

Annual Conference on DC Historical Studies

39th - October 18-21, 2012

Schedule



The Letitia Woods Brown Lecture will be held Thursday evening the 18th at the Historical Society of Washington DC, Carnegie Library.

Plenary and Concurrent sessions will be held Friday and Saturday at Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library.

A Friday evening session will be held at George Washington University.

Tours will take place Sunday.

Day	Time	Session #	Session
Thursday	6:30-7:15		All-Conference Reception Location: Historical Society of Washington, DC, Carnegie Library
	7:15-7:30		Recap of 2012 DC Compensated Emancipation Celebration William Branch
Thursday	7:30-9:00		Letitia Woods Brown Lecture Location: Historical Society of Washington, DC, Carnegie Library Carol W. Gelderman "A Free Man of Color and his Hotel, James Wormley and the African-American Community in pre-and post-Emancipation Washington"
Friday	9:00-9:30		Registration Location: Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library
Friday	9:30-10:45	1 (plenary)	Abraham Lincoln and D.C. Emancipation John T. Elliff "Abraham Lincoln and D.C. Emancipation: Illinois Legislator, Congressman and President" John A. O'Brien "Abraham Lincoln and the Emancipation Campaign of 1862: Washington D.C.'s Role in the American Year of Jubilee"
	10:45-11:00		break
Friday	11:00-12:15	2	Sesquicentennial Celebrations: New Paradigms and Research on Emancipation in the District of Columbia Bartholomew Toe "Emancipation and Freedom in Liberia" TaKeia Anthony, Ofosuwa M. Abiola, Brenda Zanders "Freedom For Me" Ashley N. Robertson "A New View of Freedom" Kimberly D. Brown, "My Lord What A Morning" Diane Anderson "Teaching About Freedom" Lonell Hamlett, Jarrett Smith "Where Is History NOW?"
Friday	11:00-12:15	3	Centennial of Japan's Gift of Flowering Cherry Trees Diana Parsell "Eliza Scidmore: D.C. 'Lady Writer' With a Passion for Japan" Ann McClellan "David and Marian Fairchild and Their Cherry Blossom Vision for Washington"
Friday	11:00-12:15	4	African American Primary Education in the District of Columbia John Richardson "Sayles J. Bowen: Crusader for Black Education in Washington" Greg Borchardt "'No Model for the Nation': District of Columbia Board of Education, the Process of Desegregation, and the Failure of Integration in Washington Public Schools"
Friday	12:15-1:30		History Network https://annualconferencedhistoricalstudies.wordpress.com/history-network/
Friday		4A	Brett Busang (during the History Network)
Friday	1:30-2:45	5	New works on D.C. History John Muller. "Frederick Douglass in Washington, DC: The Lion of Anacostia" Garrett Peck. "The Potomac River: A History and Guide" James H. Johnston. "From Slave Ship to Harvard: Yarrow Mamout and the History of an African American Family"

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D.C. Records at the National Archives

Bill Creech, "Public Buildings and Monuments"
Bob Ellis, "Sex, Lies, but No Videotape: Divorce in DC Court Records"
Randall Forston, "Overview of DC-Related Records in the Cartographic and Architectural Records Section of the National Archives at College Park"
M Marie Maxwell, "DC Alleys in Pictures and Words: Records of the National Capital Housing Authority"
Mark Mollan, "19th Century Maritime Records of Georgetown"

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Work and Recreation in the Washington Environment

Lara Otis "Washington D.C.'s Lost Racetracks: Horse Racing from the 1760s to the 1930s"
Hayden Wetzel "Planning and Constructing Public Landscaping in the Southwest Urban Renewal Area"
Kim Williams "Farms and Estates Survey"

2:45-3:00

Break

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African American Washington

Anne Brockett "African American Burial Societies in Washington D.C."
Dean Bryson "American Chameleon: Robert H. Terrell, Transcending Factions and Race"
Chris Myers Asch "Irish Immigrants, Free Blacks, and the Balance of Power in Antebellum Washington, D.C."

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Digital Projects in D.C. Humanities

Jasper Collier "The DC Digital Museum"
Kim Roberts and Dan Vera Authors "DC Writers' Homes"
Stephen Hansen "Virtual Architectural Archaeology"

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Enslaved Americans and the War of 1812

Maya Davis, "Escapes to the British in Prince George's County"
Mike Lucas, "The Story of Jenny and Ben: Mount Calvert and Escapes to the British"
Beth Taylor "Paul Jennings: Slave in the White House and Witness to History"

EVENING SESSION AT GWU, courtesy Center for the Study of Public History and Public Culture

Friday 7:00-9:00 pm 10A

War comes to Washington: The War of 1812 and its Bicentennial Commemoration

Location: Elliott School, George Washington University, 1957 E St NW
Aaron Marcavitch "Introductions and welcome"
Richard Ervin "Prince George's County, Battle of Bladensburg, and the Invasion of DC"
Patrick O'Neil "Invasion of DC, Potomac River Battles, and Surrender of Alexandria"
Aaron Marcavitch "What happened afterward - Battle of Baltimore, Treaty of Ghent"
Aaron Marcavitch "Commemoration Activities in the region"

Saturday 9:00-9:30

Registration

Location: Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library

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Linguistic Perspectives on Social Change in Washington

Language and Communication in Washington, DC, project (LCDC) introduction by the panel
Anastasia Nylund "A Southern town with a Southern accent? Describing language and place in DC"
Natalie Schilling Patrick Callier, and Jinsok Lee "40 years of change and stability in African American English in the DC area"
Sinae Lee "Change in the vowels of Washington, DC, African American English"
Jessica Grieser "Talking about Takoma: Race and language on Washington, DC's, border"
Mackenzie Price "Same space, contested past: Sharing narratives in Montgomery County"

