



Preliminary Schedule Friday

1:00-2:30

1. New Perspectives on the Late 19th Century

- Chair: Michael D. Thompson, University of Tennessee Chattanooga
- Presenters: Abigail Stephens, University of Kentucky
 Freedom of Choice: Vaccination, Migration, and Black Workers' Rights in the Post-Reconstruction South
- Patrick Sheridan, University of Georgia
 Waiting for Equality: African American Hotel Waiters' Activism During Jim Crow.
- Resha Swanson, University of Chicago
 Racialization, Racial Capital, and Labor: Frameworks for Interpreting Southern Worker Resistance in the Past & Present
- Comment: Bruce Baker, Newcastle University

2. Unionization, Politics, and Downfall in the Southern Textile Industry

- Chair: Bryant Simon, Temple University
- Presenters: Andrew Harrison Baker, Clemson University
 Greenville Textile Workers and Southern Republicanism: 1968-1996
- Laura King, Auburn University
 Avondale Mills: Paternalism and the Battle for Workers' Rights in 1934, 1947, and 1955
- Cal Bedenbaugh, Clemson University
 "It Was as if a Member of the Family Died": The South Carolina Textile Industry in Crisis, 1980-1985"
- Comment: Aimee Loiselle, Central Connecticut State University

3. *Race, Labor, and Violence in the Delta: Essays to Mark the Centennial of the Elaine Massacre: A Book Session*

- Chair: Jarod Roll, University of Mississippi
- Presenters: Matthew Hild, Georgia Tech
The Cotton Pickers' Strike of 1891
- William H. Pruden III, Ravenscroft School
Black Workers, White Nightriders, and the Supreme Court's Changing View of the Thirteenth Amendment
- Jeannie M. Whayne, University of Arkansas
The Henry Lowery Lynching
- Michael Pierce, University of Arkansas
Mexican Labor and Black Migration in Lincoln County, Arkansas, 1948-1955

4. *Beyond Organized Labor: (Im)migrants and Resistance Strategies in the Modern U.S. South*

- Chair: Sarah McNamara, Texas A&M University
- Presenters: Devin Michael Jerome, University of Georgia
Neither 'Perfect Immigrants' nor 'Amantes del Trabajo': Mexican Guestworkers and Labor Resistance in post-WWII Mississippi and Arkansas
- Libia Jiménez Chávez, University of Georgia
Social Justice on the Move: Immigrant Coalitions in the South
- Ariana Ávila, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Care, Immigration, and Food Justice among Farmworkers in Southwest Florida
- Comment: Perla M. Guerrero, University of Maryland, College Park

2:45-4:15

5. *New Perspectives on Southern Repression*

- Chair: Karin Shapiro, Duke University
- Presenters: Chad Pearson, Collin College
Capital's Terrorists: Klansmen, Lawmen, and Employers in the Long Nineteenth Century
- Ahmed White, University of Colorado
Under the Iron Heel: The Wobblies and the Capitalist War on Radical Workers,
- Tom Alter, Texas State University
Toward a Cooperative Commonwealth: The Transplanted Roots of Farmer-Labor Radicalism in Texas
- Comment: David Zonderman, North Carolina State University

6. Black Workers for Justice at Forty

Chair: John Cox, University of North Carolina Charlotte
Presenters: Ajamu Amiri Dillahunt, Michigan State University
Saladin Muhammad, Black Workers for Justice
Naeema Muhammad, Black Workers for Justice
Ashaki Binta, Black Workers for Justice
Ajamu Dillahunt, Black Workers for Justice

7. Sexuality and the Southern Campus

Chair: Joshua Hollands, University College London
Presenters: Elissa Branum, Rutgers University
Work, Study, Abstain: Sex and Labor at Evangelical Colleges in Arkansas & Texas, 1880-2020
Hooper Schultz, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Graduate Student Workers and The Non-Discrimination Ordinance Fight in Austin, Texas, 1970-82
Ellie Campbell, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.
United Campus Workers 3565 in the Pride Parade: Campus Organizing at the University of Mississippi, 2015-2020
Comment: Joshua Hollands

8. Remaking Latinx Communities in the U.S. South: Immigration, Capital, and Racial Scripts

Chair: Adrienne Petty, William & Mary
Presenters: Angela Stuesse, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Tristan Call, Spellman College
Revisiting Plantation Capitalism in Mississippi's Poultry Plants
Max Krochmal, Texas Christian University
Remaking Latinx Fort Worth
Cecilia Márquez, Duke University
Racial and Generational Shifts in Dalton, Georgia's Latinx Community, 1990-2000
Comment: Perla M. Guerrero, University of Maryland at College Park

4:30- 5:45

9. Reflections on *Civil Rights Unionism: Tobacco Workers and the Struggle for Democracy in the Mid-Twentieth-Century South*

Chair: Max Krochmal, Texas Christian University, Incoming President SLSA
Presenters: Robin D. G. Kelley, University of California Los Angeles
Blair Kelley, North Carolina State University
Nelson Lichtenstein, University of California Santa Barbara
Comment: Robert Korstad, Duke University

