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FEBRUARY 1-2, 1980



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Seventh Annual Conference on Washington, D.C. Historical Studies

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Ballroom, Marvin Center, George Washington University

- 9:30 a.m. Conference Opening—James O. Horton, George Washington University
- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon **Science in Nineteenth Century Washington**
Moderator: Dorothy Ross, University of Virginia
"Ethnology and the Useful Arts in Mid-Nineteenth Century Washington"—William A. Bate, Council for International Exchange of Scholars
"Washington Science in the Early Years of the Geological Survey"—Mary C. Rabbitt, United States Geological Survey
"A Science for the Future: Washington Anthropologists, 1879-1910"—Curtis M. Hinsley, Colgate University
Comment: Albert E. Cowdrey, Center for Military History
- 1:30-3:00 p.m. **Washington: City and Suburb**
Moderator: Edward C. Carter II, Catholic University
"Takoma Park: Turn of the Century Suburban Ideal"—Sandra Kurtinitis, George Washington University
"The Federal City as Cultural Artifact"—Michael McCarthy, University of Maryland
Comment: Ronald M. Johnson, Georgetown University
- 3:30-5:00 p.m. **Workshop on Social History and Public Policy**
Moderator: Roderick S. French, George Washington University
"Social History for the Making of Public Policy in the District of Columbia"—Steven J. Diner, University of the District of Columbia
"The Use of Historical Consciousness in Public Education"—Kathryn S. Smith, D.C. History Curriculum Project
"Social History Methodology and Its Uses for Public Policy Makers"—James O. Horton, George Washington University
"Bibliographical Sources and Their Uses for Public Policy Makers"—Thomas Battle, Howard University

FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 1

Columbia Historical Society

- 8:00 p.m. "Family Interaction with Industrial Work: A Historical Perspective"—Tamara K. Hareven, Professor of History, Clark University; Editor, *Journal of Family History*
This is the fourth Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Lecture. It will be given in the Christian Heurich Mansion, 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Light refreshments will be served beginning at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Ballroom, Marvin Center, George Washington University

- 9:30 a.m. Introduction: Perry G. Fisher, Columbia Historical Society
- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon **Comparing Business Communities: Baltimore and Washington**
Moderator: Martha J. Vill, University of Maryland, College Park
"Evolution of Baltimore's Market Controls Over Agriculture"—Gary L. Browne, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
"The Washington Business Community in the Nineteenth Century: Dreams and Disappointments"—Elizabeth J. Miller, Columbia Historical Society
"Late-Nineteenth Century Industrial Communities in Baltimore"—D. Randall Beirne, University of Baltimore
Comment: Dorothy Remy, University of the District of Columbia
- 1:30-5:00 p.m. **Film in/Washington/in Film**
This panel will explore film in relation to Washington motion picture production, exhibition, collection, and research. The panelists will include Raoul Kulberg (University of the District of Columbia) on feature films, Debera Edwards (City Museum Project) on film shorts, Robert Headley on theaters, and Bonnie Rowan, author of a forthcoming guide to film and video resources in Washington, D.C. Richard Maulsby, Director of the new Office of Motion Picture and Television Development established by Mayor Barry, will describe the agency, its activities, and plans.
There will be showings of Washington-related films, including shorts and features, both Hollywood and local productions. Those scheduled include the earliest known films of Washington, 1898-1905, from the paper print collection of the Library of Congress.

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Conference Committee: Perry G. Fisher and James O. Horton, Co-Chairmen; James K. Flack, Steven J. Diner, Kathryn S. Smith, Roderick S. French, Howard F. Gillette, Jr., John Y. Cole.

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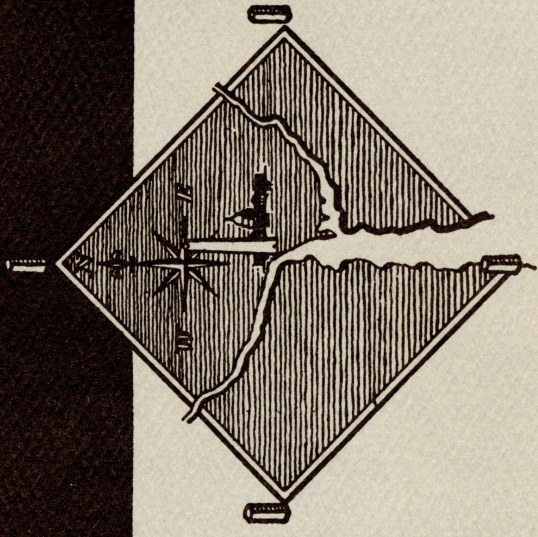
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FEBRUARY 6-7, 1981

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1981
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY

- 9:30 a.m. CONFERENCE OPENING--Perry G. Fisher, Columbia Historical Society
- 10:00 a.m.-
12:00 noon NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE HISTORY OF GEORGETOWN
Moderator: Frederick Gutheim, Consultant, Urban Affairs
"Turn-of-the-Century Georgetown: A Myth Exploded"--Mary Mitchell, Columbia Historical Society
"The Genesis of the Georgetown Preservation Movement, 1915-1945"--Dennis Gale, George Washington University
- 1:30 p.m.-
3:00 p.m. THE FOLK ARTIST IN THE COMMUNITY: ARCHIE EDWARDS AND THE WASHINGTON BARBERSHOP BLUES
Introduction: Barry Lee Pearson, University of Maryland
Performance and Commentary: Archie Edwards
- 3:30 p.m.-
5:00 p.m. URBAN ARCHEOLOGY IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON: A PANEL DISCUSSION
Moderator: Mark P. Leone, University of Maryland
Pamela Cressey, Alexandria Archeology Research Center
Richard J. Dent, University of Maryland
Geoffrey Gyrisco, Historic Preservation Office, District of Columbia
Ann M. Palkovich, University of Maryland

FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 6
THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- 8:00 p.m. THE FIFTH LETITIA WOODS BROWN MEMORIAL LECTURE
"The City and the Environment: Urban Air, Land, and Water Pollution in Historical Perspective"--Joel A. Tarr, Professor of History and Public Policy, Carnegie-Mellon University
Christian Heurich Mansion, 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Light refreshments served beginning 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1981
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY

