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THE CRISIS in BLACK EDUCATION

102nd Annual Meeting and Conference
September 27 - October 1, 2017

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Please join us for our panel during this year’s ASALH Annual Meeting and Conference:

**JULIUS ROSENWALD AND THE IMPACT OF THE ROSENWALD SCHOOLS ON AFRICAN AMERICAN EDUCATION**

Wednesday September 27 • 4 - 6p.m.
Netherland Plaza Hotel
3rd Floor, in the Hall of Mirrors.

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Dear Conference Participants:

It is a great honor and pleasure to convene in Cincinnati 102 years after the founding of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. As ASALH takes the occasion of its annual conference to explore its theme for 2017—The Crisis in Black Education—I am reminded of the importance of this historic city. In January 1916, with the launching of the Journal of African American History (then called the Journal of Negro History), ASALH’s founder, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, discussed this crisis in regard to Cincinnati.

In the very first article to be published in the Journal’s first volume, Woodson’s “The Negroes of Cincinnati Prior to the Civil War” recounts issues that continue in today’s society. He spoke of the role of public opinion and governmental structures, including policing through Black Laws, in creating unequal educational resources. Woodson, the Father of Black History, observed the many rights denied to blacks in antebellum Cincinnati, for example, the right to vote, to sit on juries, to serve in the state militia, and to attend the public schools. He concluded that “the greatest problem of the Negroes, however, was one of education.” This problem was not unique to Cincinnati, but rather represented a national problem whose difficult legacy survived into the twentieth century and haunts us in old and new forms in the twenty-first century. Indeed, the modern crisis of black education should be no mystery.

Woodson’s article in 1916 also identified the ways members of Cincinnati’s early black community and their allies in the white community strove to address the racist challenges to equal education. Through individual and group efforts, and especially through black churches, they met those challenges by furnishing youths and adults with elementary and even higher education. Their legacy is inspiring. Thus ASALH’s 102nd Conference celebrates the 80th anniversary of the Black History Bulletin, which has brought Black History to the broader public and to teachers and students at the K-12 levels. The conference also highlights the various activities of community organizations and our own ASALH branches throughout the United States. Following Woodson, ASALH believes that education is indispensable to a responsible and productive citizenry.

The ASALH leadership extends its deepest gratitude to the co-chairs and members of the Academic Program Committee, the chair of the Ad-Hoc National Conference Oversight Committee, the chair and members of the Local Arrangements Committee, the many volunteers, the Film Festival coordinator, and the entire ASALH staff. All that is illuminating and fulfilling in this conference can be attributed to their long hours of service. With heartfelt appreciation, I thank the individual donors and corporate sponsors, whose generosity supports ASALH’s commitment to combatting the crisis in black education.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham
ASALH National President
OUR MISSION

The mission of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) is to promote, research, preserve, interpret and disseminate information about Black life, history and culture to the global community.

OUR VISION

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History is to be the premier Black Heritage learned society with a strong network of national and international branches and partners whose diverse and inclusive membership will continue the Carter G. Woodson legacy.

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New National Office Location

ASALH, 301 Rhode Island Ave NW,
Washington, D.C. 20001
Dear ASALH Conference Attendee:

Welcome to the 102nd Annual Meeting and Conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, where we will explore the theme, “The Crisis in Black Education.”

Our decision to return to Cincinnati was a deliberate move to build and energize our membership in the Midwest. The National Underground Freedom Center through its leadership, staff and friends has embraced ASALH and has provided unparalleled support for this conference. We return with a new branch, the Margaret and Robert Garner Branch of Cincinnati. I thank Mr. Carl Westmoreland, Marcia Garrison and organizer Karen Kudjo. Thanks also go to life members Judge Tyron Yates and Judge Jones, Dr. Eric and Mrs. Jan-Michelle Kearney, Dr. Greer C. Stanford-Randle and the members of the Dayton Branch and Jeff Banks, a native Cincinnatian who still supports his home community while living in Washington. Special thanks go to Eric Jackson, Local Arrangements Committee Chair, and to ASALH members, Branch members and community members who teamed up to provide the needed support for this conference.