6:00 **Reception**

Saturday

9-10:30

10. Imagining the Latinx South: Developing Collaborative Book & Project Infrastructure

Chair: Paul Ortiz, University of Florida
Presenters: Cecilia Márquez, Duke University
Sarah McNamara, Texas A&M University
Perla M. Guerrero, University of Maryland, College Park
Yuridia Ramírez, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

11. Sunbelt Workers in Transition: Labor, Political Economy, and the Twentieth Century Sunbelt

Chair: Katherine Turk, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Presenters: Cristian Roberto Walk, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
‘Okie’ Strikebreakers: Migration, Race, and Ethnicity in the Ventura County Citrus Strike of 1941
Arthur Braswell, Duke University
Conscription and Economic Citizenship in Post-WWII South Carolina
James Woodall, Duke University
Hotel Worker Union Revitalization in 1980s and 1990s Sunbelt Las Vegas
Comment: Jefferson Cowie, Vanderbilt University

12. Decolonization and Decarceration: Black Radical Visions of Equality after Emancipation

Chair: William Sturkey, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Presenters: Caroline Grego, Queens University of Charlotte
The Uprising of Captain Edward Tennant’s Black Militia and Its Legacies in Reconstruction-Era Edgefield County, South Carolina
William Horn, Villanova University
The Revolution of 1868: Evaluating Postemancipation Black Radicalism in Louisiana
Ashleigh Lawrence-Sanders, University of Colorado
“The Cainhoy Trouble”: Black Rural Resistance and A New Cainhoy ‘Riot’ in 1911
Jermaine Thibodeaux, University of Oklahoma
Urging Uplift in the Face of Jim Crow: The Texas Colored Farmers’ Alliance and the Quest for Land, Labor, and Liberal Social Reforms, 1886-1892

13.Changing Southern Landscapes

- Chair: Scott Nelson, University of Georgia
- Presenters: Connor Harney, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Workers or Watchmen?: A History of Capitalism, Class, Race in the Research Triangle
Robert Hunt Ferguson, Western Carolina University
In the Ruins of Trauma: Living with Post-Industrial Landscapes
Kathryn Newfont, University of Kentucky
Commoning and Ecological Caregiving Labor: Livelihood Strategies, Experiential Knowledge, and Climate Resilience in Appalachian Forest Protection History
- Comment: Scott Nelson

10:45-12:15

14.Plantation Labor and Its Afterlives

- Chair: Sharon Holland, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Presenters: Susan Scott Parrish, University of Michigan
Solomon Northup's Fish Trap
David A. Davis, Mercer University
Sharecropping and Social Death
Robert Jackson, University of Tulsa
Robert F. Kennedy's American Hunger: From Black Mississippi to Federal Food Policy
- Comment: Sharon Holland

15.Women's Work in the Informal Economy of the US South

- Chair: Betsy Schlabach, Lawrence University
- Presenters: Alisha Marie Topete Cromwell, Coastal Carolina University
Mapping Female Entrepreneurs in 19th Century Charleston
Hannah Alms, Indiana University
Domestic Workers and Political Power in Washington, D.C.
Heather Butina-Sutton, University of Houston
Marketing Memory: Examining the Legacy of Charleston's Black Street Vendors
Felicity Turner, Georgia Southern University
What Women Knew: Medical Knowledge as Social Capital in Nineteenth-Century America
- Comment: Alicia L. Monroe, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

16."Son of a Sweeper" - a documentary film born at SLSA

- Chair: Cindy Hahamovitch, University of Georgia
- Presenters: Lisa Mills, University of Central Florida
Vimal Kumar, The McCain Institute-USA

17. Workers and New Economic Justice Strategies, 1965-1975

- Chair: Nancy MacLean, Duke University
- Presenters: Caleb Smith, Tulane University
From Strikes, Marches and Pickets To Title VII Precedents: Revisiting
“Bloody” Bogalusa’s Black Freedom Struggle, 1964 – 1970
David M. Anderson, Louisiana Tech University
Southern Strategies: Revisiting the UAW’s Campaign to Organize GM’s
Parts Plants in the 1970s
Will Goldsmith, UNC-CH
The 1975 Malizia Report Reconsidered: When North Carolina
Policymakers Debated the Benefits of Unionization
- Comment: Nancy MacLean

18. Latinx Advocacy Within & Beyond Academia

- Moderator: Eladio B. Bobadilla, University of Kentucky
- Participants: Libia Jiménez Chávez, University of Georgia
Axel Herrera Ramos, Nuestro South
Alexander Stephens, University of Michigan

12:30-1:30

Lunch and Plenary Session: Special Guest TBA

1:45-3:15

19. Racial Conflicts and the Mobilization of Black Workers in the Twentieth Century South

- Chair: James C. Benton, Georgetown University
- Presenters: Jennifer Brooks, Auburn University
The Gagliano Brothers and John Prentiss: Exploring Immigrant-African
American Encounters in New South Alabama
Robert H. Woodrum, Perimeter College, Georgia State University
“It isn’t pie in the sky we’re after; it’s pie right here”: The Industrial
Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America and Black
Workers in Mobile, Alabama, 1937-1942
Ken Fones-Wolf, West Virginia University
Black Workers and Independent Unionism in the Tidewater Area: The
Cases of Newport News Shipbuilders and Smithfield Meatpackers,
1941-1955
- Comment: Lane Windham, Georgetown University