APPROACHES TO NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY

- 9:30 a.m. WELCOME--Marcia Greenlee, Historian and Consultant
"The Role of the D.C. Community Humanities Council"--Beatrice Hackett, Executive Director
"A Current Humanities-Council-Funded Project"--Keith Melder, Museum of the City of Washington
- 10:00 a.m.-
11:15 a.m. THREE NEIGHBORHOOD SOURCES AND APPROACHES
Moderator: Marcia Greenlee
"The Great Transformation of Southwest, 1950-1960"--Keith Melder
"Immigration in Downtown Washington, 1876-1906"--Susan Bradford, National Building Museum
"In the Country and in the City: People and Places in Brookland, 1880-1980"--John N. Pearce, George Washington University
- NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY WORKSHOPS:
- 11:30 a.m.-
12:15 p.m. USING PHOTOGRAPHS
Robert A. Truax, Washingtoniana Division, D.C. Public Library
Shirley Green, Photographic Researcher
BASIC TECHNIQUES FOR BEGINNING NEIGHBORHOOD RESEARCH
Roxanna Deane, Washingtoniana Division, D.C. Public Library
Steven J. Diner, University of the District of Columbia
- 12:15 p.m.-
1:00 p.m. USING PROPERTY AND ARCHIVAL RECORDS
Dorothy Provine, National Archives and Records Service
Kim Hoagland, Historic American Buildings Survey
USING ORAL HISTORY
Marcia Greenlee, Historian and Consultant
Sara Collins, Arlington County Department of Libraries

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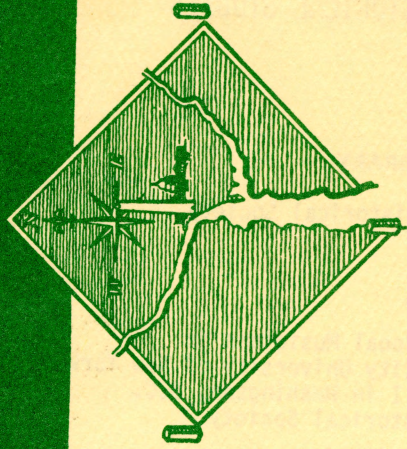
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1982
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY

- 9:00 a.m. CONFERENCE OPENING--Perry G. Fisher, Columbia Historical Society
- 9:30 a.m.-
11:00 a.m. STUDIES IN WASHINGTON THEATER AND MUSICAL LIFE
Moderator: Alan R. Mandel, American University
"John Proseri and Friends: A Study of Professional Musicians in Washington, 1877-1900"--Katherine K. Preston, City University of New York
"The Lafayette Square Opera House: End of Act I in Washington, D.C. Theater History"--Eileen T. Groce, Columbia Historical Society
Comment: Cynthia Adams Hoover, Smithsonian Institution
- 11:15 a.m.-
12:15 p.m. "Coming Together: The Community Center Movement in the District of Columbia, 1915-1930"--Ronald M. Johnson, Georgetown University
Moderator: James K. Flack, University of Maryland
Comment: Spencer R. Crew, Smithsonian Institution
- 1:30 p.m.-
3:00 p.m. ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF LABOR IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Moderator and Comment: Dolores Janiewski, The Samuel Gompers Papers
"Building the Federal City: Artisans and Laborers in Washington, D.C., 1791-1800"--Larry Myers, National Endowment for the Humanities
"The British, Duff Green, the Rats, and the Devil: The Washington Printers' Strike of 1834-35"--William Pretzer, Smithsonian Institution
- 3:15 p.m.-
5:00 p.m. RECENT ARCHEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
Moderator: Geoffrey Gyrisco, Historic Preservation Office, District of Columbia
"The Blagden Mills Complex"--Susan N. Mayer, New York University
"Barry's Farm: Archeology of a Black Freedmen's Bureau Settlement"--Elizabeth W. Anderson, Soils Systems Inc.
"Excavation of the Convention Center Site"--Patrick H. Garrow, Soil Systems Inc.
"Piney Branch Quarry Site"--Barbara A. Mumford, George Washington University
Comment: Laura A. Henley, Howard University

FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 12
THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- 8:00 p.m. THE SIXTH LETITIA WOODS BROWN MEMORIAL LECTURE
"Winslow Homer and the Currents of Black History"--Peter H. Wood, Professor of History, Duke University
Christian Heurich Mansion, 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Light refreshments served beginning 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1982
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY

- 9:00 a.m. WELCOME--Linda J. Lear, George Washington University
- 9:30 a.m.-
11:00 a.m. "The Development of the Washington Economy, 1800-1860"--William H. Becker, George Washington University
Moderator: Linda J. Lear
Comment: Gary L. Browne, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- 11:15 a.m.-
12:15 p.m. "Rhodes Tavern and the History of the Planning, Development, and Institutions of the Nation's Capital, 1799-1981"--Nelson F. Rimensnyder, Committee on the District of Columbia, U.S. House of Representatives
Moderator: John N. Pearce, George Washington University
Comment: Kathleen L. Gilbert, Baltimore Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation
- 1:30 p.m.-
2:30 p.m. SURVEYING THE PHYSICAL CITY
Moderator: Perry G. Fisher
"Surveying Techniques and Their Use as Historical Tools"--Mark R. Edwards, Maryland Historical Trust
"A Case Study: The Downtown Washington Survey by Don't Tear It Down, a Citizens Group"--Nancy B. Schwartz, Don't Tear It Down
- 2:45 p.m.-
4:00 p.m. WALKING TOURS OF THE THREE DISTRICTS OF THE DOWNTOWN SURVEY: COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL, AND FINANCIAL
Concurrent walking tours will take place weather permitting. In the event of bad weather, slide-illustrated discussions of the three component districts of the Downtown Survey will substitute for walking tours.

