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**2008 Virginia Forum
University of Mary Washington
April 11-12, 2008**

**Registration and many sessions are on the upper level of the Woodard Campus Center.
Some Saturday sessions will be held in Monroe Hall as noted.**

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2008

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Registration Great Hall

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. WELCOME AND OPENING SESSION Great Hall

Welcome

Jeffrey W. McClurken, University of Mary Washington

“The Centennial of the University of Mary Washington”

Carter Hudgins, Distinguished Professor and Hofer Chair of Early American Culture and
Historic Preservation and Chairperson of the Department of History and American Studies

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session in the Great Hall

Roundtable Discussion: One Little, Two Little...Indian Education in Virginia

Chair and Discussant: Deanna Beacham, Program Specialist, Virginia Council on
Indians

Karenne Wood, Director, Virginia Indian Heritage Program
Chief Stephen Adkins, Chickahominy Tribe

Session in Meeting Room 2

“Shew Me Thy Glory”: An Anglican Preaches the Gospel in Jefferson’s Virginia

Chair: Edward L. Bond, Alabama A & M University

“Re-Discovery of the Rev. William Douglas”

Julia E. Randle, Virginia Theological Seminary

“William Douglas in Scotland”

Robert W. Prichard, Virginia Theological Seminary

“William Douglas: Virginia Anglican Priest”

Patrick H. Butler, III, Chairman, Virginia Board of Historic Resources and Independent
Scholar.

Session in the Red Room

Women in Higher Education in Virginia

Chair: Peter Wallenstein, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

“Indiana’s Last Will and Testament and the Founding of a College: Sweet Briar Institute, 1900-1910”

Lynn Rainville, Sweet Briar College
Robert Vernon, independent scholar

“Dixie’s Darlin’s Reading and Writing”

Hannah Kelley, James Madison University

“To Go Boldly: Alice Jackson, African-American Women, and the First Attempt to Desegregate the University of Virginia, 1935-1975”

Ervin L. Jordan, Jr., University of Virginia

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

LUNCH – box lunches

Great Hall

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session in the Great Hall

New Views of Slave Trades and Slave Flight

Chair: Leni Sorensen, African-American Research Historian, Monticello

“Hidden in Plain View: Virginia Colonial Records and Indian Slavery”

Kristalyn Shefveld, University of Mississippi

“The War within the War of 1812: The Role of the Slave as Property, Pawn, and Agent”

Christine F. Hughes, George Mason University

“Left Behind but Getting Ahead: Antebellum Slavery’s Orphans in the Chesapeake”

Calvin Schermerhorn, University of Virginia

Session in Meeting Room 2

Region, Environment, and Memory: Micro and Macro Histories

Chair: Thad W. Tate, Emeritus Professor, College of William and Mary

“Writing Virginia’s Environmental History: How, Why, and for Whom?”

Benjamin Cohen, University of Virginia

“From Regions to Commonwealth: Alternative Histories of the Old Dominion”

John Schlotterbeck, DePauw University

“‘I Know What I Saw’: Chessie the Sea Monster, Local Identity, and the ‘Correct’ Use of the Water”

Eric A. Cheezum, University of South Carolina

“A Cultural History of Natural Bridge”

Jurretta Jordan Heckscher, Library of Congress

Session in the Red Room

Virginians in the Transatlantic British Empire

Chair: Jon Kukla, Richmond, Virginia

“Indian Territory: The Virginia Backcountry and the Origins of the 1774 Quebec Act”

Matthew L. Rhodes, West Texas A&M University

“Anglophobia?: Jefferson, Madison, and Post-Revolutionary Virginia”

Michael Schwarz, University of Kentucky

“Neo-Mercantilism, American-Style: James Madison and the Virginia Port Bill of 1784”

Richard Chew, Virginia State University

“A Cure for Pleurisy and Gout: Dr. John Tennent’s Discovery and Promotion of Seneca Rattlesnake Root”

Kevin Joel Berland, Penn State

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. BREAK

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session in Great Hall

Elites in Seventeenth-Century Virginia

Chair: Anthony S. Parent, Jr., Wake Forest University

“Making the Virginia Gentry, c. 1607 – c. 1660: A Study of Immigrants, Origins, and Office-Holding”

