

Conference Schedule 2011

38th Annual Conference on DC Historical Studies November 3-6, 2011

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.

Thursday, November 3, 2011

(Location: Goethe Institut)

6:30-7:15 Conference Reception

7:00 DC Archives, the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, and the Office of the Surveyor of the District of Columbia to each speak briefly on what has happened in the past year as far as records preservation and access

Clarence Davis, Public Records Administrator, Ida Williams, Deputy Recorder of Deeds, Roland Dreist, Surveyor of the District of Columbia

7:15-8:30 Letitia Woods Brown Lecture

Speaker: **Kenneth J. Winkle**, Professor of History at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
"Lincoln's Citadel: The Civil War in Washington, DC"



Friday, November 4, 2011

(Friday and Saturday Sessions take place at Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, Sunday tour pickup will also be at MLKML)

8:45-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:30 Introductions

9:30-10:45 Plenary: Toward a Digital History of Civil War Washington

Kenneth J. Winkle, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Susan C. Lawrence, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Civil War Washington, a collaborative digital humanities research project, presents new ways to visualize and interpret the evolving role of Washington, DC, as the nation's capital during the Civil War. Primary emphasis centers on the city's complex responses to the challenges of military fortification and mobilization, treatment of hundreds of thousands of wounded and sick soldiers, evolution of the expanding policy of emancipation as a war aim, and the emergence of a modern city and more functional and visually symbolic national capital. The site explores these themes and presents evidence through an interconnected set of texts, databases, images, interactive maps, and analytical essays.

11:00-12:30 Concurrent Sessions 1 and 2

Session 1: Built Environment of DC

Adam Costanzo "Creating a Grand Capital City One Building at a Time: Local Architecture and Development in Early Washington, DC, 1791-1814"

Chris Shaheen "Public Parking: Transforming the Nation's Capital from Gritty to Garden City"

Gail Spilsbury "A Washington Sketchbook: Drawings by R. L. Dickinson, 1917-1918"

Session 2: Researching Public School history

Kimberly Springle "25th Anniversary of the Sumner Museum and Archives"

Kesh Ladduwahetty and **Lucinda Janke** "Researching the history of the DC school system: Franklin School exhibition and the Eaton Centennial"

Eaton School representatives "John Eaton School centennial student project"

12:30-2:00 History Network

1:30-3:00 Concurrent Sessions 3 and 4

Session 3: African American Washington

Emahunn Campbell “It All Comes From the Soul:’ The New School of Afro American Thought, Washington, D.C., and Black Arts”

Nicolas Martin-Breteau “Bodies of Character: Sport, education, and racial pride in the Long Civil Rights Movement, 1890s-1930s”

Timothy Dennee “A District of Columbia Freedmen’s Cemetery in Virginia? Arlington’s Section 27”

Session 4: Civil War Defenses of Washington, D.C.

Alexa Viets “Long Term planning and vision for Civil War Defenses of Washington.”

Simone Monteleone “Restoration of Fort Stevens”

Susan Horner “National Register Documentation of Civil War Defenses of Washington”

James Rosenstock “Historic Preservation of Civil War Defenses of Washington.”

3:15-5:00 Concurrent Sessions 5 and 6

Session 5: Documenting the local Soviet Jewry movement

David McKenzie

Wendy Turman

Claire Uziel

Former Soviet Jewry activists **Norman Goldstein, Daniel Mann, and Bert Silver**

Session 6: Current Archaeology of Washington, D.C.

[Session will start at 3:05 to accommodate the number of speakers]

1. **Noel D. Broadbent** “Excavations in Bladensburg: the site of Joshua Barney’s Engagement with the British on August 24, 1814” Dept. of Anthropology, NMNH, Smithsonian Institution

2. **Tom Forhan** “Cultural Landscapes and ‘Wilderness’: Historic Archaeology of the Riley Tract Rock Creek Park, Washington, D.C.” Department of Anthropology, University of Maryland at College Park

3. **Chardé Reid** “City Parks: Windows to the Past” Assistant Archaeologist, DC Historic Preservation Office

4. **Matthew David Cochran** “Cathedrals of Lunacy”: Mental Illness, Moral Treatment, and the Materiality of St. Elizabeths Hospital”

5. **Paul P. Kreisa** “It Is a Noble Work: A Search for the Archaeological remains of the Moral Treatment Approach at St. Elizabeths Hospital” Greenhorne & O’Mara, Inc.

6. **Tara Tetrault** “The Archaeological Collections of Washington, D.C.” Montgomery College

7. **Charles Cheek** “Worthy of the Nation: the Effects of Infrastructure on the Archaeology of Urban Life in Washington, D.C.” John Milner Associates, Inc.

8. **Alexandra Jones and Jennifer Babiarz** “Making a Difference: Community Archaeology and DC Youth”



Saturday, November 5, 2011

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-10:45 Plenary: Social History of Washington, DC

Jessica Ziparo “‘There Are Some Sad Stories I Could Tell You About the Woman-Clerk Life in Washington’”: Female Federal Employees in D.C. (1860-70)”

Mark Herlong “The Golden Age of Washington Grave-Robbing”

Garrett Peck “Prohibition in Washington, DC: How Dry We Weren’t” (see also Tour 2)

11:00-12:30 Concurrent Sessions 7 and 8

Session 7: Another Sesquicentennial — 150 Years of Policing Washington, D.C.

