

37th Annual Conference on Washington, DC Historical Studies

November 5th & 6th, 2010

at the

Charles Sumner School Museum & Archives

1201 17th Street, NW

Friday, November 5

8:30 am Registration Opens Gallery 3

9:15 am Welcome Great Hall

9:30-11:15 am Plenary Session Great Hall

1. The Built Environment : Great Hall

- Margaret Richardson - "The Queen City of the World: Washington, DC, Architecture Depicted in Vignettes of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing" *BEP*
- Julia Sienkewicz - "Ritual Space into National Place: Congressional Cemetery and the Urban History of Washington, DC"
- John Price - "Transitioning the Traditional: Use of 19th Century Homes by 21st Century Residents in Near Southeast" *GWU grad student (Navy Yard)*
- Pam Scott - "Two Reconstruction Architects Come to Washington" - A look at the designs/developments of Plowman and Searle during post-Civil War Washington.

11:30 am -1:30 pm History Network/Lunch: Gallery 4

Noon - 1:00 pm Brown Bag Session

2. Postcard Tour of DC: Gallery 2

Jerry McCoy - "Greetings from Hometown Washington, DC"

1:45-3:15 Concurrent Sessions

3. African-American Activism in DC: Gallery 101

- Martha Davidson - Biography of Rev. Simon P.W. Drew *1916 - 6 black veterans buried @ Arlington; reunion*
- Greg Borchardt - "Democracy's Stage as Contested Terrain: The Spatial Politics of Washington's Early Civil Rights Movement, 1939-1954" *GWU PhD candidate*
- Rachel Bernard - "We Want Our Own: The Politics of African-American Education in Early Twentieth-Century Washington" *Berkeley PhD candidate 1900-1930*

4. The History of DC Newspapers from 1800 to Today: Lecture Hall 102

John Muller – East of the River (Moderator)
Martin Austermuhle – DCist
John Kelly – Washington Post
Adrian Washington – Washington Afro
Lauren French – GW Hatchet

5. Education, Social Services and Reform : Gallery 2

Sandra Jowers-Barber
Arlene King-Berry
Deborah Dessaso
Sylvia Benatti
Margaret Moore
D'ana Downing (Moderator)

3:30-5:00 pm **Concurrent Sessions**

6. Teaching DC's Civil War History to K-12 Students : Gallery 2

Jenice L. View, Ph.D. – Front of the Bus Productions, moderator
Sarah Jencks – Ford's Theater Society
Callie Hawkins – President Lincoln's Cottage
Braden Paynter – Frederick Douglass Home, National Park Service

7. Joy Dingle – 2009 CWWTF Teacher Fellow The Plight of DC Records: An

Update: Great Hall

Yvonne Carignan – Historical Society of Washington DC
Kimberly Springle – Charles Sumner School Museum & Archives
Mark Mandel – District of Columbia Archives
Larry Todd – Recorder of Deeds Office
Kimberly Zablud – Special Collections, DC Public Library

5:15-6:30 pm **Reception: Great Hall**

6:45-8:30 pm **Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Lecture: Great Hall**

8. Blair Ruble – "Washington's U Street: A Biography": Great Hall

Come hear the history of this culturally important of the city, told from an engaging and compelling point of view. Blair A. Ruble, a jazz aficionado, prominent urbanist, and longtime resident of Washington, D.C., is uniquely equipped to undertake the history of this unique neighborhood. The author will be selling and signing copies of his work following the lecture.

Saturday, November 6

9:00 am Registration Opens: **Gallery 3**

9:30-11:00 am Concurrent Sessions

9. The National Mall and the Design of DC: **Gallery 101**

Judy Feldman – Competing Preservation Visions for the Mall – examination of the National Mall Planned redesign

Mark Levitch – “Colossal Failure: The National World War I Memorial That Almost Was”

John Gorney – “Riding a Hobby Horse, George Washington’s Influence on the Plan of the Federal City”

10. Race, Identity, and Civil Rights in the District of Columbia, 1790-1900: **102**

James Johnston – “Yarrow Mamout: Every Picture Tells a Story”

Robert Pohl – “The Statues of Lincoln Park on Capitol Hill”

Jack Wennersten – “First Freed: Emancipation, April, 1862”

11. Women and Social Organizations : **Great Hall**

Elizabeth Morton – Biography of Mary Foote Henderson – the story her influence on the building of Congressional Club

Lucy Barber – “The District’s Digitized History: A Familial Focus on Scientific and Clubwomen Networks”

Sibyl Moses – “Bertha M. Bragg” The District of Columbia’s Fraternal Leader Extraordinaire”

11:15 am – 12:45pm Concurrent Sessions

12. Historical Perspectives on Washington, DC’s LGBT Religious and Spiritual Communities : **Gallery 101**

Rebecca Dolinsky, Ph.D. and Kim Sescoc, Rainbow History Project

Imam Daayiee Abdullah – Muslims for Progressive Values

Barrett L. Brick – Former President, Congregation Bet Mishpachah

Bishop Kwabena Rainey Cheeks – Inner Light Ministries

Eva Freund – Congregation Bet Mishpachah

Hajjah Benita Paschall – Executive Director, Echo House Multi-Service Center

13. Donna Wells Memorial Session – Approaches to Documentation: Prince George's County and Washington, DC : Lecture Hall 102

Joy Kinard – using property records in documenting the Underground Railroad
Maya Davis – Use of primary Documents to create profiles of freedom seekers
Julie Kutruff – the Role of Frederick Douglass as a freedom seeker

12:45-1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30-3:00 pm

Tours/Open Houses

14. Walking Tour of the Park View Neighborhood

Tour Conducted by Kent Boese. All those taking this tour should meet at the Petworth Metro Station at 1:30 pm.

15. Tour the New Peabody Room

Tour conducted by Mark Greek. All those taking this tour should meet in the Peabody Room at the Georgetown Neighborhood Library at 1:30pm.

1:30-3:30 pm

Work Shop

16. Writing the Family Memoir : Gallery 101

This Workshop will be conducted by Cheryl Aubin and will take place at the Charles Sumner School.