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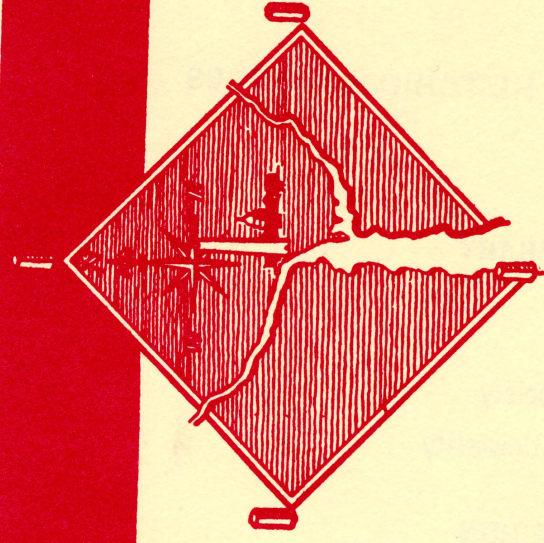
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- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:30 a.m. CONFERENCE OPENING – Hardy R. Franklin, D.C. Public Library
Perry G. Fisher, Columbia Historical Society
- 9:45 a.m. - "Olmsted in Washington" – Frederick Gutheim, George Washington University
10:45 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m. - TRANSPORTATION IN THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN REGION
12:30 p.m. Moderator: Ronald M. Johnson, Georgetown University
- "The Park and Planning Commission and the Development of the Parkway Concept" – Glen Orlin,
George Washington University
- "The History of the Mass Transportation Survey, 1955-1959" – Darwin Stolzenbach, Metro History Project
Comment: Brian Cudahy, U.S. Department of Transportation
- 1:30 p.m. - TIDEWATER AND VALLEY: THE POTOMAC RIVER BASIN, 1642-1820
3:00 p.m. This session is presented in cooperation with the Potomac River Basin Consortium.
Moderator: Gilbert Gude, Congressional Research Service
- "Religion, Ethnicity, and Pluralism in the Shenandoah Valley, 1740-1760" – Richard K. McMaster,
James Madison University
- "Land, Landlord, and Leaseholder: Estate Management and Tenant Fortunes in Southern Maryland, 1642-1820"
– Lorena Walsh, Colonial Williamsburg, Inc.
Comment: Thad W. Tate, Institute of Early American History and Culture
- 3:30 p.m. - HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY AND CARTOGRAPHY
5:00 p.m. Moderator: Paul Groves, University of Maryland
- "Lithography and the City Map: Baltimore, 1850-1900" – Sue Gibbons, University of Maryland
- "Map Collections in Local Libraries" – Kathryn S. Ray, D.C. Public Library, and Elizabeth Miller,
Columbia Historical Society
- "Cartographic Sources for Urban History: The Example of Washington" – Ronald Grim, Library of Congress

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 4
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, ROSS HALL, 2300 EYE ST., N.W., ROOM 117

- 8:00 p.m. THE SEVENTH LETITIA WOODS BROWN MEMORIAL LECTURE
- "Turning Inward: Neighborhood and Community in the American Metropolis, 1920-1982" – Zane L. Miller,
University of Cincinnati

SATURDAY, MARCH 5
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., MEMORIAL LIBRARY

- 9:30 a.m. - THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON: A TWENTY-YEAR RETROSPECTIVE BY PARTICIPANTS
11:00 a.m. Moderator: Howard Croft, University of the District of Columbia
- "Organizing the March on Washington" – The Hon. Walter Fauntroy, U.S. House of Representatives
- "Covering the March for the Local Press" – Ben W. Gilbert, formerly City Editor, *Washington Post*
- "Recording the March for Posterity" – Paul Green, amateur filmmaker, Washington, D.C.
Mr. Green will show a film of the march taken at the time.
- 11:15 a.m. - COMMUNITY STUDIES
12:30 p.m. Moderator: Phyllis Myers, The Conservation Foundation
- "Local History Sources for Afro-American Historic Sites: A Case Study on 11th Street, N.W., 1857-1930" –
Marcia Greenlee, historian/consultant
- "Grace Episcopal Church and the Georgetown Waterfront, 1860-1920" – Kathryn S. Smith,
George Washington University
- "The Development of the Del Ray Neighborhood, 1900-1930" – John F. Stephens,
American Studies Association
- Comment: Keith Melder, Museum of the City of Washington
- Conference participants who are interested in exploring possible means of celebrating the Capital City's 200th anniversary are invited to join John Fondersmith at lunch, following the morning sessions.

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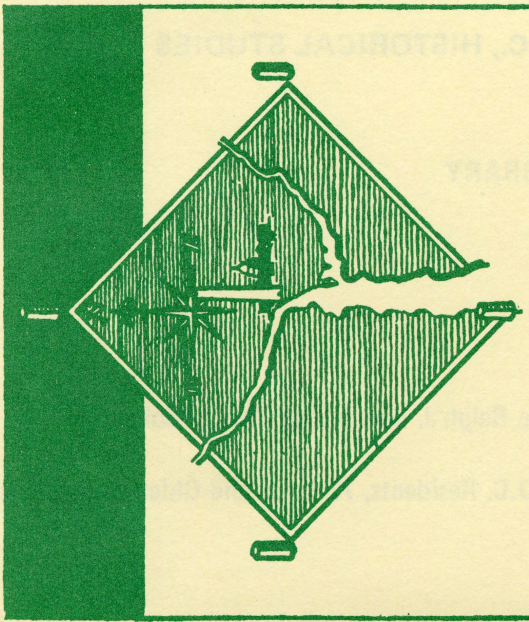
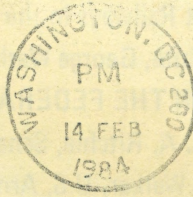
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., MEMORIAL LIBRARY