Plans are underway to charter a branch in Cleveland within the next year. At the 2018 Annual Conference in Indianapolis, we will explore “African Americans in Times of War.” As you know, Indianapolis is steeped in military history, and we look forward to learning more about the city and its history. The conference will be held October 3-7, 2018. A group of dedicated members is working to establish an Indianapolis branch so that it can be chartered at the 2018 conference. We ask that you encourage friends, colleagues and family to introduce ASALH to others in this area.

This is a noteworthy year for our publications. The Black History Bulletin is celebrating its 80th Anniversary. I thank the Bulletin’s two co-editors, LaVonnie Neal and Alicia Moore, for the work that they have done to ensure that culturally responsive teaching techniques are in the hands of our educators. Our beloved V.P. Franklin has announced his retirement, and 2018 will be his final year to edit the Journal of African American History. Under his direction, the Journal is once again recognized as the premier journal in this field. The results of the search to hire a new editor for the Journal will be announced during this conference. Commencing with the 2018 volume, the University of Chicago Press will be given the responsibility of publishing the Journal. Fire!!! editor Marilyn Thomas-Houston is working on our digital black studies journal and encourages you to review the submission outline so that you can submit articles to our newest peer-reviewed multimedia journal.

I also extend thanks to the Academic Program Committee, led by returning co-chairs Lionel Kimble and Sundiata Cha-Jua, whose collaborative efforts have created and executed a stellar program. We are confident that you will find our many panels, tours and discussions exciting and thought-provoking. I also hope that you will find this meeting motivational and that you continue to support ASALH and encourage your friends to learn about and support the ongoing work of ASALH.

Our leadership also deserves special thanks. The Executive Council, Advisory Board, staff, consultants and volunteers have given their time, talent and treasures to ensure that this is a great event.

Of course, I also extend special thanks to each of you for your continuing support. Our association needs involved members who accept the challenge of the ASALH mission.

In the spirit of our founder, Dr. Carter G. Woodson,

Sylvia Y. Cyrus

ASALH Executive Director and ASALH Managing Editor
We Extend To Our Executive Council, Staff And Volunteers

Special Thanks

For Stellar Planning & Implementation Of The 102nd Annual Meeting & Conference Program

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Jeff Banks, Chair
Greetings,

On behalf of the State of Ohio, welcome to the 2017 Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Meeting and Conference in Cincinnati.

African American heritage is woven into the fabric of Cincinnati’s story, from the city’s important role in the Underground Railroad to the celebration of diversity at last year’s NAACP National Convention.

The work your organization has done in sharing history and promoting cultural knowledge and pride enriches the lives of people throughout this state and nation. We are pleased to have your distinguished group in Ohio as you continue to work toward equality for and education of the African American experience, and it is our hope that this conference will inspire all to achieve your organization’s goals.

I encourage you to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Queen City, and I thank the Association for the Study of African American Life and History for choosing Cincinnati for your conference. Best wishes for a memorable and productive event!

Sincerely,

John Kasich
Governor
Dear ASALH Members:

On behalf of the City of Cincinnati, let me express my sincere gratitude that you chose the Queen City as the host for your 2017 Annual Meeting and Conference. We are proud to welcome the men and women who have dedicated themselves to promoting, preserving, celebrating and sharing your rich culture and history.

In Cincinnati, we come together across bridges, regions and backgrounds to create a community we are proud to call home. While you are here, Cincinnati is your home, and we cannot wait to share the city’s contagious energy with you.

Along with our Midwestern friendliness, Cincinnati is an American city with deep roots and genuine pride in our history. Here, we embrace our unique, historic past and incorporate it as the city continues to grow and evolve. During your stay, I invite you to immerse yourself in this history, whether it is experiencing the awe-inspiring National Underground Railroad Freedom Center or exploring Over-the-Rhine, one of Cincinnati’s oldest and most historic neighborhoods.

As a region, we have come a long way, and the people and organizations who call Cincinnati home have a spirit of community pride and engagement that has never been stronger. Revitalized neighborhoods, an influx of top-ranked restaurants and breweries, and world-class entertainment and attractions have strengthened the vitality of our downtown area, making it the perfect setting for your conference.

The Queen City has built a national reputation for hosting events that honor cultural diversity and promote the development of strong communities. In the past decade, Cincinnati has hosted 18 of the 25 largest multicultural conventions in the nation. We are honored to continue this tradition as the home of this year’s ASALH Annual Meeting and Conference.

Again, I welcome you to Cincinnati and extend my best wishes for a wonderful conference.

