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CONFERENCE PROGRAM
Welcome from the Sigma Lambda Chapter: 9:00–9:10 AM
Dr. Tamara L. Brown, Professor of History & Director of Women’s Studies
Dr. Carl G. Goodman, Provost, Bowie State University
Dr. Jacob Blosser, National President, Phi Alpha Theta
History Honor Society

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Session I: 9:15–10:45 AM

CULTURE & THE ARTS

Moderator: Dr. Benjamin Arah, Bowie State University

Iskandar Haggarty, Washington College
“The Free Man: Depictions of Will and Virtue in Renaissance Art”

Katy Shenk, Washington College
“Life Behind a Veil: Uncovering Meaning in the Adams Memorial”

Christian Bordak-Roseman, The Catholic University of America
“Walt Disney Imagineering as an Agent of Cultural Creation”

Jana Jedrych, The Catholic University of America
“Dancing Through a Revolution: Content and Artistry in Soviet Ballet”

Commentator: Dr. Tim Fritz, Mount St. Mary’s University

WAR & SOCIETY I

Moderator: Dr. M. Sammye Miller, Bowie State University

Audrey Wixted, McDaniel College
“‘Undying Glory in Our Nation’s Birthright:’ The South’s Claim to the American Revolution at the Centennial”

Nicholas Swanson, The Catholic University of America
“On the Dust of Soldiers Past: Australian Great War Memory in Ion Idriess’ The Desert Column”

Kevin Twohig, The George Washington University
“General Edmund the Lionheart: Use of the Crusades in WWI Propaganda”

Nicholas Halberstam, McDaniel College
“Looking Back at the Bonus March”

Commentator: Dr. Wayne Hsieh, United States Naval Academy
CONFRONTING VIOLENCE & ACCOUNTABILITY IN AFRICAN DIASPORA HISTORY

Moderator: Dr. Abena Lewis-Mhoon, Coppin State University

Alexis Newby, Bowie State University
“The Everlasting Institution of Slavery on Maryland’s Western Shore 1864-1877: Apprenticeship and Sharecropping Hindering Freed People”

Emma Findeisen, McDaniel College
“Interpretations of Environmental History in British Imperial Africa”

Carolina Ayala, McDaniel College
“Here We Go Again: How the Discussions of Accountability for the Tulsa Race Riot Remain Stagnant”

Jalen Blakeshire, Bowie State University
“The Klan, The FBI, and Gary Thomas Rowe: A Treacherous Relationship that Would Forever Change History”

Commentator: Professor Homer Fleetwood, Morgan State University

Session II: 11:00 AM–12:30 PM

BOOK TALK & ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Author: Dr. David Taft Terry, Morgan State University


Discussants: The Audience
SAINTS OR SINNERS? IN WORLD HISTORY

**Moderator:** Dr. Festus Cole, Bowie State University

*Caroline Draper, Washington College*

“Evaluating Joan of Arc”

*Will Solomon, Mount St. Mary’s University*

“Putting the Male in Maleficium: Re-Masculinizing the Male Witch”

*Brandon Garner, Mount St. Mary’s University*

“Accusations, Confessions, Trial Narratives: Truth or Fantasy?”

*Michael Estopinan, The Catholic University of America*

“Networks of Patronage: The Creation of the Black Legend of the Spanish Inquisition in Elizabethan England”

**Commentator:** Dr. Jakub Zejmis, McDaniel College

AND STILL I RISE

**Moderator:** Dr. Carolyn E. Shuttlesworth, Bowie State University

*Adonis Mokom, Trinity University*

“Historical Analysis of Black Power Identity Construction and the Role of Women in the United States and Britain”

*Read by Sydney Lawson, Bowie State University*

*Mercy Oguti, Trinity University*

“Unearthing Kenyan Women and the Historical Impact of Religion, HIV, and AIDS”

*Shaquana Bradley, Bowie State University*

“Fighting on Two Fronts: Black Women in the Military during World War II”

**Commentator:** Dr. Carmen Walker, Bowie State University

**Lunch 12:30 -1:00 PM**
Robert Trent Vinson is a professor in the University of Virginia’s Carter G. Woodson Center for African American and African Studies and current president of The Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD). He formerly was the Frances L. and Edwin L. Cummings Professor of History and Africana Studies at the College of William and Mary (Williamsburg, Virginia). He received a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Nevada–Las Vegas and earned his master’s degree and doctorate in African history from Howard University (Washington, D.C.). Vinson has written numerous journal articles and book chapters and published two manuscripts: *The Americans are Coming! The Dream of African American Liberation in Segregationist South Africa* (Ohio University Press, 2012) and *Albert Luthuli: Mandela before Mandela* (Ohio University Press, 2018). Additionally, Dr. Vinson is the co-author of two books in preparation, *Shaka’s Progeny: The Cultural Politics of Global Zulu Identities in the US and South Africa* and *Crossing the Water: African Americans and South Africa, 1890-1965.*
Session III: 1:45pm–3:15 PM

“I Can’t Breathe”: A Reflection of History Through Music
Sholachauntel Shoda, Trinity University
Myra Strickland, Trinity University
Moderator/Commentator: Dr. Kimberly F. Monroe, Trinity University

War & Society II
Moderator: Dr. David L. Reed, Bowie State University
Justin McCulloch, The George Washington University
“Architect of Victory: Tadeusz Kościuszko and the Battle of Saratoga"
James Huebner, The George Washington University
“The Concrete Safety Blanket”
Mason Drummey, Washington College
“The Iran-Iraq War: An Insight of the Developing American-Soviet Relationship in the Late Cold War”
Katherine Susich, The Catholic University of America
"Sin é, ar ais ar staíl ocraí: The Irish Republican Hunger Strike of 1981 in Historical Perspective"
Commentator: Dr. Donna Knaff, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, Office of the Secretary of Defense

Inspirational Women
Moderator: Professor Gina M. Lewis, Bowie State University
Katherine Davis, The George Washington University
“La Malinche: Traitor of the Mexica or Mother of Mexico? The Evolution from Historical Figure to National Myth and Feminist Icon”
Rebekah Balick, Mount St. Mary’s University
“Mary, Queen of Scots: Martyr or Miscreant?”
Abigail Ward, United States Naval Academy
“Lady Liberty and Uncle Sam”
Allison Straub, The Catholic University of America
“U.S. v. Virginia: Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s Battle for the Admission of Women at the Virginia Military Institute”
Commentator: Dr. Jamie Gianoutsos, Mount St. Mary’s University
Awards 3:20 PM

Faculty Advisers’ Meeting 3:30 PM

Participating Institutions

Bowie State University
The Catholic University of America
Coppin State University
The George Washington University
McDaniel College
Morgan State University
Mount St. Mary’s University
Trinity University
United States Naval Academy
Washington College

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