Panelists:

Lieutenant Nicholas T. Breul "Some Highlights in the 150 Year History of the Metropolitan Police Department"

Martin Murray "The Poet and the Policeman: Walt Whitman and Officer Doyle"

Sandra Schmidt "On Being Black in an Overwhelmingly White Police Department"

William ("Bill") Brown, Moderator

Session 8: Contrabands in the DC Area

Brandon Bies "Arlington's Freedman's Village."

Kati Engel "Mapping Contraband Camps."

Jonathan Pliska "Contrabands on Mason's Island."

Jenny Masur, Chair

1:30-3:00 Concurrent Sessions 9 and 10 and Tour 1

Session 9: DC Neighborhoods

Adam Rubin "Our Own Outrageous Ontario: The History and Precarious Future of Adams Morgan's Ontario Theatre"

Marie Maxwell "A Demographic Neighborhood From 1880-1930"

Karl Byrand "The Spatial and Occupational Advantages of Shaw's Mulatto Population in Turn-of-the-Century Washington, DC"

Session 10: DC History on the Web

Matthew Gilmore "H-DC: DC history discussion list"

Karen Needles "Lincolnarchives Digital Project"

John De Ferrari "Streets of Washington blog"

Tour 1 **Kim Roberts**

"Henry Adams: Washington Historian and Author, a Tour of Lafayette Square"

3:15-5:00 Concurrent Sessions 11 and 12 and Tour 2

Session 11: Neighborhood history

Neighborhoods by Neighbors – Three DCCHP Communities: Capitol View, Eastland Gardens, and Fairlawn
Moderator **Patsy Fletcher** of the DC Historic Preservation Office and co-founder of DCCHP.

Panel members are:

Patricia Hallman, member of the Capitol View Civic Association and chair of the History Committee;

Javier Barker, president of the Eastland Gardens Flower Club; and

Graylin Presbury, president of the Fairlawn Citizens Association.

Session 12: Political Collections (Donna Wells Memorial Session)

Yvonne Carignan "Washington, D.C., Political Papers and Collections: Where the Researcher Finds Primary Sources on D.C.'s Political Past and Present"

Meredith Evans Raiford, Ph.D. Director of the Special Collections Research Center, Gelman Library, George Washington University Special Collections "Not Just Minister: From the March on Washington to Representing the Citizens of the District of Columbia in the United States House of Representatives"

Derek Gray, Archivist, Washingtoniana Division, DC Public Library "'All Politics is Local': Documenting Local Politics in Records in the DC Public Library's Washingtoniana Division"

Ida E. Jones, Ph. D., Assistant Curator, Moorland Spingarn Research Center, Howard University "Whatever measure of Success: Washington, D.C. political collections at Moorland Spingarn."

Tour 2 **Garrett Peck**

Tour of Prohibition Washington



Sunday, November 6, 2011

11:00-3:00 Tour of Civil War Fortifications (limited registration!)

Tour Synopsis: Lincoln's Line of Defense

Explore the Civil War forts erected by Lincoln's army to protect the nation's capital during the Civil War and the summer cottage where President Lincoln contemplated emancipation, war strategy and the fate of the Union. Nestled among the hills of the city are the remains of a vast network of earthwork forts that proved impenetrable to Confederate forces during the Battle of Fort Stevens on July 11-12, 1864. In addition to a stop at President Lincoln's Cottage, this tour includes stops at Forts Reno, Marcy, DeRussy and the reconstructed Fort Stevens. Also included is a stop at the recently renovated the Superintendent's Lodge at Battleground National Cemetery, the resting place of 41 Union soldiers who fought in the Battle of Fort Stevens. President Lincoln's Cottage is a National Historic Landmark managed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Civil War Defenses of Washington are part of a local network of National Parks.

Tour lasts approx. 3 1/2 hours.

- Cost: \$30/person (cash or check)
- Pickup Point: in front of MLK Library, 9th and G Sts., NW, D.C.
- Max. 50 riders

Book Sale: The D.C. Public Library's Washingtoniana Division will be having its first ever book sale in its 107-year history, scheduled to take place during the 38th Annual Conference on D.C. Historical Studies. Highlight of the sale is hundreds of volumes of the Records of the Columbia Historical Society and Washington History that date back to Vol. 2, published in 1899. The sale will be held in Washingtoniana, Room #307. Cash or check only. Hours of the sale, open only to conference attendees, are:

Friday, November 4: 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Saturday, November 5: 9:00 am – 9:30 am & 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

A preview sale for current and new Friends of Washingtoniana will be held: Friday, November 4: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Conference Committee (2011):

Brett Abrams, Jeffrey Donahoe, Matthew Gilmore (Chair), Mark Greek, Derek Grey, Stephen Hansen, Ida Jones, Jane Freundel Levey, Adam Lewis, Richard Longstreth, John Muller, John Richardson, Gary Scott, Kimberly Springle, Mary Ternes

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