American Universities, Monuments, and the Legacies of Slavery

Provost Symposium

DUKE UNIVERSITY
MARCH 30-31

HOLSTI-ANDERSON FAMILY ASSEMBLY ROOM
(RUBENSTEIN LIBRARY ROOM 153)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
FRIDAY, MARCH 30

9:00 a.m.
INTRODUCTIONS
Deborah Jakubs, Rita DiGiallonardo Holloway University Librarian, Vice Provost for Library Affairs and Adjunct Associate Professor of History, Duke University

OPENING REMARKS
Vincent E. Price, President of Duke University and Walter Hines Page Professor of Public Policy and Political Science

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER
Sally Kornbluth, Provost and Jo Rae Wright University Professor

KEYNOTE
“What Nineteenth-Century European Travelers Saw in the Time of Trump”

Nell Irvin Painter, Edwards Professor Emerita of American History, Princeton University

10:15 a.m. BREAK

10:30 a.m.
AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES: RECKONING WITH THE PAST, PART 1
Moderator: William H. Chafe, Alice Mary Baldwin Professor Emeritus of History, Duke University
Panelists:
Kirt von Daacke, Professor and Assistant Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Virginia
Leslie M. Harris, Professor of History, Northwestern University
Adam Rothman, Professor of History, Georgetown University
Deborah Gray White, Board of Governors Professor of History, Rutgers University

12:00 p.m. LUNCH

12:00 p.m.
GRADUATE STUDENT SEMINAR
Freedom Papers: An Atlantic Odyssey in the Age of Emancipation (Jean Hébrard, with Rebecca J. Scott (Harvard University Press, 2012))
2012 Alfred J. Beveridge Award, American Historical Association
2012 James A. Rawley Prize, American Historical Association

Led by Jean Hébrard, Visiting Professor of History, Johns Hopkins University and Co-director of the Centre de Recherches sur le Brésil contemporain, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociale (Paris)

1:15 p.m.
AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES: RECKONING WITH THE PAST, PART 2
Moderator: Sarah Deutsch, Professor of History, Duke University

Panelists:
Jan Blodgett, Davidson College Commission on Race & Slavery
Valerie Gillispie, University Archivist, Rubenstein Library, Duke University
Steveen O’Neil, Professor of History, Furman Task Force on Slavery and Justice
Melinda Wiggins, Executive Director, Student Action with Farmworkers, Center for Documentary Studies, Duke University

2:15 p.m. BREAK

2:30 p.m.
LEGACIES OF SLAVERY: MONUMENTS AND MONUMENTAL HISTORIES
Moderator: Deborah R. Gerhardt, Associate Professor of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law
Panelists:
Paul B. Jaskot, Professor of Art History, Duke University
Kirk Savage, William S. Dietrich II Professor in the History of Art and Architecture, University of Pittsburgh
William Sturkey, Assistant Professor of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

3:45 p.m. MONUMENTS AND COUNTERMONUMENTS
Moderator: Guy-Uriel Charles, Edward and Ellen Marie Schwarzman Professor of Law and Senior Associate Dean for Faculty & Research, Duke Law School

Panelists:
Martha S. Jones, Society of Black Alumni Professor of History, Johns Hopkins University
Darrell A.H. Miller, Melvin G. Shimm Professor of Law, Duke Law School
Neil S. Siegel, David W. Ichel Professor of Law and Professor of Political Science, Co-Director of the Program in Public Law, and Director of the DC Summer Institute on Law and Policy, Duke Law School
Norman W. Spaulding, Nelson Bowman Sweitzer & Marie B. Sweitzer Professor of Law, Stanford Law School

5:15 p.m. RECEPTION AND BOOK SIGNING

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

9:00 a.m. WELCOME
Valerie S. Ashby, Dean of Trinity College of Arts & Sciences and Professor of Chemistry, Duke University

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER
Abbas Benmamoun, Vice Provost for Faculty Advancement and Professor of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and Linguistics, Duke University

KEYNOTE
“Extending the Domain of Freedom: The Black Professional Class, 1890-1940”
10:15 a.m.
SLAVERY AND ITS LEGACIES: EDUCATION, LABOR, AND THE SOUTHERN ECONOMY
Moderator: Seth Sanders, Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Duke University

Panelists:
Lisa Cook, Associate Professor of Economics and International Relations, Michigan State University
Robert A. Margo, Professor of Economics, Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, Boston University
Heather Williams, Presidential Professor and Professor of Africana Studies, University of Pennsylvania
Gavin Wright, William Robertson Coe Professor of American Economic History, Emeritus, Stanford University

11:45
LUNCH CONVERSATION

TRINITY COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES: STUDENT VOICES, PAST AND PRESENT
Moderator: Paula D. McClain, Dean of The Graduate School, Vice Provost for Graduate Education, and Professor of Political Science and Public Policy

Elizabeth Barahona, T’18
Cynthia Griggs Fleming, Professor of History Emerita, University of Tennessee, G’77
Colonel Kimberley K. L. Greene, U.S. Air Force, Retired, T’87
Lorin Peri Palmer, T’78

(This lunchtime session is open to all attendees with lunch served.)

1:00 p.m.
RACECRAFT, RACISM, AND INEQUALITY
IN CONVERSATION

Barbara J. Fields, Professor of History, Columbia University and Karen E. Fields, Sociologist and Independent Scholar
Authors of RACE CRAFT: THE SOUL OF INEQUALITY IN AMERICAN LIFE

Moderator: Laurent Dubois, Professor of Romance Studies and History; Founder and Faculty Director of the Forum for Scholars and Publics, Duke University

2:00 p.m.
WHITE SUPREMACY, MEMORY, AND RECONSTRUCTION

Moderator: Carlton E. Wilson, Interim Provost, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Professor of History, North Carolina Central University

Panelists:
W. Fitzhugh Brundage, William B. Umstead Distinguished Professor and Chair, Department of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Adam Domby, Assistant Professor of History, College of Charleston
John Eason, Associate Professor of Sociology, Texas A & M University
H. Jefferson Powell, Professor of Law, Duke Law School

3:15 p.m. BREAK

3:30 p.m.
THE ARC OF JUSTICE: WHAT UNIVERSITIES OUGHT TO DO ABOUT REPARATIONS

Moderator: Mark Anthony Neal, Professor of African & African American Studies and English, and Chair of the Department of African & African American Studies, Duke University

Panelists:
Ana Lucia Araujo, Professor of History, Howard University,
William Darity, Samuel Dubois Cook Professor of Public Policy, Economics and African & African American Studies and Director of the Samuel DuBois Cook Center on Social Equity, Duke University
Kirsten Mullen, Independent scholar and founding president of Artefactual.
4:30 pm
CLOSING PLENARY

MONUMENTS, MEMORY, AND SOUTHERN HISTORY

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER
Linda Burton, James B. Duke Professor of Sociology and Public Policy and Director of the Duke Center for Child and Family Policy, Duke University

Speaker: David Blight, Class of 1954 Professor of American History, and Director of the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, Yale University

Followed by a conversation with Laura Edwards, Peabody Family Professor of History, Duke University and Thavolia Glymph, Professor of History and African & African American Studies and John Hope Franklin Visiting Professor of American Legal History, Duke University

Moderator:
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