Area Studies, George Washington University

Moderator: Tom Sherwood,  
Channel 4 News

Noon–2:00 p.m.

History Network

Informal presentation of information on local history resources and historic sites. Lunch will be available on the A level of

the library. In order to receive a lunch, you must make an advance reservation. See form on other side.

“Washington, 1798,” Steve Hoglund, independent historian.

“Washington Area Jews & the Birth of Israel,” Jessica Kaplan, Curator and Archivist, Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington, D.C.

Chairs: Matthew Gilmore, Librarian, Washingtoniana Division, D.C. Public Library, and Gail Redmann, Library Director, The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

2:00–3:30 p.m.

Freeways in Washington

During the 1960s, freeway controversies ignited a campaign of fierce citizen opposition, lobbying, and direct action that changed the course of transportation planning in the region.

“Roads to Nowhere: The Struggle Over the North Central and Northeast Freeways in Washington and Suburban Maryland,” Jeremy L. Korr, American Studies Department, University of Maryland

“Finding the Way: Freeway Routes and Designs in Washington, 1954–1972,” Douglas Willinger, Founder, Takoma Park Highway Design Studio

Commentator: Angela Rooney, Former Executive Secretary of the Emergency Committee on the Transportation Crisis, a founder of the National Committee on the Transportation Crisis, and former member of the Citizen Advisory Committee on the Future of the Automobile, Office of Technology Assessment

Moderator: Keith Melder, principle author, *City of Magnificent Intentions*

3:45–5:15 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

*African-American Legacies of Civil Service and Civic Contribution*

After the Civil War, recently arrived African Americans eagerly sought civil service careers, and diversified the District's established middle-class African-American community. John H. Paynter joined the Internal Revenue Service as a clerk, Charles E. Hall served as a clerk in the Census Office, and Sara D. Jackson joined the National Archives as an archival technician. Three current federal employees will discuss these African-Americans' vocations and avocational service to the city and the nation.

Charles C. Brewer, Financial Analyst, Office of Thrift Supervision

Rodney A. Ross, Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration

Elaine C. Everly, Former Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration

*Science in Washington*

This panel, representing a sampling of the scientific disciplines at work in the city during the past 100 years, will consider the role of science in the development of the city and the nation.

Denise J. Clark, Director of Strategic Planning, Carderock Division, National Surface Warfare Center

Peg Kay, President, Cleanscreen Corporation

Rev. Frank R. Haig, S.J., Chair, Physics Department, Loyola College

C.R. Creveling, President, Washington Academy of Sciences

Moderator: Philip Ogilvie, Washington Academy of Sciences

Conference schedule continues on other side.