

# 11<sup>th</sup> Triennial Southern Association for Women Historians Conference

*Resistance, Power, and Accommodation: Women and Southern History*

The University of Alabama

Bryant Conference Center

June 7-10, 2018

## Thursday, June 7

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm     **Registration** – Registration Lobby

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm     **Plenary Session** – Sellers Auditorium

### **Welcome**

*Barbara Krauthammer, SAWH President*

### **Roundtable: Women Knowing History in Public**

*Moderator: TBA*

*Nicole Hemmer, The Miller Center at the University of Virginia*

*Kidada Williams, Wayne State University*

*Karin Wulf, The Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture at the College of William & Mary*

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm     **Travel to Smith Hall**

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm     **Dinner at Smith Hall**

## Friday, June 8

8:00 am – 9:30 am     **Breakfast** – Sellers Auditorium

8:45 am – 10:00 am     **Workshop:**  
**Making Your Mark: Getting Started as a Publicly Engaged Scholar**

10:00 am – 10:15 am     **Break**

10:15 am - 12:15 pm     **Concurrent Sessions**

### **1. Women as Activists in the Deep South, 1900-1965**

*Chair: Catherine Oglesby, Valdosta State University*

“Activism, (In)Equality, Suffrage, and the Road between Tuskegee and Montgomery: The Divergent Lives of Margaret Murray Washington and Marie Bankhead Owen in Progressive-Era Alabama”

*Kathryn L. Beasley, Florida State University*

“Japanese American Women and Forced Labor in the Jerome Prison Camp, 1942-1943”

*Stephanie Hinnershitz, Cleveland State University*

*Friday, 10:15 am – 12:15 pm, continued*

*“The Artistic Legacy of Air France Flight 007”*

*Amy Coale, Florida State University*

*Comment: Catherine Oglesby, Valdosta State University*

## **2. Gender, Race, and Labor in the Household, 1700-1860**

*Chair: Felicity Turner, Georgia Southern University*

*“She had gotten all the indentures that ever she made with her master’: Women and Labor Arrangements in Colonial New England”*

*Caylin Carbonell, College of William & Mary*

*“The Domestic Laborers of the Domestic Slave Trade”*

*Alexandra Finley, Mississippi State University*

*“A Middle aged White Woman, of a good character is wanted as a HOUSEKEEPER’:*

*Gender, Race, and Class in the Eighteenth Century Household”*

*Erin Holmes, The American Philosophical Society*

*Comment: Felicity Turner, Georgia Southern University*

## **3. Rediscovering Women’s Entangled Lives in the Native South During the Long Nineteenth Century**

*Chair: Angela Pulley Hudson, Texas A&M University*

*“Women and the History of Capitalism in the Native Southeast”*

*Dawn Peterson, Emory University*

*“Any Kind of Work That They Wanted Her to Do’: Enslaved Women’s (Re)Productive Labors in the Nineteenth-Century Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations”*

*Nakia D. Parker, University of Texas at Austin*

*“From Slaveholding Chickasaw Women to the ‘Property Rights of Married Women in the Anglo-Saxon World’: Civic Culture and Race in Mississippi, 1830s-1930s”*

*Justin Isaac Rogers, University of Mississippi*

*Comment: Angela Pulley Hudson, Texas A&M University*

## **4. Gender, Dress, and Power in the South**

*Chair: Antoinette Van Zelm, Middle Tennessee State University*

*“Whiteness as a Form of Unstable Property in the Antebellum South”*

*Nicole Viglini, University of California, Berkeley*

*“They were the Cinderellas of textiles’: Making Cotton Fashionable, 1926-1937”*

*Alison R. Bazylinski, College of William & Mary*

*Friday, 10:15 am – 12:15 pm, continued*

“The Allure of Antebellum’: Imagining Southern Femininities in the Twenty-First Century Fashion Media”