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
9:30 a.m. CONFERENCE OPENING – Hardy R. Franklin, D.C. Public Library
Perry G. Fisher, Columbia Historical Society
- 9:45 a.m. - LIFE IN SEGREGATED WASHINGTON
11:15 a.m. Moderator and Commentator: Thomas C. Battle, Howard University
"Segregation in Washington, D.C. as Represented in Selected Memoirs of the Ralph J. Bunch Oral History Collection" – Elinor DesVerney Sinnette, Howard University
"Observations on Segregation, Oppression, and Liberation by Washington, D.C. Residents, 75 Years and Older" – Iris Kern, University of the District of Columbia
- 11:30 a.m. - THE DEVELOPMENT OF POST-CIVIL WAR WASHINGTON
1:00 p.m. Moderator: Howard Gillette, Jr., George Washington University
(concurrent sessions) "The Evolution of Washington's Suburbs, 1870-1920" – Anneli M. Levy
"The Role of Street Railways in the Development of 19th Century Washington" – Richard M. Levy, Cornell University
Comment: Dana White, George Washington University
- ORAL HISTORY IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT: THEME AND VARIATIONS
Moderator: Donald. A. Ritchie, Senate Historical Office
Panelists: Paul K. Walker, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Pamela Henson, Smithsonian Institution
Marie B. Allen, White House Office of Presidential Libraries
John Vernon, National Archives
- 2:00 p.m. - WASHINGTON BUSINESS HISTORY
3:15 p.m. Moderator: Thomas V. DiBacco, American University
(concurrent sessions) "Appliances of an Advanced Civilization: The Metal Trades in Early Washington City" – Elizabeth J. Miller, Columbia Historical Society
"Positioned for Survival: Small Business in Washington, 1900-1980" – Richard Voelkel, Strayer College
Comment: William Becker, George Washington University
- ORAL HISTORY AND THE DOCUMENTATION OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS
Moderator: James D. Walker, Fellow, National Geneological Society
Panelists: Eleanor D. Shelton, Archdiocese of Washington
James A. Smith
- 3:30 p.m. - WORKING WOMEN IN WASHINGTON: SELECTED ORAL HISTORY STUDIES
5:00 p.m. Moderator: Patricia A. Cooper, Drexel University
(concurrent sessions) "The Transition from 'Servant' to 'Day Worker' in Washington, D.C." – Elizabeth Clark-Lewis, Northern Virginia Community College
"Abriendo Camino: The Latino Immigrant Woman in Washington" – Barbara Zulli D'Emilio
- MICROCOMPUTERS AND ORAL HISTORY
Moderator: Frederick J. Stielow, University of Maryland, College Park
"Microcomputers and Manual Systems for Oral History Collections" – Frederick J. Stielow
"The Use of Data Base Management Systems for Oral History Collections" – Roy Rosenzweig, George Mason University
"The Use of Word Processing Systems for Transcriptions" – Deborah Reid, Techni-type Transcriptions

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- 9:15 a.m. - Welcome – Mary Jo Deering, Oral History in the Mid-Atlantic Region
10:00 a.m. Address: "Capturing, Sharing and Teaching Community History Through Oral History," – Linda Shopes, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- 10:00 a.m. - CHILDHOOD MEMORIES OF WASHINGTON
11:15 a.m. Moderator and Commentator: Bernard Mergen, George Washington University
Panelists: Tom Lane, Capital Children's Museum
Louise Sindler, Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington
- 11:30 a.m. - WASHINGTON MILITARY HISTORY
1:00 p.m. Moderator: Sara Dunlap Jackson, National Historical Publications & Records Commission
(concurrent sessions) "The Organization of the District of Columbia Volunteer Militia in 1861" – Albert W. Haarmann
"The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Anacostia River" – Martin K. Gordon, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Commentator: Kim Holien, U.S. Army Center of Military History
- THE LATINO COMMUNITY IN WASHINGTON
Moderator: Leslie Rankin Hill, University of the District of Columbia
Panelists: Lisa Wheaton, Latin American Youth Center
Olivia Cadaval, George Washington University

SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 25

- 6:00 p.m. - Reception: Columbia Historical Society, 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
7:30 p.m.
- 8:00 p.m. The Eighth Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Lecture
Powell Auditorium, The Cosmos Club, 2121 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
"Community History – Beyond the Supply Side Fallacy" – Michael H. Frisch, State University of New York, Buffalo

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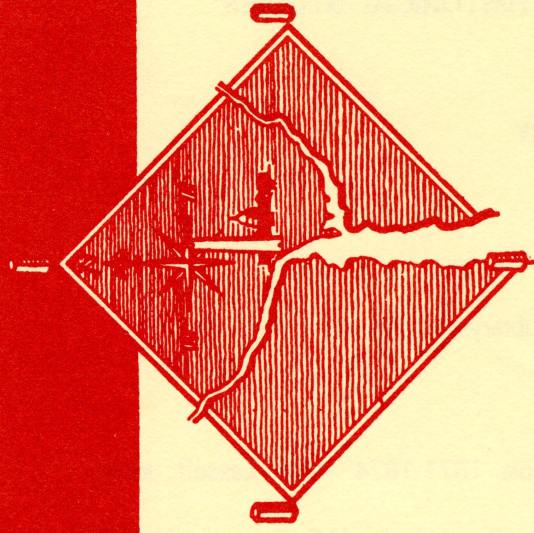
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:15 a.m. CONFERENCE OPENING—Roxanna Dean, D.C. Public Library
- 9:30 a.m.- RESOURCES FOR THE STUDY OF WASHINGTON
- 10:45 a.m. Moderator: Dorothy Provine, District of Columbia City Government
"The Washingtoniana Project at the Library of Congress"—Kathleen Collins, Library of Congress
"Photo Resources at Moorland-Spingarn"—Marcia Bracey, Howard University
- 11:00 a.m.- ASSESSING WASHINGTON'S POLITICAL HISTORY
- 12:30 p.m. Moderator: Alan M. Kraut, American University
(concurrent sessions) "Alexander Shepherd and the Politics of Development in the District of Columbia, 1871-1874"—Alan Lessoff, Johns Hopkins University
"William J. Tindall, Secretary of the District of Columbia Government"—Nelson Rimensnyder, U.S. Congress, House District Committee
Comment: Stephen J. Diner, University of the District of Columbia
- DOCUMENTING THE WASHINGTON LABOR EXPERIENCE
This session is presented in cooperation with the National Capital Labor History Society
Chair and Comment: Anatoli M. Illyashov, University of the District of Columbia
Arlene Neal, Service Employees International Union Local 82
Francois Somlyo, Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union Local 209
Ronda Hanson, National Educational Association, Prince Georges County
- 1:30 p.m.- WASHINGTON ARCHITECTS IN THE GROWTH OF THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION
- 3:15 p.m. Moderator: Tony P. Wrenn, American Institute of Architects
(concurrent sessions) "Glenn Brown and the Emergence of a Professional Voice for the Private Architect"—William Bushong, George Washington University
"The Supervising Architect's Office: A Help or a Hindrance to the Professionalism of Architecture?"—Antoinette J. Lee, Columbia Historical Society
Comment: Sue Kohler, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts
- THE BLACK CHURCH IN WASHINGTON
Chair: Nina Clark
George A. Stallings, St. Teresa's Catholic Church
Robert Hall, Lincoln Congregational Church
Comment: Paul Sluby
- 3:30 p.m.- L'ENFANT UNDER REVIEW
- 5:00 p.m. Moderator: Cynthia Field, Smithsonian Institution
(concurrent sessions) "Placing L'Enfant in Context"—Dora Wiebenson, University of Virginia
Comment: Charles M. Harris, Columbia Historical Society
- BLACK WOMEN'S EDUCATION IN THE 1920s AND 1930s
Chair: Keith Melder, Smithsonian Institution
"The Third Step: Anna Julia Cooper and Education in the District of Columbia"—Mindy Chateauvert, George Washington University
"What a Woman Can Be: Nannie Helen Burroughs as a Black Woman Educator"—Phyllis Palmer, George Washington University
Comment: Evelyn Brooks, University of Maryland

FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 22

COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- 7:00 p.m.- Reception
- 8:00 p.m.
- 8:00 p.m. THE NINTH LETITIA WOODS BROWN MEMORIAL LECTURE
Introduction—Elizabeth J. Miller, Columbia Historical Society
"Urban Pagentry and German American Ethnicity"—Kathleen Conzen, University of Chicago

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:15 a.m. Welcome—Howard Gillette, Jr., George Washington University
- HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES ON NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**
Moderator: John Fondersmith, District of Columbia City Government
- 9:30 a.m.- Keynote—Francis D. Lethbridge
- 10:00 a.m.
- 10:15 a.m.- Case Studies
- 11:15 a.m. "Historic Districting in Cleveland Park"—Kathleen Wood
"Preservation in and of the L'Enfant Plan"—Paul Goldner, National Park Service
- 11:30 a.m.- Panel Discussion
- 1:00 p.m. Chair: Russell Wright, National Trust for Historic Preservation
Ronald Lewis, District of Columbia City Government
Alison K. Hogland, District Preservation League
Marcia Greenlee
Theresa F. Brown, Le Droit Park Preservation Society
- 2:00 p.m.- WORKSHOP: HOW TO RESEARCH YOUR HOUSE AND NEIGHBORHOOD
- 3:30 p.m. Washingtoniana Division, Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Library
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Participation limited to 25 people. Pre-registration required during the conference.

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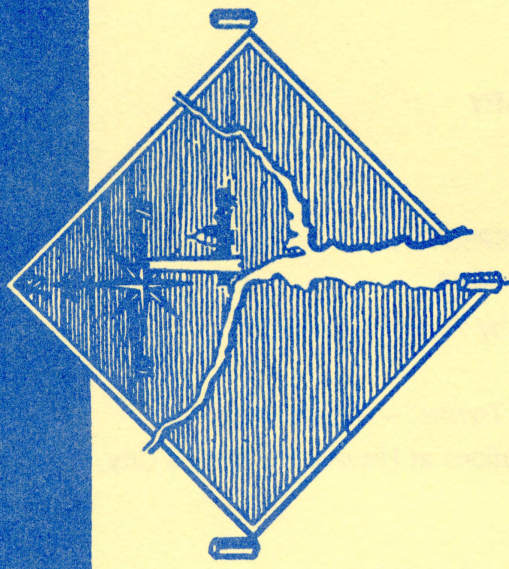
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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21
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- 9:00 a.m. Registration
9:15 a.m. Conference Opening—Roxanna Deane, D.C. Public Library

PLACING THE POTOMAC RIVER IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

David Fogle, Potomac River Basin Consortium, presiding

- 9:30 a.m.— Film: "The Potomac: American Reflections" Produced and commented on by Frederick Gutheim
10:30 a.m.— "The North Branch Valley: A Land of Coal Towns, Yellow Boy, and Ghost Towns"—Gilbert Gude
12:00 noon "A Happy Marriage Continues: Recent History and Archaeological Investigations at Historic St. Mary's City, Maryland"—Burt Kummerow, St. Mary's City Commission
1:00 p.m.— ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING IN THE 1930's
2:45 p.m. Moderator: Lawrence Baume, Columbia Historical Society
(concurrent sessions) "Hilyard Robinson and the Creation of the Langston Terrace Dwellings"—Glen B. Leiner, Columbia Historical Society
"Washington, Neighborhood Shopping Centers and Neighborhood Planning"—Richard Longstreth, George Washington University
Comment: Richard Striner, U.S. Capitol Historical Society
ASPECTS OF THE CONTEMPORARY WASHINGTON ART SCENE
Moderator: Teresa Grana
Speakers: Tritobia H. Benjamin, Howard University and Sandra Fitzpatrick
3:00 p.m.— WASHINGTON'S GOLDEN DOOR: JEWS AND ITALIANS IN THE CAPITAL CITY, 1890-1940
4:45 p.m. Moderator: Chiarra Walsh, Italian Cultural Society
(concurrent sessions) "The evolution of Washington's Italian Community" Howard Gillette, Jr., George Washington University and Alan Kraut, American University
Film: "A Capital Community" Produced and introduced by Alan Kraut and Jonathan P. Siegel
Comment: Hasia Diner, University of Maryland
THE 19TH CENTURY BUILT ENVIRONMENT
Moderator: Pamela Scott, Papers of Robert Mills
"Deed Restrictions, 1790-1900: A Method of Controlling the Built Environment—Ruth Ann Overbeck, Washington Perspectives
"Craftsmen and Entrepreneurs: Washington's Great 19th Century Builders"—Melissa McLoud, George Washington University
Comment: Alison K. Hoagland, Historic American Buildings Survey

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COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

- 7:00 p.m.— Reception
8:00 p.m.— THE TENTH ANNUAL LETITIA WOODS BROWN MEMORIAL LECTURE
Introduction—Jane North, Columbia Historical Society
"Images of the American Landscape"—Peirce Lewis, Pennsylvania State University

