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CULTURE SHOCK AND VALUE SHIFTS:
Who Are We And What Do We Need To Know?

The 1988 Meeting of the VIRGINIA HUMANITIES CONFERENCE

VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
Petersburg, Virginia

April 15 - 16, 1988

PRE-CONFERENCE DRAMA

April 14, 1988 – 8:00 p.m.

Anderson-Turner Auditorium
Virginia Hall
Virginia State University

PROGRAM

Thursday, April 14, 1988

8:00 p.m. - **Evening Theatrical Performance.**
Anderson-Turner Auditorium, Virginia Hall

Friday, April 15, 1988

8:00-9:00 a.m. **Registration**, Lobby, Anderson-Turner Auditorium, Virginia Hall

9:00-10:00 a.m. **Plenary Session**, Anderson-Turner Auditorium.

10:00-10:15 a.m. **Coffee Break**, Lobby, Anderson-Turner Auditorium.

10:15-11:45 a.m. **Session A1 – Values in Early American Documents.**
203 Colson Hall
Oscar R. Williams, Virginia State University, Presiding

“The Rhetorical Method of Benjamin Franklin as an Ethical Model for the Public Servant”
Doris B. Morton, Saint Paul’s College

“An Evaluative Analysis of the United States Constitution as it Relates to Black Americans”
James W. Smith, Virginia State University

Session A2 – Genocide
204 Colson Hall
Melton Jones, John Tyler Community College, Presiding

“The Other Nazi Genocide”
Robert H. Lafleur, Mary Baldwin College

“Killing the Fish by Draining the Sea: The Case of Genocide and Ethnocide in Guatemala”
James A. Schillinger, Virginia State University

12:00-1:45 p.m. **Luncheon** – Blue Room, Jones Dining Hall

Welcome: Dr. Harold E. Braxton, President
Virginia Humanities Conference

Address: Dr. Gordon Davies
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
Richmond, Virginia

2:00-3:15 p.m. **Session B1 – Threatened Societal Identification**
203 Colson Hall
Martha Day, Richard Bland College, Presiding

“The Difficulty of Knowing Who We Are: The Threatened Societies of Canada, South Africa and Australia”
Theodore F. Sheckels, Jr., Randolph-Macon College

“Africans in Russia: From Peter The Great to the Present”
Leo Hecht, George Mason University

Session B2 – Black Identification and Leadership.
204 Colson Hall
Preston Yancey, Virginia Union University, Presiding

“Black Self-Esteem and Social Change”
James Harris, Old Dominion University

“Black Virginia Leadership in the Diaspora”
Calvin M. Miller, Virginia State University

3:00-4:45 p.m. **Session C1 – Biblical Authority and Today’s Values.**
203 Colson Hall
George S. Taylor, Virginia State University, Presiding

“The Humanities Under Attack: Understanding the Religious Right”
C. Ray Penn, Radford University

“Situation Ethics According to St. Paul: The Relatively of Morality in the New Testament”
Richard B. Vinson, Averett College

Session C2 – Knowing Who We Are
204 Colson Hall
Pansy J. Jackson, Virginia State University

“The Importance of Knowing Who We Are”
Catherine King-Clarke, Norfolk State University

“The Importance of Knowing Who We Are and Who Our Students Are”
Diane Ganiere, Mary Baldwin College

6:30-7:30 p.m. **Cash Bar** – Ramada Inn, Petersburg
Featuring the Virginia State University Musicians

7:30-9:15 p.m. **Banquet** – Ramada Inn, Petersburg

Welcome: Wilbert Greenfield, President
Virginia State University

Address: Dr. Olive Taylor, Howard University
Washington, D.C.

Saturday, April 16, 1988

8:00-9:00 a.m. **Coffee and Pastries** – Lobby, Anderson-Turner Auditorium.

8:15-9:00 a.m. **Delegates Caucus.** 203 Colson Hall

9:15-10:45 a.m. **Session D1 – Artists and Cultural Shifts**

203 Colson Hall
Ernestine S. Robinson, Hampton University,
Presiding

“Romantic Misery in the Works of Jack Kerouac and Bruce Springsteen”
John D. Wells, Mary Baldwin College

“Imagining Cold War Values Through John Le Carre’s Looking Glass”
P. Larus Reed, Virginia State University

Session D2 – Technology and Values

204 Colson Hall
Burton G. Hurdle, Jr., Virginia State
University, Presiding

“Computer Power and Human Reason”
C. R. McCormick, Patrick Henry
Community College

