SECOND ANNUAL WORKSHOP FOR BALTIMORE HISTORIANS

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BALTIMORE BUNKUM
AND MARYLAND MYTHS

May 12, 2006
9:00 am–1:00 pm
Westminster Hall

University of Maryland School of Law
500 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

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History is an account of the past and historians search for understanding of what actually happened and why. Each new generation of researchers seeks to correct the misstatements in the historical record and to better explain the human motivation behind historical events. Through this iterative process the study of history discounts falsehoods and misunderstandings and reveals the truth about the past.

But this aggrandized view of history “just ain’t so.” Long after they have been discredited by hard research, misstatements of fact, mischaracterizations of motive, and exaggerations as to consequence continue to be included in the storied history of Baltimore and Maryland.

Four speakers will provide the workshop with examples, and an open discussion will follow in which the group assembled will ponder why.

**Professor Larry Gibson**
University of Maryland School of Law
*Thurgood Marshall Myths, Things Written About Him that Ain’t So*

Professor Gibson studies the history of Maryland’s African American lawyers and is currently writing a book on Thurgood Marshall’s first four years of practicing law from 1933 to 1937.

**Dr. Edward C. Papenfuse**
Maryland State Archivist
*Revisiting the First Plot to Assassinate Lincoln in 1861: Was There One?*

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.
**Dr. David Taft Terry**
Director of Collections and Exhibitions, Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African-American History & Culture

*Exploring the Plantation Underground: Fugitives and Families and Friends in Antebellum Maryland*

Dr. Terry previously held the position of Research Specialist at the Maryland State Archives where he researched Maryland history related to the Underground Railroad, lynching, and racial desegregation in the mid-twentieth century.

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**Dr. Michael S. Franch**
Baltimore Maryland

*Burials, Builders, and Burgeoning Baltimore: The True Story Behind the Fable of Westminster Burial Ground*

Dr. Franch works in health policy for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene but is a trained historian who has published on Baltimore urban and religious history and taught college history. He is affiliate minister at the First Unitarian Church and also served as leader of the Baltimore Ethical Society.

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The workshop will feature the announcement of the winner of the 2005 Joseph Arnold Prize for Outstanding Writing on Baltimore History and the award of the prize generously provided by Thomas C. and Nancy B. Martel.

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. Guided tours of the Burying Ground will be available. After the workshop is over, participants may enjoy lunch at the World Famous Lexington Market, located just one block away from Westminster Hall.

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

The cost of the Workshop is $25.
Student registration is free (ID required)
Register on-line at
http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaID=106440

Online registration will be confirmed by e-mail and tickets will be held at the door. You may also register on-line with the option of paying at the door. Please register early, as seating is limited.

Questions
Inquiries should be directed to Marie Schwartz, e-mail address: baltimorehistory@law.umaryland.edu, phone, 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 St., turn right into the Baltimore Grand Garage at 5 N. Paca St. 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.