Sincerely,

John Cranley
Mayor, City of Cincinnati
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In the words of
Dr. Carter G. Woodson:
The world does not want and will never have the heroes and heroines of the past. What this age needs is an enlightened youth not to undertake the task like theirs, but to imbibe the spirit of the great men and answer the present call to duty with equal nobleness of soul.

Kiamsha...
You are enlightened youth. Continue to develop mentees into mentors who use history, peer and intergenerational interaction to become leaders of integrity.

Kiamsha Youth Empowerment Organization (1992)
Founder, The Honorable Dorothy F. Bailey
Executive Director, Ms. Renada Johnson c/o 1998

17 of 25 years in partnership with the
Founder of Black History Month

Association for the Study of African American Life and History (1915)
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The Crisis in Black Education

2017 Black History Theme

Conference Speakers

Thursday Luncheon

Hilton

The Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones, Esq.
Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (ret.)

Thursday Teachers Day Luncheon

Freedom Center

Geneva Gay
Professor of Education, University of Washington-Seattle

Friday Woodson Luncheon

Stanley Nelson
Founder, Firelight Media

Michelle Duster
Columbia College Chicago & Wilbur Wright College

Saturday Blasingame Luncheon

William Jelani Cobb
Associate Professor of History; Director, Africana Studies Institute, University of Connecticut; Author

Saturday Banquet

Marian Wright Edelman
Founder & President, Children’s Defense Fund

Sunday Breakfast

Daymon Lynch, Jr.
Pastor, New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Cincinnati
LORI LEAH CROOM

Lori Leah Croom has created and coordinated workshops and youth programs for the Kiamsha Youth Empowerment Organization for nearly 19 years. She currently serves as an Advisor to the Kiamsha executive team after leaving her role as one of the organization’s Deputy Directors for over ten years.

She has also served as Program Coordinator for ASALH’s Annual Youth Day for 17 years. Through that work, she has reached thousands of students nationwide. Her efforts to make sure the youth day content is relevant to the annual ASALH Black History theme have been regarded as scholarly work of the highest standard and has received stellar reviews from youth and adult attendees. Her role entails thoroughly reviewing the research provided on the annual ASALH Black History theme, as well as reviewing ASALH Theme products. She produces a full script for the youth day and serves as the person who prepares our young participants for the Youth Day presentations. In the words of one of her mentees, Lori’s “creativity, vision and planning of a performance from start to finish made it easy for us to be able to execute it to the audience.”

Lori’s volunteer service to Kiamsha and ASALH is fully supported by her current employer, Verizon. Through the Verizon Foundation Matching Gift and Volunteer Program, she generously donates her time, money, and skills to support her passion for community engagement.

She is the wife of John Croom, retired firefighter and community servant, the mother of Kiamshi alumni Jendayi Jackson (Marcus) and Japera Parker (Ryan), and new grandmother to Ryan II. She currently lives in Huntsville, Alabama, where she is continuing to support ASALH’s Annual Youth Day and inspire the hearts of young people in her new community. Her role as mentor remains her favorite, and it is what motivates her drive and passion to continue to be of service to young people throughout the world.
MICHELLE DUSTER

Michelle Duster is an author, speaker and educator who believes it is essential that the contributions of women and African Americans made to the United States be recognized, in order to make the story of the nation accurate and whole. She is active with several committees and organizations that create, document and promote these many “untold” stories.

Michelle has been a member of ASALH since 2009. She has served on the Academic Program Committee for seven consecutive years. She organized and participated in six panels between 2012 and 2013. Because of her background in film, she volunteered to serve on the Film Festival Sub-committee in 2014. She became the chair of the Film Festival Committee in 2015 and has served in that role for the past three years. As chair, she has worked to expand the festival to include 15 to 17 recently released films and incorporated post-screening discussions with filmmakers and scholars. In addition to serving on ASALH committees, Michelle has participated in the ASALH Authors Book Signing event for five years.

In the last nine years, Michelle has written and published four books. She co-edited Shifts: An Anthology of Women’s Growth Through Change, co-wrote the popular children’s history book, Tate and His Historic Dream, and wrote and edited two books that include the writings of her great-grandmother, Ida B. Wells - Ida In Her Own Words and Ida From Abroad. Her forthcoming book, that she co-edited with Paula Marie Seniors and Rose C. Thevenin, is an anthology of writings by African American women about the work and portrayal of former First Lady Michelle Obama.