“Technology and Moral Values: The Hare and the Tortoise?”
Murel M. Jones, Virginia State University

10:45-11:00 a.m. **Coffee Break,** Lobby, Colson Hall

11:00-12:30 p.m. **Session E1 – Women’s Values**

203 Colson Hall
Elsa S. Diduk, College of William and Mary,
Presiding

“Black Grandmothers: Sources of Artistic Consciousness and Personal Strength”
Joanne M. Braxton, College of William and
Mary

“Motherhood Without Men: Changing Values in Contemporary Fiction Written by Women”
Roberta Rosenberg, Christopher Newport
College

Session E2 – Aesthetics and Values

204 Colson Hall
Ephraim Rubenstein, University of Richmond,
Presiding

“Aesthetic Education for the Future”
Sandra Bryan, Christopher Newport College

“The Andy Warhol Phenomenon, A Disturbing Model of Cultural Decadence”
Charles W. Johnson, Jr., University of
Richmond

1:00-2:30 p.m. **Luncheon,** Blue Room, Jones Dining Hall

Greetings: James Lott, President-Elect
Virginia Humanities Conference

Address: Dr. Edgar A. Toppin,
Provost/Academic
Vice-President, Historian, Virginia
State University, Petersburg, VA

GUEST SPEAKERS

OLIVE A. TAYLOR, Assistant Professor of History at Howard University, is an expert in U.S. Constitutional History and the U.S. Supreme Court. She is an interpreter of the U.S. Constitution and cultural identity through publications, the broadcast media and numerous commissions.

GORDON K. DAVIES, Director of the State Council of Higher Education of Virginia is not only the administrative head of the Commonwealth’s Primary Regulatory Agency for Higher Education, but a specialist in the humanities, also, who is more than capable of addressing the topic of cultural identity and its implications for public education.

EDGAR A. TOPPIN, Professor of History and Interim Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Virginia State University, is the University’s Dean of Graduate Studies, also. He is a distinguished author, lecturer and analyst of U.S. History, especially of Afro-American history and culture. He has the sensitivity, expertise and experience to treat the topic of the Black Institution of Higher learning as a repository of culture.

CONFERENCE FEES

The registration fee is \$25.00. All registrants will receive a copy of the 1988 VHC proceedings at registration; all registrants are welcome to the coffee, tea and pastries served at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and again at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday.

Additional fees are charged for the luncheon on Friday (\$8.50); the banquet Friday evening (\$13.65); and the Saturday luncheon (\$8.50). Registrants are encouraged to attend these functions which will involve our VHC guest speakers.

HOUSING

Those attending the 1988 Virginia Humanities Conference are

urged to stay at the Ramada Inn, 380 East Washington Street, Petersburg, Virginia 23803-4314 where we have arranged reduced group rates — \$39.00 per room, whether single, double or triple. Reservations must be made 2 weeks in advance, by telephone (804) 733-0000 or by mail to the Reservations Manager. Please be sure to mention the Virginia Humanities Conference when making reservations, so as to obtain your reduced rate.

DIRECTIONS

Virginia State University is located in Petersburg, Virginia approximately 20 miles south of Richmond off of I-95.

Directions to the Petersburg Ramada Inn: Take I-95 to Petersburg and exit at the Washington Street exit. The Ramada Inn is in clear view.

Directions from Ramada Inn to VSU: From the Ramada Inn take East Washington Street West approximately 1.1 miles to South Street. Turn right on South Street. At the first traffic light South Street becomes Canal Street. Continue on Canal Street for .2 miles and then bear left at triangle onto Fleet Street. Go across railroad track and Appomattox River; then take first right into the campus on University Avenue. Proceed to small traffic circle and go right onto Hayden Street to Carter G. Woodson Avenue. Turn left on Woodson to large parking lot (Lot 15) on the right in front of J. B. Bolling (ROTC) Building.

Directions from Parking Lot to Conference: After parking, exit lot and walk left up Carter G. Woodson Avenue; turn right on Jackson Place; then left on University Avenue to circle and right on Hayden Street. The second building is Colson Hall where meetings are held. The third building is Virginia Hall.

Directions directly to VSU: Take I-95 to Colonial Heights (Exit 4) and follow signs to VSU. At the VSU campus turn left off of River Road onto Matthew-Jefferson Drive. Then take first left onto Carter G. Woodson Avenue. Take second entrance into the first parking lot on the left (Lot 15). Park and see above for further directions.

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