*Holly M. Kent, University of Illinois-Springfield*

Comment: *Antoinette Van Zelm, Middle Tennessee State University*

## **5. Female Deathways and Feminist Death Work**

Chair: *Jamie Warren, City University of New York, BMCC*

“Giants Walk Among Us: The Death Work of Black Female Undertakers in Baltimore”

*Kami Fletcher, Delaware State University*

“Shrouding Women’: Black Midwives, Life Extension, and the Transformation of the Rural South, 1900-1940”

*Kristine McCusker, Middle Tennessee State University*

“Feminist Death Work and the Death Positive Movement”

*Sarah Chavez, The Lindsey Museum and Gallery*

Comment: *Jamie Warren, City University of New York, BMCC*

## **6. Difficult Conversations: Power, Resistance, and Periodical Culture**

Chair: *John M. Giggie, The University of Alabama*

“A hazardous undertaking’: Civil War Quaker Women and The Waterford News”

*A. Glenn Crothers, University of Louisville*

“Building Community, Resisting Jim Crow: E. Marie Carter and the AME Church Review”

*Cynthia Patterson, University of South Florida*

“Sorry about that, Gloria’: Southern Living Encounters the Women’s Movement”

*Melissa Estes Blair, Auburn University*

Comment: *John M. Giggie, The University of Alabama*

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

**Lunch** – locations as follows:

- Participant Lunch in Sellers Auditorium

- Graduate Student’s lunch in TBA

### **Roundtable: Gender and Race as Determinants - Reflections on Studying the South**

*Moderator: Lesley J. Gordon, The University of Alabama*

*Sarah E. Gardner, Mercer University*

*Sharony Green, The University of Alabama*

*Margaret Storey, DePaul University*

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

## **Concurrent Sessions**

### **1. No Longer Isolated: New Directions in Appalachian Women's History**

Chair: *Kathryn Newfont, University of Kentucky*

"Citizen Caregivers: Women, Gender, and Capitalism in the Mountain South"

*Jessica Wilkerson, University of Mississippi*

"Two Communities, One Region: Comparing Urban and Rural Nineteenth-Century Appalachian Women"

*Allison Fredette, Appalachian State University*

"A Hydroelectric Appalachian Family: The Tennessee Valley Authority and Mosquitos Come to the Mountains"

*Rachel Lanier Taylor, University of Washington*

Comment: *Kathryn Newfont, University of Kentucky*

### **2. Roundtable: New Directions in the Study of the Latino/a South**

Moderator: *Michael Innis-Jimenez, The University of Alabama*

*Perla M. Guerrero, University of Maryland, College Park*

*Sara McNamara, Texas A&M University*

*Cecilia Marquez, New York University*

### **3. Slavery, Sex, and the Law in Antebellum America**

Chair: *William Kuby, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga*

"In Need of Defense: Slaveholding Women and the Legal Battle Against White Men's Illicit Intercourse with the Female Slave"

*Shannon Eaves, University of North Florida*

"'Beastly Incest': Freedwomen, the Freedman's Bureau, and Paternity in the Post-Emancipation South"

*Alexis Broderick, University of Pennsylvania*

"Private Provisions: Mixed-Race Inheritance, Promissory Notes, and the Courts in Brooklyn and North Carolina"

*Nicholas L. Syrett, University of Kansas*

Comment: *William Kuby, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga*

### **4. Race, Power, and Sexuality in the Reconstruction-Era South**

Chair: *Susannah J. Ural, University of Southern Mississippi*

"'How Much Woman and How Much Man?': An Intersex Story in Late Nineteenth Century Texas"

*Jonathan S. Jones, Binghamton University*

*Friday, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm, continued*

“The Case of Caroline: Exploring the Changing Dynamics of Racial Power During Reconstruction”

*Sarah L. Silkey, Lycoming College*

“Kate and Bill: The Physical and Economic Power of a New Orleans Madam over Her Lover, 1858-1883”

*Lindsay A. Silver, Louisiana State University*

Comment: *Susannah J. Ural, University of Southern Mississippi*

## **5. Activism and Education Reform in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century South**

Chair: *Megan Taylor Shockley, Clemson University*

“Gender and Leadership in Black Higher Education, 1870-1890”

