

**Graduate Association for African American History
10th Annual Conference
The University of Memphis
September 10-12, 2008**

Wednesday, September 10

7:00-8:30 p.m., Fogelman Executive Center, Room 123

Keynote Address

- Dr. Wilma King, University of Missouri: *The Life Cycle of Slave Children in the Nineteenth-Century South*



A reception will follow Dr. King's address.

Thursday, September 11

9:00–10:30 a.m., Fogelman 123

Contesting Slavery

- Kristen Vogel, Texas A&M University: *Resembling 'A Passenger, Not a Package of Goods': The Boyce Decision and the Responsibility of Common Carriers toward Slave Cargoes.*
- Jon Fitch, Louisiana Tech University: *Dreams Dashed, The Blackwater Tragedy of 1831*
- Commentator: Dr. Beverly Bond, The University of Memphis

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Fogelman 123

Remembering the African American Past

- Ben Brazil, Emory University: *St. Martin's Shrine: Sacred Space and the Birth Home of Martin Luther King, Jr.*
- Commentator: Dr. Aram Goudsouzian, The University of Memphis

3:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m., Fogelman 123

Education and the Black Freedom Struggle

- Marco Robinson, University of Mississippi: *A New Life for a Race: The Establishment of Shaw University, the College-bred Community, and the Political Landscape of Post Civil War Mississippi*
- Clare Russell, The University of Nottingham: “*Beauticians, storekeepers, bus drivers, housewives, retired teachers, seamstresses, businessmen- or any interested persons:*” *Rethinking Bernice Robinson, citizenship school teachers and grassroots leadership*
- William Sturkey, The Ohio State University: *Pure Grassroots: Freedom Schools and the Development of Black Leaders*
- Commentator: Dr. Elton Weaver, The University of Memphis

4:30–6:00 p.m., Fogelman 123

Local Struggles and the Long Civil Rights Movement

- Carla DuBose, City University of New York: *Fighting Against Jim Crow Hiring: Black Activism for Employment in New York’s War Industries, 1940-1945*
- Nathaniel Taylor, Southern Illinois University: *The State is Your Ally: Examining the Long Civil Rights Movement in Cairo, Illinois*
- Jason Manthorne, The University of Georgia: “*Are We Going to Stick Together or Split?*”: *Reconsidering the Role of Race in the Southern Tenant Farmers Union*
- Commentator: Dr. Janann Sherman, The University of Memphis

6:00-8:00 p.m., Fogelman 123

Roundtable: Legacies of the Civil Rights Era

Questions, answers, and discussion on the past, present, and future

- Reverend Samuel “Billy” Kyles, Pastor of the Monumental Baptist Church
- Daphne McFerren, Executive Director of the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change



Friday, September 12

9:00-10:30 a.m., Fogelman 123

Race and Modern Popular Culture

- Katelyn Hipskind, Indiana University: *The Oprah Effect on Cultural Literacy: The Role of the Celebrity Literacy Sponsor in the Creation of Taste*
- Mei-Ling N. Malone, University of California, Los Angeles: *Critically Analyzing and Contextualizing Media Coverage: Reframing the Significance of Imus' Infamous "Nappy Headed Ho" Remark*
- Commentator: Gail Murray, Rhodes College

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Fogelman 123

Workshop: The Graduate School Experience

This roundtable discussion is for graduate students to exchange ideas on the “dos and don'ts” of applications, seminars, theses, comprehensive examinations, publications, dissertations, and the job market.

- Dr. Scott Marler and Dr. Sarah Potter, The University of Memphis
- Presentation of “Memphis State Eight” paper prizes

1:30–3:00 p.m., Fogelman 123

Roots of Black Nationalism

- Ibram Rogers, Temple University: *Malcolm X: The Ideological Father of the Black Student Movement*
- Ingrid Fernandez, Florida Gulf Coast University: *What Role Did Amy Jacques Garvey Play in Marcus Garvey's Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) In the 1920s?*
- Commentator: Dr. Arwin Smallwood, The University of Memphis

3:00–4:30 p.m., Fogelman 123

Radicalism in Black and White

- Dionna LaRue, Kent State University: *The 'People' vs. the 'Pigs of Babylon:’ Eldridge Cleaver's Vision of the White Radical in the Black Power Movement.*
- Austin McCoy, Kent State University: *Black Power Must Be Viewed as a Projection of Sovereignty: The Foundations of the Black Panther Party's Revolutionary (Inter) nationalism*
- Commentator: Dr. Russ Wigginton, Vice-President for College Relations, Rhodes College

4:30–6:00 p.m., Fogelman 123

Women, Politics, and Power

- Ashley Farmer, Harvard University: *“Slave of a Slave No More”’: The Third World Women's Alliance and the ideal of the Revolutionary Black Woman*
- Nathan Brouwer, Southern Illinois University: *Woman Power: Women Mobilized for Change (WMC) and it's Role in the Chicago Freedom Movement*

- Tanisha C. Ford, Indiana University-Bloomington: *Soul Call: Black Women Entertainers, Modernity, and the Transnational Politics of Soul Culture, 1954-1969*
- Commentator: Dr. Margaret Caffrey, The University of Memphis