Day 1: Wednesday October 18, 2017

Keynote Address: Paula Giddings- UC Ballroom C (320C)
10:30am Keynote Introduction by Rorie Trammel
12:00pm Chat with Professor Giddings and Memphis State Eight Paper Prizes

Poplar Room (UC 308)

Session 1: 1:00pm-2:00pm
Topic: Racial Politics and Education

Lucas Miller- “Looking Back, Facing Forward: Pedagogy, Race, and the Classroom”- Xavier University


Commentator: Dr. Michele Coffey, University of Memphis

Session 2: 2:15pm-3:45pm
Topic: Gender, Identity, and Labor

Adam McNeil- “Quest for Purification: Black Women Abolitionist Dreams in the Early Radical Abolitionist Period, 1830-1845”- Simmons College

Quvorris Harris- “Phenomenal Women: Black Women during African Diasporas”- Jackson State University


Ashton Toone, “She made angry Black woman something that people would want to be”: Lemonade as a Two-Way mirror for Black Women’s Identities- University of Memphis

Commentator: Dr. KT Ewing, Tennessee State University
Day 2: Thursday, October 19, 2017 - Shelby Room (UC 342)

**Session 3: 8:30am- 10:00 am**  
**Topic: Enslavement, Childhood, and Labor**

Roger Booker- “Empty Dreams: Black Childhood from Slavery to the Sixties”- University of Kansas

Anne Kerth- “He would certainly make an admirable carpenter”: The Training of South Carolina’s Enslaved Artisans”- Princeton University

Chelsea McNutt- “African American Child Farmers in Arkansas”- Arkansas State University

Commentator: Dr. Susan O’Donovan, University of Memphis

**Session 4: 10:15am-11:45am**  
**Topic: Race and Public Spheres**

Hollie Pich- “Plunging into the Race Question: The Battle over Memphis’ Park, 1909-1913”- University of Sydney

Sade Turnipseed- “The Building of a Historic Park”: The Cotton Picker’s Monument Project- Middle Tennessee State University

Andrew Carter- “Space, Place and Inequality: Contextualizing the Racial Politics of Memphis’s Foodways”- University of Memphis

Commentator: Dr. Le’Trice Donaldson, University of Mississippi

**UC River Room (UC 300) at 12:00pm**  
The Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change Luncheon and Lecture by National Book Award Winner Russell Rickford

**Session 5: 2:00pm-3:00pm**  
**Topic: Migration and Transnational Relationships**


J. Marlena Edwards- “West Indians and Cape Verdeans in Diaspora: A Convergence in the Whaling City”- Michigan State University

Commentator: Dr. Brian Kwoba, University of Memphis
Day 3: Friday, October 20, 2017- Poplar Room (UC 308)

Session 6: 9:00 am-10:30 am

Historical and Cultural Institutions Panel

Elaine Turner, Slave Haven
Matt Hicks, Cotton Museum
Caroline Carrico, Pink Palace

Session 7: 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Topic: Radical Black Thought

Jazma Sutton- “We Have Got to Do the Work Ourselves”: The Greenville Settlement in Randolph County, Indiana, 1820-1870”- Indiana University-Bloomington

Michael T. Barry- “Sincerity: From X to El-Shabazz”- University of Florida

Angelique Lucien- “The Role of the Black Panther Party in the Rise of Black Nationalism”- StonyBrook University

Commentator: Dr. James Conway, Tarrant County College

Session 8: 12:45 pm-2:15 pm

Topic: From Riverside to the River City: The Prophetic Pessimism of Martin Luther King

Thomas M. Fuerst- “King’s Kitchen Calling: The Rhetorical Trajectory of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Kitchen Table Experience”- University of Memphis

Jonathan Smith- “Synecdoche, Ideology, and Enduring Struggle in Martin Luther King Jr.’s Speech, ‘Honoring Dr. DuBois’”- University of Memphis

Anthony Jerome Stone Jr.- “Martin Luther King Jr., Was NOT America’s Negro: The Forgotten Rhetoric of MLK: An Analysis”- University of Memphis

Commentator: Dr. Andre Johnson, University of Memphis

Session 9: 2:30 pm-4:00 pm

Topic: “If I Can Help Somebody”: The Rhetorical Influence of Martin Luther King Jr.

Dianna Watkins Dickerson- “‘You Are Somebody’: King and the Prophetic Rhetoric of Rev.
Henry Logan Starks - University of Memphis

Steven Tramel Gaines - “John A. Scott Sr.’s Response to Martin Luther King Jr.’s Assassination” - University of Memphis

Keven Rudrow - “From the Civil Rights Movement to “Black Lives Matter”: Framing Social Protest through King’s Rhetoric of Militant Nonviolent Disobedience and Self-Assertive Personhood” - University of Memphis

Commentator: Dr. Andre Johnson, University of Memphis

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