CROSSING BOUNDARIES, MAKING CONNECTIONS:

AMERICAN SLAVERY AND ANTISLAVERY NOW AND THEN CONFERENCE

NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD FREEDOM CENTER

Cincinnati Ohio

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Using History to Make Slavery History.
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REGISTRATION:

Thursday 6-8 p.m.
Friday 8-noon
Saturday 8-10 a.m.

Registration table will be located outside of Harriet Tubman Theater on stated hours.
THURSDAY

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

OPENING RECEPTION
AND ANTISLAVERY ART EXHIBIT
Cincinnati Museum Center (CMC)

Now Close the Window and
Hush all the Fields
with artist Robert Claiborde Morris

Shuttles will depart the Millennium and Hyatt hotels at 3:00 p.m. en route to CMC. After the reception, shuttles will depart CMC at 6:15 to take participants to the Freedom Center for the Opening Address

7:00 p.m.

WELCOME
National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
Harriet Tubman Theater

Stacey Robertson and Randall Miller,
Co-Directors of Historians Against Slavery

OPENING ADDRESS

The Persistent Past:
Confronting Slavery in Our
Past and Present
by Douglas Blackmon

Author of Slavery By Another Name:
The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to WWII

COMMENT: Kelly Lytle Hernandez, UCLA
THE PROBLEM:
AMERICAN SLAVERY, ITS HISTORY, LEGACIES, AND CHALLENGES TODAY

8:15 - 8:30 a.m.
WELCOME
Harriet Tubman Theater
Nikki M. Taylor, University of Cincinnati
Luke Blocher, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
HISTORIC AND CONTEMPORARY U.S. SLAVERIES: HOW ARE THEY DIFFERENT?; HOW ARE THEY SIMILAR?
Harriet Tubman Theater
Chair: James Stewart, Macalester College and Founder, Historians Against Slavery

Obvious Differences but Deeper Commonalities: Comparing Slavery Systems “Then” and Now
James Stewart, Macalester College and Founder, Historians Against Slavery

I Was Sold As a Bond Slave for Seven Years: Connecting Slavery Past and Present
John Donoghue, Loyola University Chicago

Maritime Slavery and Antislavery: Comparing the Past and Present
Kerry Ward, Rice University

Comment: James Stewart, Macalester College and Founder, Historians Against Slavery
Why the Differences and Similarities Matter
10:15 - 11:45 a.m.

NATIVE AMERICANS AND THE PROBLEM OF SLAVERY, HISTORIC AND CONTEMPORARY

Discovery Room 1

Chair: Allison Gorsuch, Yale University

Abolitionists and Indian Slaveholding
Natalie Joy, Northern Illinois University

Same Issue, Different Box: Intersections Between the Legacies of Chattel Slavery and Contemporary Targeted Trafficking of Native Peoples
April D.J. Petillo, University of Arizona

Comment: Karim Tiro, Xavier University

10:15 - 11:45 a.m.

ENSLAVED CHILDREN, HISTORIC AND CONTEMPORARY

Harriet Tubman Theater

Chair: Carol Lasser, Oberlin College

All Boys are Bound to Someone: The Properties of Child Labor
Anne Mae Duane, University of Connecticut

The Damaging Effects of Sexualizing Children: Popular Culture’s Influence on Modern Day Slavery
Jared Rose and Tasha Perdue, University of Toledo

Comment: Audience

11:45 - 1:35 p.m.

BOX LUNCHEON

Discovery Room 1

LUNCHEON ADDRESS

State of Contemporary Sex Trafficking
by Norma Ramos

Director, Coalition Against Trafficking in Women
1:45 - 3:15 p.m.

BLACK WOMEN AND THE LIMITS OF FREEDOM IN THE 19TH CENTURY SOUTH AND MIDWEST
Harriet Tubman Theater

Chair: Tiya Miles, University of Michigan

_Dropped ‘From the Clouds: Exploring Interracial Intimacies and Freedom between the Deep South and the “Queen of the West”_
Sharony Green, University of Alabama

_Skirting Slavery: Gender, Culture and the Unemancipated Black Women of America’s Borderlands (1863-1930)_
Bethany Montagano, University of Notre Dame

_Harriet Jacobs and the South that Freedom Left Behind (1864-1871)_
Emma Garret, University of Michigan

_Trafficking in Black Criminality: Black Women and the Politics of Prison Labor in the 19th Century_
Kyera Singleton, University of Michigan

Comment: Martha Jones, School of Law, University of Michigan

1:45 - 3:15 p.m.