Thomas Daniel Knight, University of Texas—Pan American

“A Royalist Slave Code? Political Ideology, Lineage and Slavery in Seventeenth-Century Virginia and the British Atlantic”

Holly Brewer, North Carolina State University

Session in Meeting Room 2

The Global is Local – The Local is Global: Petersburg, Virginia

Chair: Larissa Smith Fergeson, Longwood University

“Making the Local Global – Petersburg, Virginia’s African American History as a Reflection of Global Developments”

Dirk Philipsen, Virginia State University

“The History and Historiography of Petersburg’s African American Communities”

Christina Proenza-Coles, Virginia State University

Session in the Red Room

Publish, Don't Perish: Preparing Scholarship for a Press, a Journal, and an Audience

Brent Tarter, Library of Virginia
Richard Holway, University of Virginia Press
Paul Levengood, Virginia Magazine of History and Biography

Session in Meeting Room 1

Mapping, Memory and Placemaking: Civil War Metanarratives in the Shenandoah Valley

Chair: Sarah Meschutt, Museum of the Shenandoah Valley

“‘Regarded as a Species of the Apocalypse’: Sheridan’s Ride in War and Memory”
Jonathan A. Noyalas, Lord Fairfax Community College

“Awaiting General Sheridan, ‘Fifteen Miles Away’: The Oratorical, Heroic, Memorial, and
Commodified Valley of Sheridan’s Ride”
Geraldine Kiefer, Shenandoah University

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Wine and Cheese Reception Great Hall

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. PLENARY SESSION Great Hall
From Harpers Ferry to Hampton Roads: Origins and Outcomes of the Civil War
Chair: Anthony S. Parent, Jr., Wake Forest University

“The Trial of John Brown”
Paul Finkelman, President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Public
Policy and Senior Fellow in the Government Law Center, Albany Law School

“The Future of African Americans: The Hampton Roads Conference”
Paul Escott, Reynolds Professor of History, Department of History, Wake Forest University

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2008

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration Great Hall

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session in the Great Hall

Preserving Place, State, and Race: Women’s Activism in Twentieth-Century Virginia

Chair: Sandra Treadway, The Library of Virginia

“Unraveling the Past: Women as Archivists in ‘Virginia’s Historical Laboratory”
Jennifer Davis McDaid, The Library of Virginia

“Unfit for Activism? Virginia Women in the Southern Eugenics Movement”
Anna L. Krome-Lukens, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

“Citizen Preservationist: Mary Wingfield Scott, A Rebel with a Rubble Cause”
Kay C. Peninger, St. John’s Church Foundation

Session in Monroe Hall, Room 201

Domestic Landscapes and Inheritance in Old Virginia

Chair: Angelita Reyes, Arizona State University

“From the Garden to the Kitchen: The Role of Food in Joseph Prentis's Williamsburg Household, 1778-1809”

Julie Richter, College of William and Mary

“‘The Children’s Slaves’: Jefferson Bequeathing and Plantation Networks”
Susan Kern, College of William and Mary

“‘Pritty much worm eaten’: The Domestic Landscape of an Ordinary Planter in James Monroe’s Colonial Virginia”

Michael Blaakman, College of William and Mary

“From Green Spring to Hot Water: The Beneficiaries of William Ludwell Lee’s Estate”
Virginia Price, National Park Service

Session in Monroe Hall, Room 202

Politics, Massive Resistance, and School Desegregation

Chair: James H. Hershman, Georgetown University

“‘The Rise of ‘Howling Henry’: Henry Howell’s Entry into Virginia Politics, 1948-1953”
Joseph W. Grimsley, Jr., Tidewater Community College

“Two Gentlemen from Tidewater: Delegate Harry Davis, Mayor W. Fred Duckworth, and Massive Resistance”

James Sweeney, Old Dominion University

“Integrating ‘the Star City of the South’: Roanoke School Desegregation and the Politics of Delay”
Peter Jones, College of William and Mary

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. BREAK

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session in Great Hall

The Social, Spatial, and Interpretive Dimensions of Slave Housing in Virginia

Chair: Carter Hudgins, University of Mary Washington

“Coming to Terms with the Social, Spatial, and Temporal Dimensions of Slave Housing in Virginia: An Interdisciplinary and Shared Database Approach”

Douglas Sanford, University of Mary Washington

“The ‘Duplex’ as Purposeful Construction of Slave Housing in Virginia”