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- 9:00 a.m. Registration
9:15 a.m. Introduction—J. Kirkpatrick Flack, Columbia Historical Society
9:30 a.m.— THE NATIONAL PASTIME IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL: TWO SIDES OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL IN
12:00 noon WASHINGTON, 1901-1960
This session is presented in cooperation with the Society for American Baseball Research
Moderator: David Q. Voight, Albright College
Film: "The Last Out" Produced and Introduced by David von Sothen
"The Homestead Grays: Negro League Baseball in Washington"—John B. Holway and Buck Leonard, Homestead Grays
Discussion:
Bob Davids, Society for American Baseball Research
Chuck Hinton, Howard University
David Kelly, Library of Congress
Paul MacFarlane, *The Sporting News*
Pat Malone, Washington Senators' Fan Club
Mickey Vernon, Washington Senators
Phil Wood, Broadcaster
9:30 a.m.— HOMELESSNESS IN WASHINGTON IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE
11:00 a.m. Moderator: William Crawford, George Washington University
Speakers: Joseph Drew, University of the District of Columbia, and Anne Hughes, University of the District of Columbia
Comment: Dennis Bethea, Government of the District of Columbia, and Christopher Hamnett, The Open University, London
11:15 a.m.— THE PEARL AFFAIR: A SEARCH FOR FREEDOM
12:30 p.m. Moderator: Faye Dixon, Eastern High School
Speaker: Josephine F. Pacheco, George Mason University
Comment: James O. Horton, George Washington University
2:00 p.m. Arranged tour: The Sumner School. By registration at the conference.

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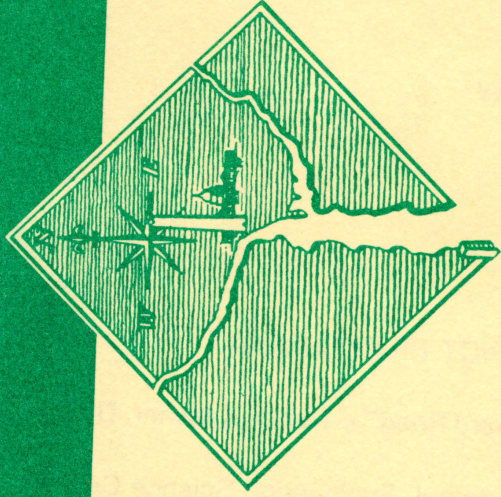
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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27
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- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:15 a.m. Conference Opening—Larry Baume, Columbia Historical Society
- 9:30 a.m.— THE CITY MAGNIFIED: HISTORIC WASHINGTON IN SLIDES
- 10:45 a.m. Charles Suddarth Kelly, Columbia Historical Society
- 11:00 a.m.— BEYOND THE HISTORICAL RECORD: ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
- 12:15 p.m. Moderator: Elizabeth A. Crowell, Engineering-Science Co.
(concurrent sessions) "What the Historical Record does not Reveal: The Archaeology of Howard Road"—Nancy Kassner, D.C. Dept. of Consumer Affairs, Historic Preservation Division
"Port of Georgetown: An Archaeological Perspective"—Janice G. Artemel, Engineering-Science Co.
"Archaeology at the Peterson House"—Stephen Potter, National Park Service
Comment: Catherine Slusser, D.C. Dept. of Consumer Affairs, Historic Preservation Division
- ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED
Moderator: Dorothy Provine, D.C. Archives
Washington Board of Trade Archives, George Washington University—Ruth Anne Becker
John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts—Jerry Otremba
Curator's Office, Architect of the Capitol—John F. Hackett
National Theater Archives—Tom Shorebird
- 1:15 p.m.— SWAMPS IN WASHINGTON? NEW HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES, 1790-1820
- 3:00 p.m. Moderator: Larry Baume, Columbia Historical Society
(Concurrent sessions) Speakers: Kenneth R. Bowling, George Washington University; Donald Spoon, Georgetown University
Comment: Bob Arnebeck, Washington writer
- WASHINGTON HISTORIC FIREHOUSES: FORM FOLLOWING FUNCTION AND A CHANGING DEMOGRAPHY
Panelists: Helen P. Ross, George Washington University; Billy Joe Peyton, West Virginia University; Ruth Ann Overbeck, Washington Perspectives, Inc.
Comment: Emory L. Kemp, West Virginia University
- 3:15 p.m.—
- 5:00 p.m. ASPECTS OF BLACK LIFE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
(Concurrent sessions) Moderator: Mrs. Francis Gregory, D.C. Public Library Board of Trustees
"Notable Ancestors"—Ted Langston Chase, author
"Health of Blacks in Nineteenth-Century Washington"—Betty L. Plummer, Fayetteville
"In the Shadow of the Capitol: Residential Segregation in Washington, D.C., 1940-1980"—Thomas Averill Duckenfield, Harvard University
Comment: James Dent Walker, Sumner Museum and Archives, D.C. Public Schools
- THE RECONCILIATION OF MILITARY ENGINEERS AND CIVILIAN ARCHITECTS IN WASHINGTON, 1902-1933
Moderator: Martin Gordon, Army Corps of Engineers
"The Struggle Between Engineers and Architects for Control of the Washington Barracks, 1902"—Andrea K. Foster, George Washington University
"Conflict Resolved: The Corps of Engineers and the Lincoln Memorial"—James R. Arnold, Bluemont, VA
- FRIDAY In the lobby of the Martin Luther King Memorial Library there will be a continuous showing of films
10:00 a.m.— which present various aspects of District of Columbia history. A list of the films will be available at the
4:00 p.m. registration table.

**FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 27
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- 5:30 p.m.— Reception
- 6:30 p.m.—
- 6:30 p.m.— ELEVENTH ANNUAL LETITIA WOODS BROWN MEMORIAL LECTURE
- 7:30 p.m.— Introduction—Jane North, Columbia Historical Society
"Black Urban America: The Washington, D.C. Historical Experience"—Hollis R. Lynch, Columbia University

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

- 9:30 a.m.— DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APARTMENT BUILDINGS
- 11:00 a.m. Moderator: Alison K. Hoagland, D.C. Preservation League
"Surprising finds in Washington Apartment House Plans"—James M. Goode, Smithsonian Institution
"The Survey of Washington, D.C. Apartment Buildings: Approach and Findings"—Emily Hotaling Eig, Traceries
Panel Discussion: Alison K. Hoagland, D.C. Preservation League; Mark Andrich, George Washington University; James M. Goode, Smithsonian Institution; Emily Hotaling Eig, Traceries
- 11:15 a.m.— HISTORICAL RESEARCH AS FILM: WHEN AND WHY—HOW AND WHO
- 12:30 p.m. Moderator: Beatrice Hackett, formerly with the D.C. Community Humanities Council
Panel Discussion: Marjorie Hunt, Smithsonian Institution; Paul Wagner, independent filmmaker; Janette Pinckney, independent filmmaker; Bettye Collier-Thomas, Bethune Museum-Archives

On March 6, 1894, a meeting of 29 prominent historians, scientists, journalists, and academics was held in the office of President James Welling of Columbian (now George Washington) University "to exchange views as to the best means of gathering and preserving the history of the Nation's Capital." This colloquy resulted in the immediate organization of the Columbia Historical Society of Washington, D.C., and the 29 assembled scholars comprised the charter membership.