*Leigh Soares, Northwestern University*

“Hands Across the Water: African American Clubwomen’s Transnationalism in the 1890s”

*Brandy Thomas Wells, Augusta University*

“‘So that they might determine their own destinies’: Women and Politics at Southern Universities after 1964”

*Jillian E. McClure, University of Mississippi*

Comment: *Megan Taylor Shockley, Clemson University*

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm

**Break**

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**Plenary Session:**

**Fifty Years Since *Coming of Age in Mississippi*: Finding Anne Moody**

*Francoise Hamlin, Brown University*

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

**Graduate Student Reception**

301 Bistro, 301 Greensboro Ave., Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

## **Saturday, June 9**

8:00 am – 9:30 am

**Breakfast** – Sellers Auditorium

8:45 am – 10:00 am

**Workshop: The Cassandra Project**

*Catherine Clinton, University of Texas at San Antonio*

10:00 am – 10:15 am

**Break**

10:15 am – 12:15 pm **Concurrent Sessions**

**1. Roundtable: Gender, Crime, and Conspiracy in Southern History**

Moderator: *Michelle Scott, University of Maryland, Baltimore County*  
*Karen L. Cox, University of North Carolina at Charlotte*  
*Tammy L. Ingram, The College of Charleston*  
*Alecia P. Long, Louisiana State University*

**2. Women and the Revolutionary War: Three Profiles in Gendered Power**

Chair: *Christine Sears, University of Alabama, Huntsville*

“The Traitor’s Wife: Peggy Shippen Arnold”

*Charlene Boyer Lewis, Kalamazoo College*

“The Female Planter-Patriarch: Eliza Lucas Pinckney”

*Lorri Glover, Saint Louis University*

“The Taxpayer-Citizen: Mary Willing Byrd”

*Ami Pflugrad-Jackisch, University of Toledo*

Comment: *Cynthia Kierner, George Mason University*

**3. Challenges to Femininity in the Nineteenth Century American South**

Chair: *Emily West, University of Reading*

“Slave-Stealing Women and the Underground Slave Trade in the American South”

*Laura Sandy, Liverpool University*

“‘As long as she remains my widow’: Confederate Widowhood and Nineteenth-Century Estate Laws”

*Jennifer Lynn Gross, Jacksonville State University*

“‘A Dutiful and Obedient Wife’: Separation and Divorce in Southern White Marriage, 1820-1870”

*Marie Molloy, Manchester Metropolitan University*

Comment: *Emily West, University of Reading*

**4. Anger and Activism: Twentieth Century Southern Women**

Chair: *Janet Allured, McNeese State University*

“Rage and the Politics of African American Women’s Prison Writing”

*Holly Genovese, Temple University*

“‘Female Fuzz’: Affirmative Action, Women, and the Police in the 1960s and 1970s”

*Jensen Branscombe, Tarleton State University*

*Saturday, 10:15 am – 12:15 pm, continued*

“Environmental Resistance: Marjorie Harris Carr and the Battle to Stop the Cross Florida Barge Canal”

*Leslie Poole, Rollins College*

Comment: *Janet Allured, McNeese State University*

## **5. Roundtable: The History of Education in the South: Women as Educators and Activists**

Moderator: *Joan Marie Johnson, Northwestern University*

*Ann Short Chirhart, Indiana State University*

*Sonya Yvette Ramsey, University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

*Sarah H. Case, University of California, Santa Barbara*

## **6. Resistance, Power, and Accommodation in Nineteenth Century Cherokee Society**

Chair: *Rose Strelau, Davidson College*

“The Historical Challenge to Unearth Cherokee Spirituality in the Early Nineteenth Century: A Cherokee Male, The Flea, and His Interpretations of a Female God”

*Rowena McClinton, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville*

“White Path’s Rebellion: A Look at Gender and Power in Nineteenth Century Cherokee Society”