			Amelia Tseng "Soy Washingmalteco": Language and Latino identity in DC"
Saturday	9:30-10:45	13	Gay community formation in Washington Philip Clark "Accept Your Essential Self": The Guild Press, Identity Formation, and Gay Male Community"
	10:45-11:00		break
Saturday	11:00-12:15	14	Youth-led community based education field research: African American cemeteries "A History Beneath Us-Honoring Sacred Ground Across The River Creek" Khari Eyen Zame Johnson <i>archival research and field investigations of an African American burial site.</i> "We Are Not Afraid of History: Reclaiming the Names." (video)
Saturday	11:00-12:15	15	Oral History Workshop Dr. Sandra Jowers-Barber Roundtable Athletes and Scholars: How to Be Successful On and Off the Court Julissa Anderson and Janelle Junior, members of the winning UDC women's basketball team, and Milton Colquehoun a member of the men's basketball team, discuss the life of a college athlete.
Saturday	11:00-12:15	16	Slavery, Colonization, and Contrabands in Washington Mary Belcher "John Quincy Adams in Slave-Holding Washington: How Did Daily Realities Shape His Actions on the National Stage?" Lauren H. Roedner "First Step Toward Freedom: Women in Contraband Camps In and Around the District of Columbia During the Civil War" David Rigney "Voluntary Emigration": The Colonization Debate in the District of Columbia, 1816-1862"
Saturday	12:15-1:30		Lunch
Saturday	lunch sessions	16A	Interview with Captain Fly American University Professor of Anthropology, Brett Williams, will interview Captain Fly. Robert V. Frye, a.k.a. "Captain Fly" is a native Washingtonian who has been a part of the music scene as a disc jockey and entertainer for over 35 years.
Saturday	lunch sessions	16B	DC By the Book: Living at the Intersection of Fiction, Geography, and Social Media Kim Zablud, Tony Ross, Henri Makembe, Kim Roberts Henri Makembe will talk about his take on 'DC By the Book' at the intersection of social media and geo-humanities
Saturday	1:30-2:45		Concurrent Sessions
Saturday	1:30-2:45	17	Civil rights and education → Melissa Klein, Kim Klein, Ryan Shepard "Rosemount Center's Fortieth Anniversary 1972 - 2012" Jamie C. Euken "Civil Rights or Civil Disorder? Congress's Reaction to the 1968 Poor People's Campaign Occupation of the National Mall" Amy Nathan "Round and Round Together: Washington's Carousel on the Mall and Its Surprising Role in Civil Rights History"
Saturday	1:30-2:45	19	The D.C. Community Heritage Project: A Tool for the Preservation of Local History Monica Williams, Women of the Dove "What's in a Name? DC Public and Charter Schools... History and Heritage... Profiles of Trailblazers" Buck Downs, International Artists Support Group "Washington Color School Project" Khari Eyen Zame Johnson The I SAW Experience of Learning, "Living Images in My World: A History Beneath Us - Forgotten Sacred Ground Across the River Creek"

	2:45-3:00		Break
Saturday	3:00-4:45	20	University of the District of Columbia at 160; A Generosity of Spirit: Two Moments in Washington History of Higher Education William Zeisel "Reconstruction and the Dream of an Independent Black Educational System" Marjorie Lightman "The Chase Report and the Possibilities of the 1960s"
Saturday	3:00-4:45	21	Post-1945 Washington, DC: Local Struggles for Autonomy Moderator: Chris Myers Asch Bell Clement "Local Autonomy and Great Society Washington, D.C." Derek Musgrove "More than a Symbolic Office?: Jesse Jackson and the Lost Opportunity of the DC Shadow Senator Position" Maurice Jackson "The Statehood Convention: Its Challenges Then—Its Meaning Now" Discussant: Brett Williams, Professor of Anthropology, American University
Saturday	3:00-5:15	22	The Archaeology of D.C.—Civil War and Beyond John Bedell "Newly identified prehistoric site at Bolling AFB/ JBAB" Richard Ervin "NPS Battlefield Preservation Grant Investigations of the Bladensburg Battlefield" Cynthia V. Goode, Charles E. Goode "An Archaeological Survey of Civil War Fortifications in Southeast Washington D.C." Scott Siebel "The Civil War at Fort McNair: Geophysical and Archaeological Investigations of the Washington Arsenal and District of Columbia Penitentiary" Mary Furlong, Adrienne T. Washington "Coming together to Uncover the "Fort" in Alexandria, Virginia" (Fort Ward Park) Teresa Moyer "Urban Archeology Corps 2012 at Fort Mahan" Shamus Sullivan, Beatrice Arendt, and Claire O'Brien "The Veterans Curation Program: Tackling Veteran Unemployment through Curating Archaeological Collections" Carthon Davis, III, Kerri Barile "Battling Landscapes: Garden Archaeology at Tudor Place in Washington, D.C." Matt Palus "Deterioration and Rehabilitation of the Infrastructure on O and P Streets in the Georgetown Neighborhood of Washington, D.C."

Sunday

Tours

The mission of the Annual Conference on Washington D.C. Historical Studies is to bring together the community interested and engaged in documenting the many varied aspects of the history of the Washington D.C. area and its inhabitants – as a local hometown and as the nation's capital – to share and to encourage further scholarship. All aspects of historical study are welcome—social, ethnographic, political, the arts and literature, science, and architecture.

Conference Committee (2012):

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