In the subsequent efforts to preserve and record the history of the District of Columbia and vicinity, there has continued to be a close working relationship between the Columbia Historical Society and the George Washington University. Members of the two institutions have joined forces in movements to research and protect Washington landmarks, mark local sites of historic significance, and present exhibitions to promote public awareness of various aspects of the history and development of the National Capital region. The Society and the University have assembled independent but complementary collections of specialized materials for the study of local history. George Washington University professors have been frequent contributors to the *Records of the Columbia Historical Society*, an internationally distributed series for local historical scholarship published by the Society since 1897.

Cooperation between the Columbia Historical Society and the George Washington University entered a new phase with the joint sponsorship of the First Annual Conference on Washington, D.C., Historical Studies in January 1973. In December 1974 the University inaugurated a new series for the publication of local history research by its faculty and students with the appearance of the first of the *GW Washington Studies* monographs. To date there are 11 contributions to the series. In March 1980 the University established a multidisciplinary Center for Washington Area Studies. The Center will systematically increase research and teaching on local subject matter throughout the University.

Membership in the Columbia Historical Society is open to all persons interested in the history of Washington, D.C., and its people. Annual dues entitle

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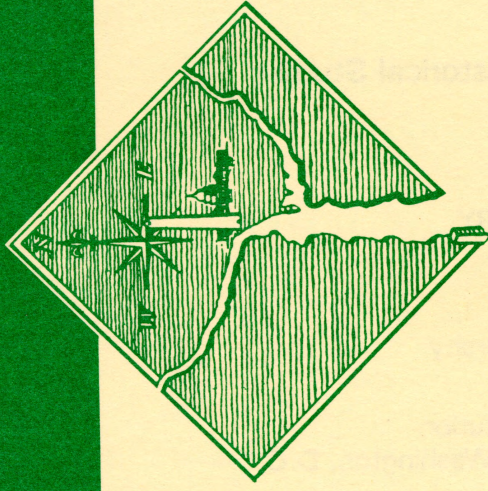
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**Fifteenth Annual Conference on Washington, D. C. Historical Studies
February 26 – 27, 1988**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:15 a.m. Conference Opening – William H. Becker, George Washington University
- 9:30 a.m. – MUSIC IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
- 11:30 a.m. Moderator and Commentator: Katherine Preston, Smithsonian Institution
"The First One Hundred Years of the Friday Morning Music Club in Washington, D.C." –
Charlotte Shear, Friday Morning Club
"Black Women in the Music of Washington, D.C.: 1890 – 1930" –
Doris Evans McGinty, Howard University
"Music in the Washington, D.C. Public Schools" – Grace Bradford, D.C. Public Schools
Assisted by students from the public schools
- 1:00 p.m. – HISTORICAL EDITING PROJECTS RELATING TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
- 4:00 p.m. Moderator: Mary Giunta, NHPRC
Frederick Law Olmsted Papers, Charles McLaughlin
J. Franklin Jameson Papers, Morey Rothberg
Freedman's Bureau Project, Ira Berlin
Joseph Henry Papers, Paul Theerman
- 1:00 p.m. – MIGRANTS, IMMIGRANTS, AND REFUGEES: THE NEWCOMER'S EXPERIENCE
- 3:00 p.m. Moderator: Olivia Cadaval, Smithsonian Fellow; George Washington University
"The Carolina-Washington Connection" – Brett Williams, American University
"The 'New Immigrants': Hispanics in Washington, D.C." – Lucy M. Cohen, Catholic University
"The Indochinese Community" – Beatrice N. Hackett, American University
- 3:15 p.m. – CHANGING SOLUTIONS TO PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS
- 5:00 p.m. Moderator: Larry Baume, Columbia Historical Society
"Going to the Source: Washington's Experience with Typhoid Fever, 1895 – 1912," Phillip Seitz,
Smithsonian Institution
"A Clean Sweep: Street Cleaning Reform in Washington, D.C., 1874 – 1912," Robie Lange, National
Park Service
Commentator: Ramunas A. Kondratas, Smithsonian Institution
- 4:15 p.m. – COLLECTIONS: D.C.
- 5:15 p.m. Moderator: Roxanna Deane, MLK Library
"Survey and database of Washington history research resources" – William B. Keller, George
Washington University
"Progress report on the D.C. Office of Public Records" – Philip W. Ogilvie, Office of Public Records

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- 7:30 p.m. TWELFTH ANNUAL LETITIA WOODS BROWN MEMORIAL LECTURE
Introduction – Jane North, Columbia Historical Society
"North Is a State of Mind: Afro-American Migration to Washington, D.C."
– Spencer Crew, Smithsonian Institution
- 8:30 p.m. Reception

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27
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SATURDAY

- 10:30 a.m. – BENJAMIN BANNEKER
- 11:30 a.m. Moderator and Commentator: Robert L. Hall, University of Maryland—Baltimore County
(currently Commonwealth Professor at George Mason University)
"Life and Work of Benjamin Banneker" – Frederick W. Jones, historian
"Benjamin Banneker: An Archeological Investigation," Robert J. Hurry, Maryland Historical Trust
- 11:45 a.m. – MARIAN ANDERSON
- 1:00 p.m. "Talent and the Color Line: A Social History of Marian Anderson's Freedom Concert" –
Allida M. Black, George Washington University

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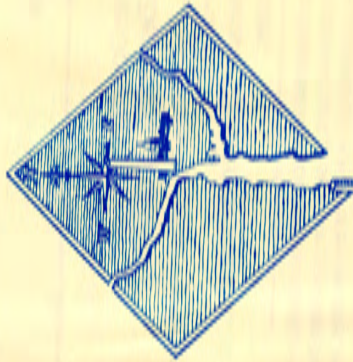
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FRIDAY, March 3

1:00 P.M.
Registration

1:15 P.M.

