

RACE AND EMANCIPATION IN THE AGE OF LINCOLN

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April 16-18, 2009

Unless otherwise noted, all sessions will be held in
the School of Business Auditorium, Howard University

THURSDAY, APRIL 16: CHALLENGES TO SLAVERY

1:00– 1:15p.m. CONFERENCE OPENING

SIDNEY RIBEAU, *President, Howard University*
EILEEN R. MACKEVICH, *Director, Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission*
JOSEPH P. REIDY
Associate Provost and Professor of History, Howard University

1:15– 3:00 SESSION I: IDEOLOGICAL ORIGINS OF EMANCIPATION

Moderator: FLORDELIZ BUGARIN
Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Howard University

Presenters: JOHN STAUFFER
Professor of English and African and African American Studies, Harvard University

MANISHA SINHA
*Associate Professor of African American Studies and History,
University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

3:15 – 5:15 SESSION II: QUESTS FOR FREEDOM BY ENSLAVED PEOPLE

Moderator: JULES HARRELL
Professor of Psychology, Howard University

Presenters: RICHARD BLACKETT
Andrew Jackson Professor of History, Vanderbilt University

SUSAN O'DONOVAN
*Associate Professor of African and African American Studies and History,
Harvard University*

ELEANOR TRAYLOR
Professor and Chairperson, Department of English, Howard University

6:30 – 8:00 SESSION III: TRIBUTES AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Ira Aldridge Auditorium

OPENING REMARKS

ALVIN THORNTON, *Interim Provost and Chief Academic Officer, Howard University*

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

EDNA GREENE MEDFORD
Associate Professor of History, Howard University

VOICES AND IMAGES OF LIBERATION

DIVISION OF FINE ARTS, *Howard University*

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

LONNIE BUNCH, III
Director, National Museum of African American History and Culture

FRIDAY, APRIL 17: EMANCIPATION AND REVOLUTION

9:15-11:15 SESSION I: COMPARATIVE EMANCIPATIONS IN THE AMERICAS

Moderator: YASMIN DEGOUT
Associate Professor of English, Howard University

Presenters: LAURENT DUBOIS
Professor of French and History, Duke University

 JEFFREY KERR-RITCHIE
Assistant Professor of History, Howard University

 GORDON GILL
Assistant Professor of African American Studies, Oberlin College

 KIM BUTLER
Associate Professor of History, Rutgers University

11:30-1:30 SESSION II: EMANCIPATION IN THE UNITED STATES

Moderator: IRA BERLIN
Distinguished Professor of History, University of Maryland, College Park

Presenters: JOSEPH REIDY
Associate Provost and Professor of History, Howard University

 KATE MASUR
Assistant Professor of History, Northwestern University

 E. ETHELBERT MILLER
Director, African American Resource Center, Howard University

2:15-3:15 SESSION III: ABRAHAM LINCOLN, LAWYER IN THE WHITE HOUSE: *THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION AS A LEGAL DOCUMENT*

Moderator: JAY STEWART
Instructor, Department of Political Science, Howard University

Presenter: FRANK WILLIAMS
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Rhode Island (Retired)

Respondent: KURT SCHMOKE
Dean, School of Law, Howard University

3:30-5:00 SESSION FOUR: EMANCIPATION IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Moderator: EDNA GREENE MEDFORD
Associate Professor of History, Howard University

Presenters: PETER HANES
DC Emancipation Coordinator and DC Reading is Fundamental

 C.R. GIBBS
Historian/Independent Researcher, Washington, D.C.

 CLARENCE DAVIS
Professor of History, University of the District of Columbia

7:00 – 8:30 SESSION V: SONG TEXTS AND THE CULTURAL VOICE OF EMANCIPATION AND FREEDOM

Moderator: SAIS KAMALIDIIN
Assistant Professor of Music, Howard University

Presenter: BERNICE JOHNSON REAGON
Professor Emeritus of History, American University

Respondent: ANTHONY RANDOLPH
Assistant Professor of Music, Howard University

SATURDAY, APRIL 18: THE MEANING OF EMANCIPATION

10:00-12:00 SESSION I: CONVEYING IDEAS OF RACE AND EMANCIPATION AT LINCOLN SITES

Moderator: DARREL BIGHAM
Chairman, Education Committee, Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission

Presenters: THOMAS SCHWARTZ
Illinois State Historian

 FRANK MILLIGAN
Director, President Lincoln's Cottage at the Soldier's Home

 TIMOTHY TOWNSEND
Historian, Lincoln Home and National Historic Site, National Park Service

1:00-2:00 SESSION II: PICTURING FREEDOM: THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION IN AMERICAN VISUAL MEMORY

Moderator: THOMAS BATTLE
Director, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University

Presenter: HAROLD HOLZER
Vice President for Communications, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York and Co-chair Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission

Respondent: TERESIA BUSH
Assistant Professor of Art History, Howard University

2:00 – 4:00 SESSION III: LEGACIES OF THE CIVIL WAR: A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Moderator: DARYL MICHAEL SCOTT
Professor of History, Howard University

Presenters: DAVID BLIGHT
Professor of History and Director, Gilder-Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance and Abolition, Yale University

 FITZHUGH BRUNDAGE
William B. Umstead Professor of History, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

 KIRK SAVAGE
Associate Professor and Chairman, Department of Art, University of Pittsburgh

 MICKI MCELYA,
Assistant Professor of History, University of Connecticut

The Moorland-Spingarn Research Center exhibit, "Race and Emancipation in the Age of Lincoln" will be available for viewing throughout the conference period.