20. Race, Labor, and Memory in the Gilded Age South

- Chair: Hilary Green, Davidson College
- Presenters: Scott Huffard, Lees-McRae College
Casey Jones in Quarantine: Southern Railroad Labor in Myth and Memory
Caroline Grego, Queens University of Charlotte
Draining the Lowcountry of its Black Majority: Environmental and Racial Engineering in Jim Crow Charleston County, 1895-1915
Matthew E. Stanley, Albany State University
Matters of Bread, Matters of Blood: Race, Capitalism, and Sectional Reconciliation in the Ohio Valley
- Comment: Bob Hutton, Glenville State University

21. Public Sector Organizing and Prison Workers

- Chair: Will Jones, University of Minnesota
- Presenters: Amanda Hughett, University of Illinois Springfield
“We had the Right to Remain Silent, but We Ain’t Gonna Stay that Way”: Public Sector Organizing and the Rise of Prisoners’ Unions during the 1970s
Elizabeth Hargrett, UC Berkeley
Incarcerated Labor in North Carolina
James Wrenn, North Carolina State University
1978 Sanitation Workers Strike in Rocky Mount NC
- Comment: Will Jones, University of Minnesota

22. Feminist Activism in the South: Recovering the History of Race and Class-Conscious: Feminist Activism in the South

- Chair: Jacquelyn Hall, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Presenters: Jennifer Ritterhouse, George Mason University
Intersectional Feminism and the ACLU Southern Women’s Rights Project
Jessica Wilkerson, West Virginia University
Change from the Bottom Up: Left Feminist Organizing in the South since the 1960s
Jasmin C. Howard, Michigan State University
Black Women Radicals: Black Women and HBCU activism in North Carolina
- Comment: Jacquelyn Hall

3:30-5:00

23. Between Law and Perception: 'New' Immigrants, Racialization & Legal Exclusion in the U.S. South, 1900-Present"

- Chair: David (Mac) Marquis, William & Mary
- Presenters: Sarah McNamara, Texas A&M University
Divisions of Survival: Latinx Immigration in Jim Crow Florida, 1880-1940
- Lauren Braun-Strumfels, Raritan Valley Community College
"To Divert Immigration to the Farms of the South': How Labor Recruitment Schemes Challenged Italian Racialization in the Early Twentieth Century"
- Jennifer Bickham Mendez, William & Mary
"Racial Integrity" and "Deficit Reduction": Settler Colonialism and Racialization in 'New' Immigrant Destinations in Virginia
- Comment: Jennifer Brooks, Auburn University

24. Rendering Broken Bodies Productive: Disability and Rehabilitation in the South

- Chair: Anna L. Krome-Lukens, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Presenters: Kylie M. Smith, Emory University
"Working Them Like Slaves": Race, Gender and Labor in Southern Psychiatric Asylums After WWII
- G. Jasper Conner, William & Mary
Race and Rehabilitation: Blind Workers in Twentieth Century Virginia
- Jessica Brabble, William & Mary
To Make Them Feel Whole Again: Vocational Training & Disability in the Post-WWI South
- Comment: Anna L. Krome-Lukens

25. W.E.B. Du Bois: Labor Historian and Public Intellectual for Our Time

- Chair: Thavolia Glymph, Duke University
- Presenters: Brian Kelly, Queen's University Belfast
"Storm Beyond Control": Black Workers and the Republican Party in Reconstruction South Carolina
- Robert Greene, Claflin University
W.E.B. Du Bois and the Radical South, 1945-1963
- Matt Nichter, Rollins College
DuBois's Marxist Mentor: Will Herberg and the Making of *Black Reconstruction in America*"
- Comment:

26. Roundtable on Policing the South

Chair: Robert Chase, SUNC-Stony Brook
Presenters: Joshua Clark Davis, University of Baltimore
Tammy Ingram, College of Charleston
Natalie J. Ring, University of Texas at Dallas
Jermaine Thibodeaux, University of Oklahoma

5:15-6:15

27. The Ramifications of Laboring as U.S. Historians in the South

Chair: Shannon C. Eaves, College of Charleston
Presenters: Katherine Mellen Charron, North Carolina State University
Joey Fink, High Point University
Hilary N. Green, Davidson College
William Sturkey, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Comment: Shannon C. Eaves

28. A Roundtable on the Past, Present, and Future of Workers' Rights in the Piedmont and Appalachian South

Chair: Joey Fink, High Point University
Presenters: MaryBe McMillan, North Carolina AFL-CIO
Dave Coker, Professional Fire Fighters of Greensboro
Louis Martin, Chatham University
Gordon Simmons, UE Local 170, West Virginia Public Workers Union

6:15 Reception and Dinner