Conference Opening—
Roxanna Deane, D.C. Public Library

1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Comprehensive Surveys of Several D.C. Communities

The District of Columbia Historic Preservation Division has funded, through an historic preservation grant from the National Park Service, subgrants to a number of communities. These subgrants are for the purpose of conducting comprehensive surveys of their neighborhoods. The information gathered includes a detailed survey of the housing stock; a compilation of historical documentation about the neighborhood; oral histories; and an archeological survey. The Congress Heights, Woodley Park, Sheridan-Kalorama, Upper Cardozo, Brookland, and Deanwood neighborhoods have participated in this project. Panel members representing some of these communities as well as the technical staff involved will discuss the work that has been done.

Moderator:

Nancy Kassner, D.C. Historic Preservation Division

Panelists:

Joan Chase, Potomac River Archaeological Survey,
American University

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Cynthia Field, Office of Architectural History and
Historic Preservation, Smithsonian Institution

Charles G. Field, National Association of Home-
builders

Laura Henley, Catholic University

Ruthanne Overbeck, Washington Perspectives,
Inc.

Maxine J. Smith, Congress Heights Community
Association

Staff members from the D.C. Historic Preservation
Division

3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Historic Resources: University Archives and
Special Collections in Washington, D.C.

This panel will discuss the resources available to researchers in university archives. Often, this resource is underutilized by those interested in local and neighborhood history. The development of a university, its impact on the surrounding community, the cultural significance in the neighborhood and larger community, and the history of the university community make these valuable historical resources.

Moderator:

Larry Baume, D.C. Archives

Panelists:

Donna Wells, Gallaudet University Library

William Ross, American University Archives

Nicholas Scheetz, Georgetown University Library

Matthew Gilmore, George Washington University
Library

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Community Organizations

These papers examine the history of two organizations that were formed to address the needs of two very specific constituencies. The Women's Anthropological Society was formed to "open to women new fields for systematic investigation and to invite their co-operation in the development of the science of anthropology." The Jewish Community Council serves as the voice of the

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Speaker:

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History in Art, University of Victoria

"Temples for True Believers: On the Social Function
of Galleries and Museums in the Modern World."

SATURDAY, March 4

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9:30 A.M.

Registration and Coffee

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

The Architecture of Transportation

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Moderator:

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Belanger, History Associates Incorporated, Rock-
ville, Maryland

"Washington's Greyhound Depot and the Idea of
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streth, George Washington University

"Washington National Airport and American Air-
port Design before the War," James Goode,
George Washington University

12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Lunch

You may bring your lunch and watch *Asylum*, a film documenting the history of St. Elizabeth's Hospital and mental health care in the United States. The film will be shown from 12:15 P.M. to 1:15 P.M.

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Building Better Homes in Washington: Public and
Private Solutions

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Moderator/Commentator:

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3:20 PM. -5:00 PM.

Black History in the Washington Metropolitan Area

Addressing a need to expose the rich and varied reality of Afro-American life, historians will discuss nearby communities' unique Black heritage. The effort to recover this past has involved travel to as far away as the shores of Senegal and as close as the recalled memory of long-time residents of these neighborhoods.

Moderator:

Leroy Graham, D.C. Public Library

Commentator:

Sylvia Cooke Martin, Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society

Papers:

"Gum Springs: History of a National Treasure," Ronald Chase, Gum Springs Historical Society
"Early Black History in Prince George's County, Maryland," Blanca Floyd, Maryland National Park and Planning Commission
"History of Blacks in Howard County, Maryland," Alice Cornelison, Howard County NAACP

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History of the Parks of the Metropolitan Area

These two presenters are landscape architects who are currently collaborating on a book which will detail the history of parks and park systems within the metropolitan region. From L'Enfant's plan to the current expansion of suburban park systems, this session will focus on individuals who have been instrumental in planning, developing, and preserving our local parks.

Moderator/Commentator:

Barry Mackintosh, National Park Service

Papers:

"Origins of Rock Creek Park," Pierra Weiss
"Great Visionaries: The People who Made our Parks Possible," Steve Elkinton

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The purpose of the Center for Washington Area Studies of the George Washington University is to carry on scholarly activities related to the Greater Washington area and to relate University resources to the needs and concerns of Washington area citizens. Its primary objectives include the following: To foster research and writing related to the history and culture of the Washington area; To stimulate research and publishing of studies of local public policy issues in the Washington area; To channel the skills and talents of University faculty and students toward local problem-solving in areas related to the public welfare.

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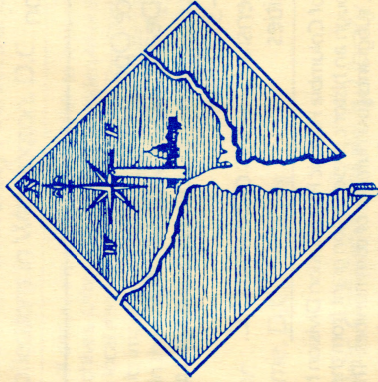
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"The Broad Reach and Short Grasp of Public Housing, 1935-1945," Howard Gillette, George Washington University

"Models of Beauty and Predictability: The Suburban Subdivisions of Wesley Heights and Spring Valley," Diane Wasch, George Washington University

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Washington Family Businesses: Reflecting the Past, Challenging the Future

Representatives of three well-known businesses which originated and have remained based in Washington will describe the history of their enterprises and the changes they have witnessed in downtown Washington, in their clientele, and in the way business is conducted in this rapidly growing city. Finally, they will assess the future for independent, locally owned businesses in the Washington metropolis as we approach the 21st century.

Moderator:

Jane W. North, Columbia Historical Society

Respondent:

Dr. Jerome Paige, American Council on Education Fellow at the University of Baltimore, on leave from the Department of History, University of the District of Columbia

Panelists:

Edward W. Hall, Vice President and General Manager, Galt and Brother Jewellers, founded 1802

John R. McGuire, President, McGuire Funeral Services, Inc., founded 1912

Frank Rich, former President, Rich's Shoes, founded 1869



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