

# 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: Anne Sarah Rubin, University of Maryland, Baltimore County*

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

*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** – Rast B Room

*Joshua Rothman, The University of Alabama*

*Chris Bryant, Assistant Director for Media Relations, The University of Alabama*

*Olivia Ann Hodges, Social Media Specialist, The University of Alabama*

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

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

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** – Smith Room

Chair: *Rebecca Tuuri, University of Southern Mississippi*

“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: *Rebecca Tuuri, University of Southern Mississippi*

**2. Gender, Race, and Labor in the Household, 1700-1860** – Mason Room  
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** – Rast A Room  
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** – Rast B Room  
Chair: *Antoinette van Zelm, Middle Tennessee State University*

“Currencies of Clothing: Property Claims of Enslaved Individuals in the Antebellum South”  
*Nicole Vigliani, 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*

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

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

– Nichols Room

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**

– Lackey Room

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 the Rast B Room
  - Roundtable: Gender, Race and Class as Determinants - Reflections on Studying the South**
  - Moderator: Lesley J. Gordon, The University of Alabama*
  - Sarah E. Gardner, Mercer University*
  - Briana Royster, New York University*
  - Margaret Storey, DePaul University*

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

## Concurrent Sessions

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

– Rast A Room

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*

Comment: *Kathryn Newfont, University of Kentucky*

### 2. Slavery, Sex, and the Law in Antebellum America

– Lackey Room

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*

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

– Rast B Room

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*

“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*

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

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

– Mason Room

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**

– Sellers Auditorium

*Francoise Hamlin, Brown University*

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

**Graduate Student Reception** – Five Restaurant, Downtown Tuscaloosa  
2324 6th St, 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**

– Rast B Room

*Catherine Clinton, University of Texas at San Antonio*

10:00 am – 10:15 am

**Break**

10:15 am – 12:15 pm

**Concurrent Sessions**

**1. Women and the Revolutionary War:**

– Rast A Room

**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*

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

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

– Rast B Room

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*

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

– Mason Room

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*

“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*

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

– Smith Room

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*

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

– Lackey Room

Chair: *Rose Stremmlau, 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*

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

“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 Stremmlau, 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**

– Rast A Room

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*

“‘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**

– Mason Room

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*

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

**3. New Perspectives on Southern Women and Reconstruction** – Smith Room

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 Proctor, 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** – Lackey Room

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*

**5. Resistance in Public and Private Spaces, from Reconstruction to Modernity** – Nichols Room

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*



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

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

– Rast B Room

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

“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*

“New Directions in the Study of the Latina/o South”

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

Comment: *Pamela S. Murray, University of Alabama at Birmingham*

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Break**

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Plenary Session:** – Sellers Auditorium

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

*Danielle L. McGuire, Wayne State University*

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm **Closing Reception** – Rast Room

**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** – Mason Room

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*

*Amy Murrell Taylor, University of Kentucky*

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

– Smith Room

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*

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

“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*

– Wilson Room

“‘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*

### **4. “How Long Must Women Wait for Liberty?”**

– Lackey Room

#### **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*

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

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

– Nichols Room

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**