*Jamie Myers Mize, University of North Carolina, Pembroke*

“Hidden in Plain View: Valley Town Cherokee Women in the Removal Era”

*Susan M. Abram, Western Carolina University*

Comment: *Rose Strelau, Davidson College*

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm      **Lunch** - Sellers Auditorium

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm      **Concurrent Sessions**

## **1. Food and Fashion: Material Culture in the Nineteenth Century South**

Chair: *Minoa Uffelman, Austin Peay State University*

“‘Thorn of Crowns’: White Slaveholding Women’s Role in Shaping Food Consumption Culture in Antebellum Charleston”

*Kelly Sharp, University of California, Davis*

“A Slave to Fashion: White Women, Black Women, Sewing, and Power in the Antebellum South”

*Lynn Kennedy, University of Lethbridge*

*Saturday, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm, continued*

“‘Famishing Women’ on Broad Street: The Women’s Bread Riot in Columbus, Georgia, 1863”

*Rebecca Powell, Auburn University*

Comment: *Minoa Uffelman, Austin Peay State University*

## **2. Beyond Tribes and Nations: Families in the American Southwest**

Chair: *Andrew K. Frank, Florida State University*

“‘A Privilege Annexed to his Family’: Intimacy, Family, & Empire in the Native South and Imperial America, 1740-1780”

*Bryan C. Rindfleisch, Marquette University*

“What is Rightfully Ours: Creek Matrilineal Inheritance in Alabama Law, 1820-1850”

*Alex Colvin, Auburn University*

“Catawba Indian Children, Family Organization, and the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, 1893-1911”

*Brooke M. Bauer, University of South Carolina, Lancaster*

Comment: *Natalie Inman, Cumberland University*

## **3. New Perspectives on Southern Women and Reconstruction**

Chair: *Jane Turner Censer, George Mason University*

“‘The Art of Good Behavior; and Letter Writer in Love, Courtship and Marriage’: The Transformation of Courtship Rituals and Romance in the Civil War South”

*Rebecca Adams, Sallie Mae Ligon Museum and Archives*

“‘All is Dark Before Me’: Confederate Women and the Postwar Landscape of Suffering and Suicide”

*Diane Miller Sommerville, Binghamton University*

“Resisters, Targets, or Collaborators: Southern Women and the Ku Klux Klan during Reconstruction”

*Bradley Procter, The Evergreen State College*

Comment: *Elaine Frantz, Kent State University*

## **4. Roundtable: What Can You Do With an Advanced Degree in History? Career Diversity in 2018**

Moderator: *Christine E. Sears, University of Alabama – Huntsville*

*Melissa Walker, Heyday Coaching LLC and Converse College*

*Kimberly Nichols, Cantor Fitzgerald & Co.*

*Lauranett Lee, University of Richmond*



*Saturday, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm, continued*

*Mary Jo Fairchild, Marlene and Nathan Addlestone Library, College of Charleston*

## **5. Resistance in Public and Private Spaces, from Reconstruction to Modernity**

Chair: *Joshua Rothman, The University of Alabama*

"By Love or By Law: Black Women's Resistance to Marriage Regulation in the Reconstruction Era"

*Heather Brinn, University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

"A Different Kind of Hell: The National Association of Colored Women's Fight Against the Rise of Neo-Slavery at the Turn of the Twentieth Century"

*Joie Campbell, University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

"Disrupting Domesticity: African American Female Domestic's Resistance in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries"

*Camesha Scruggs, University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

"'Seize the Time': Women, Resistance, and Education in the 1970 Student Strike"

*Brittany Frederick, University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

Comment: *Joshua Rothman, The University of Alabama*

## **6. Latinas/os, Race, and Resistance in the Nuevo South**

Chair: *TBD*

"De Indígena a Mexicano: Transborder Racial Formations and Challenges"

*Yuridia Ramírez, Duke University*

"New Destinations, Old Resentments: Anti-Mexican Violence in Cedartown, Georgia, 1980-1986"