FEMINIST ACTIVISM AGAINST SEX TRAFFICKING, HISTORIC AND CONTEMPORARY
Discovery Room 1

Chair: Erin Meyer, End Slavery Cincinnati & The Salvation Army’s Anti- Human Trafficking Program

_Josephine Butler and the 19th Century White Slave Trade_
Kristine Wardle Frederickson, Brigham Young University

_Abolitionism as a Women’s Issue Past and Present: From Sojourner Truth and Angelina Grimke to Catherine McKinnon and Laura Lederer_ Jessica Toops, Western Illinois University

_More Radical Than Thou: Politics and Posturing in Reception of Sex Trafficking Narratives_
Elizabeth Swanson Goldberg, Made By Survivors & Babson College

Comment: Catherine Clinton, Queen’s University Belfast
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

TESTIMONIES: IMMIGRANTS, FARM LABOR EXPLOITATION AND CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF SLAVERY

Discovery Room 1

Chair: Randall Miller, Saint Joseph’s University

Testimony: Coalition of Immokalee Workers

Testimony: Baldemar Velasquez, Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC)

Comment: Kelly Lytle Hernandez, UCLA

3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

TESTIMONIES: OHIO INMATES, LABOR EXPLOITATION, PROFIT, AND CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF SLAVERY

Harriet Tubman Theater

Chair: Robert E. Wright, Augustana College

Testimony: Prison Labor and Capitalism: An Inmate’s Perspective
De’ Ron Smith, former inmate, I Dream Academy

Testimony: Prison Privatization and Prison Labor in Ohio
Mike Brickner, ACLU Ohio

Comment: Douglas Blackmon

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Harriet Tubman Theater

Living Past Your Adversity While Stepping Into Your Destiny

by Shamere McKenzie

Sex Trafficking Survivor and Activist with Shared Hoped International

Introduction and comment: Catherine Clinton, Queen’s University Belfast
SATURDAY

SOLUTIONS:

ABOLITIONISM IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND ACTION

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST RECEPTION
Outside of Harriet Tubman Theater

9:00 - 10:45 a.m.

ABOLITIONIST MEDIA AND MESSAGING, HISTORIC AND CONTEMPORARY
Harriet Tubman Theater

Chair: Jason Allen, Camden County Historical Society

Asking Hard Questions: Lydia Maria Child, Kevin Bales and Antislavery Rhetorical Strategies
Karen Woods Weierman, Worcester State University

Abolitionist Media and Messaging: Then and Now
Michele Clark, George Washington University
Joanna Schneier, ThirdSpace Creative

Hardship in the Promised Land: Evaluating Public History’s Portrayal of the Obstacles to Freedom and Abolition in Cincinnati
Kelly Schmidt, Xavier University

Comment: Kelli Lyon Johnson, Miami University at Hamilton

9:00- 10:45 a.m.

USING CURRICULUM AS A MEANS OF MOBILIZATION
Discovery Room 1

Chair: Stephen Rozman, Tougaloo College

Teaching about Human Trafficking and Slavery
Donna M. Hughes, University of Rhode Island
Workshop on a Pedagogical Game – *Reacting to the Past’s Frederick Douglass, Slavery, Abolitionism, and the Constitution: 1845*
Deborah Field, Adrian College; Mark Higbee, Eastern Michigan University; Christopher P. Momany, Adrian College

Comment: Stephen Rozman, Tougaloo College

**11:00-1:00 p.m.**

**MOBILIZING THE YOUTH FOR ABOLITIONIST WORK**

*Harriet Tubman Theater*

Chair: Stacey Robertson, Bradley University

Mini-Workshop: *How to Generate Student Interest in Abolitionist Work*
Wendy Nelson-Kauffman, Student Abolitionists Stopping Slavery

Mini-Workshop: *Undergraduate Voice in the Anti-Trafficking Movement*
Students of Adrian College

*The FREE Project*
Lauren Taylor, End Slavery Now

Comment: Stacey Robertson, Bradley University

**11:00-1:00 p.m.**

**PUBLIC HISTORY AND MUSEUMS OF CONSCIENCE AS DRIVERS OF ABOLITIONIST ENGAGEMENT**

*Discovery Room 1*

Tour of *Invisible: Slavery Today*, screening of Freedom Center-produced documentary *Journey to Freedom*, and discussion

Participants will gather and then take a 30 minute self-guided tour of the Invisible: Slavery Today exhibit, followed by a screening of the 40 minute documentary Journey to Freedom. The remaining discussion will explore similar concepts that can bridge historic and modern slavery to mobilize anti-slavery efforts.

**Discussion led by**
Luke Blocher, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and Randall Miller, Saint Joseph’s University
1:00-2:30 p.m.

BOX LUNCHEON AND WRAP-UP

Discovery Room 1

LUNCHEON ADDRESS

The U.S. Abolitionist Movement from an International Perspective
by Maria Grazia Giammarinaro

Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Conclusions, Recommendations, Consequences, and Where Do We Go From Here to 2015?

Discovery Room 1

HAS panel

Exit Survey
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