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**Schedule**

**Friday**

**1:00-2:30**

1. New Perspectives on the Late 19th Century

Chair: Michael D. Thompson, University of Tennessee Chattanooga

Presenters: 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

1. 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

1. *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

1. 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: Sarah McNamara

**2:45-4:15**

1. 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

1. 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

1. Sexuality and the Southern Campus

Chair: Eileen Boris, University of California Santa Barbara

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

1. 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

**4:30- 5:45**

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

Chair: Max Krochmal, University of New Orleans, Incoming President SLSA

Presenters: Robin D. G. Kelley, University of California Los Angles

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**

1. Imagining the Latinx South: A Roundtable on Developing Collaborative Book & Project Infrastructure

Chair: Paul Ortiz, University of Florida

Presenters: Cecilia Márquez, Duke University

Sarah McNamara, Texas A&M University

Comment: Paul Ortiz and Max Krochmal, University of New Orleans

1. 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

Jennifer Standish, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Union Security and Migratory Workers: Organizing Agricultural Laborers in the Sunbelt during the WWII National Farm Labor Program

Comment: Jefferson Cowie, Vanderbilt University

1. 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

1. 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**

1. 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

1. 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

1. "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

1. 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, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The 1975 Malizia Report Reconsidered: When North Carolina Policymakers Debated the Benefits of Unionization

Comment: Nancy MacLean

1. 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

**1:45-3:15**

1. 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

Comment: Lane Windham, Georgetown University

1. 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, University of Arkansas.

Matters of Bread, Matters of Blood: Race, Capitalism, and Sectional Reconciliation in the Ohio Valley

Comment: Bob Hutton, Glenville State University

1. 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

1. 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: Laura Edwards, Princeton University

**3:30-5:00**

1. 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

1. 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

1. 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*

1. 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

JermaineThibodeaux, University of Oklahoma

**5:15-6:15**

1. 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

Hilary N. Green, Davidson College

William Sturkey, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Shannon C. Eaves

1. 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, West Virginia School Service Personnel Association

Ajamu Dillahunt, Black Workers for Justice

6:15 Reception and Dinner