

THE SECOND HOWARD MAHAN SYMPOSIUM

THROUGH THE EYE OF KATRINA: THE PAST AS PROLOGUE?

MARCH 7 - 10, 2007

Wednesday, March 7

1:00 - 3:00 P.M. Registration at the Radisson-Admiral Semmes Hotel

3:30 - 5:00 P.M. Walking Tour of Old Mobile (meet in Lobby of Admiral Semmes Hotel)

7:30 P.M. The Howard Mahan Lecture at Laidlaw Auditorium, University of South Alabama

Keynote Address: *An American Pompeii?*

Lawrence N. Powell, Tulane University

Reception to follow in Laidlaw Lobby

Thursday, March 8

All events and panels will take place in the Hearin-Chandler Auditorium, Museum of Mobile except for the Luncheon from 12:30 - 2:00 on Thursday at the Admiral Semmes Hotel

8:30 - 9:15 A.M. Coffee and Late Registration

9:15 - 9:30 A.M. Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:30 - 10:45 A.M. The River, the People, and the Built Environment, Part I

Presiding: Marsha Hamilton, Department of History, University of South Alabama

Living on and Changing the Natural Levee

Ari Kelman, University of California-Davis

Populating the City, 1800-2005

Richard Campanella, Tulane University

10:45 – 11:00 A.M. Coffee Break

11:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. The River, the People, and the Built Environment, Part II

Presiding: John Sledge, Mobile Historic Development Commission

New Orleans' Architecture

Karen Kingsley, Professor *Emerita*, Tulane University School of Architecture

Water in Sacred Places: Rebuilding New Orleans Black Churches as Sites of Community Empowerment

Donald Devore, University of South Alabama

12:30 - 2:00 P.M. Luncheon at the Admiral Semmes Hotel

Presiding: Clarence Mohr, Department of History, University of South Alabama

The Mourning After: Languages of Loss and Grief in Post-Katrina New Orleans

Marline Otte, Tulane University

2:30 - 4:30 P.M. Race, Gender and Ethnicity

Presiding: Patrick J. Maney, Department of History, University of South Carolina

The Political Construction of a Natural Disaster: The Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1853

Henry M. McKiven, University of South Alabama

The Landrieus, the Morials, and the Post-Katrina Evolution of New Orleans Politics

Arnold R. Hirsch, University of New Orleans

The Semi-Separate Sphere of Gender Politics

Pamela Tyler, University of Southern Mississippi

Friday, March 9

9:15 – 10:00 A.M. Coffee

10:00 – 12:00 P.M. Who Rules New Orleans? Culture and the Mechanisms of Power

Presiding: Martha Jane Brazy, Department of History, University of South Alabama

Who Owns Mardi Gras?

Reid Mitchell, Independent Scholar

The New Orleans Demimonde

Alecia P. Long, Georgia State University

The Disneyfication of New Orleans

J. Mark Souther, Cleveland State University

12:00 - 2:45 P.M. Lunch Break (On your own for lunch and time to explore Mobile)

2:45 - 4:45 P.M. Rebuilding New Orleans

Presiding: John Turner, Department of History, University of South Alabama

They're Trying to Wash Us Away: New Orleans Musicians Survive Katrina

Bruce Boyd Raeburn, Tulane University

The Brass Band Tradition

Michael White, Xavier University of New Orleans

The New Orleans Diaspora

Elizabeth Fussell, Tulane University

5:00 - 6:30 P.M. Wine and Cheese Reception at the Museum of Mobile Atrium

Saturday, March 10

8:45 - 9:15 A.M. Coffee

9:15 -11:45 A.M. From the Bottom Up: The Continuing Struggle for Racial Justice

Presiding: Clarence Mohr, Department of History, University of South Alabama

The Atlantic World and the Road to Plessy
Rebecca J. Scott, University of Michigan

Reform Activism and the Public Schools: A View From the Ninth Ward
Juliette Landphair, University of Richmond

The War on Poverty in New Orleans
Kent Germany, University of South Carolina

Tragedy and Change in Bayou La Batre
Frye Gaillard, University of South Alabama

11:45 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Coffee Break

12:00 - 12:45 P.M. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH ALL PANELISTS

Presiding: Edward Linenthal, Editor, *Journal of American History*

CONFERENCE INFORMATION: For further information and to pre-register please go the conference website <http://www.southalabama.edu/history/katrina> or contact the Department of History, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama, 36688; 251-460-6210. Pre-registration for attendees not featured in the program is strongly advised. A pre-registration fee of \$35 includes the Thursday luncheon. *The pre-registration deadline is March 1, 2007.* On site registration is \$20 and luncheon tickets (if available) are \$20. The conference hotel is the Radisson-Admiral Semmes, 251-432-8000. A limited block of rooms has been set aside at the special conference rate of \$99 plus tax. *To receive the conference rate, reservations must be made by February 2, 2007.*