THIRD ANNUAL WORKSHOP FOR BALTIMORE HISTORIANS

MARYLAND LYNCHINGS: THE ILLUSIVE RECORD OF MOB VIOLENCE AND SHAMEFUL DENIAL

May 4, 2007
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Westminster Hall
519 W. Fayette Street
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Twentieth century lynchings on Maryland’s Eastern Shore captured the attention of the media state-wide. Court rooms served as a stage for the public drama, and the press coverage became part of the story. The Workshop will discuss the news accounts of these public trials and consider how they may have instigated the carnage or calmed the crowd, disguised the miscreants or exposed the wrongdoers, exposed the racial violence or denied that it occurred. It will consider the differences in the treatment of the news to be found in the Baltimore press, (Sunpaper and Afro American) from those on the Maryland Shore (Salisbury Times, Cambridge Daily Banner, Worcester Democrat).

In a broader sense the Workshop will ponder the difficulty of the task faced by the historian when reconstructing the truth of racial violence, and documenting the vigilante assaults on the rule of law. For the ongoing effort to document lynchings in Maryland, visit: Judge Lynch’s Court at: http://www.mdslavery.net/.

Presentations

*How Maryland Newspapers Reported on Lynching*

**Professor Sherrilyn Ifill**
University of Maryland School of Law


*Courage in the Time of Lynching*

**Marion Elizabeth Rodgers**

Commentators

Dr. Edward C. Papenfuse
Maryland State Archivist
Dr. Papenfuse has held the positions of Maryland State Archivist and Commissioner of Land Patents since 1975. As director of the extensive activities of the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis, Dr. Papenfuse is responsible for the Archives’ vast collection of government and private materials.

C. Christopher Brown
Professor Emeritus
University of Maryland School of
Professor Brown is a partner in Brown, Goldstein and Levy, a small litigation law firm and has served as General Counsel for the ACLU of Maryland.

Moderator

Christopher E. Haley
Maryland State Archives
Mr. Haley is the Research Director for the Archives’ History of Slavery in Maryland.

The workshop will take place in the historic Westminster Hall at the corner of Fayette and Greene Street in downtown Baltimore. The Hall sits atop the Western Burying Ground wherein lies Edgar Allan Poe. It will feature the announcement of the winner of the 2006 Joseph Arnold Prize for Outstanding Writing on Baltimore History and the award of the prize generously provided by Thomas C. and Nancy B. Martel. After the workshop is over guided tours of the Burying Ground will be available and participants may enjoy lunch at the World Famous Lexington Market, located just one block away.

Professor Garrett Power of the University of Maryland School of Law is the Conference Organizer.
REGISTRATION

The cost of the Workshop is $10. Student registration is free.
Register on-line at http://www.law.umaryland.edu/conferences.asp

Online registration will be confirmed by e-mail. You may also pay at the door.

Questions
Inquiries should be directed to Marie Schwartz: send e-mail to baltimorehistory@law.umaryland.edu, or call 410-706-3838.

Directions and Parking
From I-95 take route 395 (downtown Baltimore) and exit on Russell Street. Turn left at blinking yellow light and right at light on to Russell Street. Russell Street becomes Paca Street. Proceed five blocks and just past Baltimore Street, turn right into the Baltimore Grand Garage at 5 N. Paca Street. Parking fees are the responsibility of the participants. Westminster Hall may be accessed through the Law School entrance at the corner of Baltimore and Paca Streets.

Special Accommodations
If you require special accommodations to attend or participate, please provide information about your requirements to Lu Ann Marshall, 410-706-4128 (1-800-735-2258 TTY/Voice), or send an e-mail to lmarshal@law.umaryland.edu, at least five business days in advance.