Gary W. Stanton, University of Mary Washington

“Interpreting the Domestic Architecture of Slavery at George Washington’s Mount Vernon”

Dennis J. Pogue, Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens

Session in Monroe Hall, 201

Private Lives, Public Records: Constructing the History of Antebellum Virginia

Chair: Amy Feely Morsman, Middlebury College

“Treasures from the County Courthouse: Telling the Histories of African Americans in Antebellum Virginia with Local Court Records”

Sarah Nerney, The Library of Virginia

Catherine G. OBrion, The Library of Virginia

“A Horrible Intimacy: Whites and Enslaved Blacks in Old Virginia”

Melvin Patrick Ely, College of William and Mary

“Unlawful Assembly in Fredericksburg, Virginia, 1821-1835”

Sarah K. Blunkosky, Virginia Commonwealth University

Session in Monroe Hall, 202

Intellectual Lives

Chair: Jon Kukla, Richmond, Virginia

“Anglican Moderation and the Virginia Founders: the Ethical and Political Thought of Edmund Randolph”

Kevin R. Hardwick, James Madison University

“The Geographies of Female Intellectual Life at Monticello”

Catherine Kerrison, Villanova University

“Mind and Spirit: Walter Russell Bowie and Virginia Theological Seminary, 1905-1908”

Samuel C. Shepherd, Jr., Centenary College of Louisiana

Session in Red Room

Digital Virginia: Recent Developments in Web-based Sources

Chair: Susan Garfinkel, Library of Congress

“Virginia Emigrants to Liberia, 1820-1865: Transatlantic Afro-Virginian History”

Marie Tyler-McGraw, independent historian

Deborah A. Lee, independent historian

“*Encyclopedia Virginia*: Bridging the Public and the Academy”

Matthew Gibson, *Encyclopedia Virginia*

John Kneebone, Virginia Commonwealth University

“The Virginia Elections and State Elected Officials Database Project”

Charles A. Kromkowski, University of Virginia

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

LUNCH – box lunches

Planning Meeting for Next Forum in the Great Hall

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session in the Great Hall

Roundtable Discussion: Virginia History and the Virginia Forum: Needs and Opportunities for New Research

Chair: Warren Hofstra, Shenandoah University

Research Needs and Opportunities in Virginia Indian Topics

Deanna Beacham, Virginia Council on Indians

Opportunities in Virginia County Records

Melvin Ely, College of William and Mary

From Current Event to Historical Past: Twentieth-Century Virginia

Larissa Smith Fergeson, Longwood University

Mountain and Tidewater—Like and Unlike

Researching Race, Politics, and Reform

Ralph Mann, University of Colorado

Not Dead Yet: Breathing New Life into the Study of Britain’s “Oldest and Most Loyal Dominion”

R. S. Taylor Stoermer, University of Virginia

Touching the Past: Material Culture in Virginia History

Camille Wells, College of William and Mary

Session in Monroe Hall, Room 104

New Directions in Jefferson Research

Chair: John G. Deal, The Library of Virginia

“Archaeological Approaches to the Study of Jefferson’s Monticello and Poplar Forest”

Barbara J. Heath, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

“In Conversation He Was Quite Unrestrained’: Visitor Accounts of Thomas Jefferson”

Ellen C. Hickman, Thomas Jefferson Foundation

“Grandpapa Decided that It Would Not Rain’: Thomas Jefferson through the Eyes of his Family”

J. Jefferson Looney, Thomas Jefferson Foundation

Session in Monroe Hall, Room 202

Racial Identity, Race Pride, and Historical Memory

Chair: Rebecca Goetz, Rice University

“How to Contain a Giant: Republican Hypocrisy and the Historic Legacy of Peter Francisco”

Wesley T. Joyner, University of Southern Mississippi

"Frank J. Trigg, The Man From Lynchburg: His Significance to Extant Historically Black Institutions of Higher Education Along The I-29 Corridor in Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina"

Nancy-Elizabeth Fitch, The College of New Rochelle

“Virginia WPA Interview, Mobile Hopson: An Enigma of Race and Identity”

Russell Hopson, independent scholar

“Virginia’s Racial Integrity Fight: The Du Bois-Garvey Debate”

Arica L. Coleman, University of Delaware

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