*Iliana Yamileth Rodriguez, Yale University*

"Alabama Presente: Mexican Immigrant Resistance in Alabama"

*Gwendolyn Ferreti, The University of Alabama*

Comment: *TBD*

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm

**Break**

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**Plenary Session:**

**Writing to Change the World: Recy Taylor, Rosa Parks, and Why History Matters**

*Danielle L. McGuire, Wayne State University*

6:00 pm

**Closing Reception**

## Sunday, June 10

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Breakfast** – Sellers Auditorium

9:00 am - 11:00 am **Concurrent Sessions**

### **1. Roundtable: Defining the Field of Battle: Gender and the Civil War**

Moderator: *LeeAnn Whites, The Filson Historical Society*

*Joseph Beilein, Jr., Penn State Erie, The Behrend College*

*Lisa Tendrich Frank, Independent Scholar*

*Barbara Gannon, University of Central Florida*

*Judith Giesberg, Villanova University*

*Brooks D. Simpson, Arizona State University*

*Amy Murrell Taylor, University of Kentucky*

### **2. Strategic Choices: Conflict and Collaboration in Southern Women's Approaches to Activism, 1960-1990**

Chair: *Jessica Wilkerson, University of Mississippi*

"Senate Vote '90: Resistance and Accommodation in Southern Women's LGBTQ Organizing in the 1990s"

*Isabell Moore, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

"Doing the Work: Middle Class Black Women Instituting Change Through Their Professions"

*Alexandra Odom, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

"Gender, Race, and Interracial Labor Organizing in Southern White Communities: 1967-1975"

*Jennifer Standish, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

Comment: *Jessica Wilkerson, University of Mississippi*

### **3. Contagious Problems: Reform and Uplift in the Twentieth Century South**

Chair: *Melanie Goan, University of Kentucky*

"'The Mountain Problem Solved in One Generation': Alice Lloyd's Eugenic Settlement Program and the Cultivation of Citizenship in the Mountains, 1917-1962"

*Tina Irvine, University of Pennsylvania*

"Contagious Mothers: Venereal Disease Control and the Policing of Women's' Public and Private Lives in the Interwar South"

*Ashley Sorrell, University of Kentucky*

"Reproducing the 'American Citizen': Women and the Mountain Maternal Health League, 1936-1945"

*Deborah L. Blackwell, Texas A&M International University*

Comment: *Melanie Goan, University of Kentucky*

*Sunday, 9:00 am -11:00 am, continued*

**4. “How Long Must Women Wait for Liberty?” The Path to Female Suffrage from the Civil War to the Civil Rights Movement**

Chair: *Lisa L. Dorr, The University of Alabama*

“‘We the Soldiers’ Wives’”: Women’s Political Activity in Civil War Georgia”

*Dawn Wiley, The University of Alabama*

Becoming a World Citizen: The Journeys, Journalism, and Internationalist Advocacy of Madeleine Z. Doty

*Megan Neary, Georgia State University*

I Will Not Move: Indiana Little and the Fight for African American Voting Rights in 1920s Birmingham, Alabama

*Briana Royster, New York University*

Comment: *Lisa L. Dorr, The University of Alabama*

**5. Clashing Cultures in the United States, 1990-2015**

Chair: *Kari Frederickson, The University of Alabama*

“‘It Could Never Happen Here’: Gender and the Perception of Gun Violence in the Lafayette, Louisiana Grand 16 Theater Shooting Incident”

*Liz Skilton, University of Louisiana at Lafayette*

“Twinkling Fantasies of the New South: Pop Culture, Southern Feminism, and a Place Called Hope”

*Keira V. Williams, Queens University Belfast*

“The Feminist Campaign Against Norplant: Neoliberal Policies and Reproductive Justice in the 1990s”

*Justina Licata, University of North Carolina, Greensboro*

Comment: *Kari Frederickson, The University of Alabama*

11:00 am

**Adjourn**