

*Third Annual Graduate
African American History Conference*

Conference Program

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in African American History
Schedule of Events

Friday, November 2, 2001

- 12:30 - 1 p.m. Conference Registration
Delta Lounge, University Center
- 1:00 - 3:15 p.m. Paper Session One
- 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Reception, Faulkner Lounge, University Center
Keynote Speaker - Dr. David W. Blight, Amherst College
"Race and Reunion: The Problem of the Civil War in American Memory."

Saturday, November 3, 2001

- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Coffee Reception & Registration
Delta Lounge, University Center
- 9:00 - 11:15 a.m. Paper Session Two
- 11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Paper Session Three
- 3:15 p.m. - 4 p.m. Closing Reception & Remarks
"Memphis State Eight" Prize Presentation

Friday, November 2, 2001

Registration Reception 12:30 – 1 p.m.

Paper Session One - 1 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Panel One - Room 310F

"Ain't I a Woman, or a Man"
African Americans and the Construction of Gender

"The YWCA and the Creation of a 'Woman-Centered' Space in the Civil Rights Movement"
Abigail Sara Lewis, Rutgers University

"Trapped Between Sambo and Nat: The Dilemma of Black Masculinity and the Role of Violence in the Era of the American Civil War"
Beverly Tomek, University of Houston

Commentator
Dr. Wanda Rushing, University of Memphis

Panel Two - Room 310G

We the People: Race, Violence, and Community Resistance

" 'It outlaws me, and I outlaw it!':
Resistance to the Fugitive Slave Law in Syracuse, New York"
Angela Murphy, University of Houston

"Where is the Voice coming From?: The Reaction to the Assassination of Medgar Evers"
Brian C. Miller, University of Mississippi

" 'Can We Say We Are All Innocent?': School Desegregation, White Rage, and the 1965 Murder of Willie Brewster"
Gary S. Sprayberry, University of Alabama

Commentator
Dr. Michael Boston, University of Memphis

Friday, November 2, 2001- Paper Session One 1 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Panel Three - Room 310H

Uplifting the Race: From Reform to Suffrage in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century

“Morality and the "Middle Class: Northern Free Blacks in the Age of Reform”

Germaine Etienne, University of Massachusetts

“ ‘Our Attitude is of the Conservative Kind ’: The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs and the Question of Suffrage“

Ashley D. Smith, Miami University of Ohio

Commentator

Dr. Beverly Bond, University of Memphis

Panel Four - Room 310J

Beyond Boundaries: African Americans and the Transatlantic World

“Cotton, Colonialism, and the Color Line:

Daniel Tompkins and the Postemancipation Problem of Labor“

Erin Elizabeth Clune, New York University

“More than the Casual Tourist: The Testimonies of Ida B. Wells and Mary Church Terrell“

Kolby Bilal, The College of William and Mary

Commentator

Dr. Philippe Zaccari, University of Memphis

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Coffee Reception 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Paper Session Two - 9 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Panel One - Room 310F

Justice Denied, Justice Defined: African Americans and Wars for Democracy

“Oliver Randolph, Esquire: How the Grandson of a Slave with a Parliamentary Maneuver Forced the Desegregation of the Armed Forces”

Christopher John Carbone

“KCeans Unite: Knoxville College in the 1940s: War and Reunion”

Kathryn St. Clair, University of Tennessee

Commentator

Dr. Charles K. Ross, University of Mississippi

Panel Two - Room 310G

Outside and Inside Popular History: An Examination of Film and Comedy in African American History

“ ‘Hallelujah!': Affirming a View of the Black Working Class”

Charles Ferris, University of Memphis

" ‘We Don't Serve Colored People Here --- That's Alright, I Don't Eat Colored People': Standup Comedy and the Civil Rights Movement”

Justin Lorts, Rutgers University

Commentator

Dr. Earnestine Jenkins, University of Memphis

Saturday, November 3, 2001 - Paper Session Two

9 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Panel Three - Room 310H

Separate and Unequal: Inside the Civil Rights Movement

“Doing as Little as the Law Requires: African Americans, The Federal Government, and School Desegregation in Baytown, Texas”

Chris Danielson, University of Mississippi

“Nonviolent Gadflies: Martin Luther King, Jr and the Classical Tradition”

Edward D. Robinson, Mississippi State University

“The Spirit and the Shotgun: The Congress of Racial Equality and Armed Self-Defense in the Louisiana Civil Rights Movement”

Simon Wendt, Free University Berlin, John F. Kennedy Institute

Commentator

Dr. Michael Bertrand, University of Mississippi

Panel Four - Room 310J

New Beginnings: Church and Community during Reconstruction

“The African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Civil War: Aid to the Ex-Slaves in the District of Columbia”
Kara M. McClurken, University of Maryland, College Park

“A Unique Community?: Black Baptists in Reconstruction Nashville”
Troy Kickler, University of Tennessee

Commentator
Dr. Paula Barnes, Christian Brothers University

Lunch 11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Paper Session Three - 1 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Panel One - Room 310F

Is This History?: Racism and Historiography

“ ‘A Prophet is not without honor, save in her own country’: The Vindication of Fawn Brodie”
Jennifer Jensen Wallace, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

“Deconstructing Legend: The Underground Railroad in Virginia”
Stacy L. Schneider, James Madison University

Commentator
Dr. Doug Cupples, Christian Brothers University

Panel Two - Room 310G

Lifting the Veil: A Question of Identity

“Mustee, Mulattoes, and the Formation of Indian Identity on Massachusetts' Southeastern Coast”

Jeff Fortin, University of New Hampshire

“The ‘Womanly Influences’ on Richard Theodore Greener: Race and Gender Converge on a Member of the Talented Tenth”

Michael Mounter, University of South Carolina

Commentator

Dr. Dennis Laumann, University of Memphis

Panel Three - Room 310H

Beyond the Public Image: Understanding the Black Panther Party

“Views Not News: Media Representations of the Black Panther Party”

Mary Barr, Yale University

“Survival pending Revolution: Community Action in the Black Panther Party, 1969-1971”

Paul Alkebulan, University of California, Berkeley

Commentator

Dr. Russell Wigginton, Rhodes College

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1 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Panel Four - Room 310J

Defining the Political Terrain: African American Political Agency

“Hounding the Republican Command:

African American Editors as Political Pundits, 1877-1933”

Edward O. Frantz, University of Wisconsin, Madison

“Inside the Corridors of Power: A Political History of New York Women, 1945-1972”

Julie Gallagher, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

“Nuance in Social Capital Theorization: Recognizing Region, Race, and Historical Context in the Building of Socio-Political Capital within in the Early Twentieth-Century African American Community of Petersburg, VA. 1929-1950”

Shayla C. Nunnally, Duke University

Commentator

Dr. Leroy T. Williams, University of Arkansas, Little Rock

Closing Reception

“Memphis State Eight” Paper Prize Presentation

3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.