She was born and raised on the South Side of Chicago and earned her B.A. in Psychology from Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. She studied film and video production at Columbia College Chicago, and earned her M.A. in Media Studies from The New School in New York City. She currently teaches and is a writing tutor at Columbia College Chicago and Wilbur Wright College.
MARGOT LEE SHETTERLY

Writer, researcher, and entrepreneur Margot Lee Shetterly is the author of Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race, which is a top book of 2016 for both TIME and Publisher’s Weekly, a USA Today bestseller, and a number one - and instant - The New York Times bestseller.

The film adaptation of her book became the number one movie in United States in the spring of 2017. It stars Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monae, Kirsten Dunst, and Kevin Costner and has been nominated for the Academy Award for Best Picture and Best Adapted Screenplay; Octavia Spencer has been nominated for Best Supporting Actress. According to the review of The New York Times, the film introduces viewers to “real people you might wish you had known more about earlier … [who] can fill you with outrage at the persistence of injustice and gratitude toward those who had the grit to stand up against it.”

Shetterly is also the founder of the Human Computer Project, a digital archive of the stories of NASA’s African-American “Human Computers” whose work tipped the balance in favor of the United States in World War II, the Cold War, and the Space Race. Shetterly’s father was among the early generation of black NASA engineers and scientists, and she had direct access to NASA executives and the women featured in the book. She grew up around the historically black Hampton University, where some of the women in Hidden Figures studied. Along with Aran Shetterly, she co-founded the magazine Inside Mexico. She graduated from The University of Virginia and is a 2014 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellow.

WILLIAM SERAILE, PH.D.

Dr. Seraile was born in New Orleans in 1941, raised in Seattle and now lives in Harlem. Like many scholars of his generation, his knowledge of African American history was entirely self-learned, due to the fact that undergraduate and doctoral programs in the subject did not exist at the time.

The inspiration for his studies was a two year stint in Ethiopia as a Peace Corps volunteer in the 1960s where he was exposed to the civilizations of Axum and Lalibela. leading him to pursue a doctoral minor in African history. He earned his doctorate in American history from the graduate center of the City University of New York. His dissertation was entitled “New York’s Black Regiments During the Civil War,” an examination of the 20th, 26th and 31st United States Colored Troops.

Dr. Seraile is the author of five books: Voice of Dissent: Theophilus Gould Steward and Black America (1991); Fire in His Heart: Benjamin Tucker Tanner and the A.M.E. Church (1998); New York’s Black Regiments during the Civil War (2001); Bruce Grit: The Black Nationalist Writings of John Edward Bruce (2003); and Angels of Mercy: White Women and the History of New York’s Colored Orphan Asylum (2011, 2013). He has many published scholarly articles, encyclopedia entries, and book reviews. He began teaching in the then Black Studies Department at Lehman College, City University of New York in 1971, and, until his retirement in 2007, taught approximately 7000 students. He has done frequent radio and cable television interviews as an expert in African American history and has been an active member of ASALH since 1968.
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1994 John Hope Franklin
1995 Dorothy Porter Wesley John Henrik Clarke
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1998 Edgar Toppin
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2003 Lerone Bennett, Jr. Robert Harris
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2009 Sharon Harley
2010 Juliet Walker
2011 Vincent Harding
2012 Collin Palmer
2013 Dr. Deborah Gray White
2014 Gerald Horne
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2016 Wilma King

LIVING LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENTS
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Allison Hill
JC Hayward
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Lynn Whitfield
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Naomi Long Madgett
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Newatha Myers
Consoolee Nishimwe
Florence Tate
Najmah Thomas, PhD
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Mr. Myron A. Gray
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The Honorable James E. Clyburn
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Dorothy Redford
Rev. David Forbes
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Robert Stanton
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Manasota (49 new)
Prince George’s County Truth (22 new)
Paul Laurence Dunbar (PLD) (13 new)

OUTSTANDING CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AWARD

Memphis (30.3%)  Hampton Roads (33.9%)  Paul Laurence Dunbar (32.3%)

BRANCH WITH LARGEST NUMBER OF MEMBERS

Manasota (223)

BRANCH WITH LARGEST NUMBER OF LIFE MEMBERS

Chicago Branch (22)

BRANCHES WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF SUSTAINING LIFE MEMBERS

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