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FOR
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**MARYLAND LYNCHINGS:
THE ILLUSIVE RECORD OF MOB
VIOLENCE AND SHAMEFUL DENIAL**

**May 4, 2007
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Westminster Hall
519 W. Fayette Street
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Twentieth century lynchings on Maryland's Eastern Shore captured the attention of the media state-wide. Court rooms served as a stage for the public drama, and the press coverage became part of the story. The Workshop will discuss the news accounts of these public trials and consider how they may have instigated the carnage or calmed the crowd, disguised the miscreants or exposed the wrongdoers, exposed the racial violence or denied that it occurred. It will consider the differences in the treatment of the news to be found in the Baltimore press, (*Sunpaper* and *Afro American*) from those on the Maryland Shore (*Salisbury Times*, *Cambridge Daily Banner*, *Worcester Democrat*).

In a broader sense the Workshop will ponder the difficulty of the task faced by the historian when reconstructing the truth of racial violence, and documenting the vigilante assaults on the rule of law. For the ongoing effort to document lynchings in Maryland, visit: *Judge Lynch's Court* at: <http://www.mdslavery.net/>.

Presentations



How Maryland Newspapers Reported on Lynching

Professor Sherrilyn Ifill

University of Maryland School of Law

Professor Ifill writes about the history of racial violence and contemporary reconciliation efforts. Her book about truth and reconciliation commissions for lynching entitled, *On the Courthouse Lawn: Confronting the Legacy of Lynching in the 21st Century* was released by Beacon Books in February 2007.



Courage in the Time of Lynching

Marion Elizabeth Rodgers

Ms. Rodgers is the author of *Mencken: The American Iconoclast*, named "Top Ten Biographies 2005-2006" by *Booklist Magazine* and rated "Top Ten Literary Best Sellers" by *Library Journal*. Her previous books include *Mencken & Sara: A Life in Letters* and *The Impossible H. L. Mencken: A Selection of His Best Newspaper Stories*."

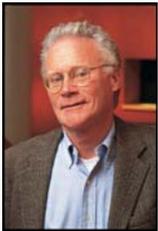
Commentators



Dr. Edward C. Papenfuse

Maryland State Archivist

Dr. Papenfuse has held the positions of Maryland State Archivist and Commissioner of Land Patents since 1975. As director of the extensive activities of the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis, Dr. Papenfuse is responsible for the Archives' vast collection of government and private materials.



C. Christopher Brown

Professor Emeritus

University of Maryland School of

Professor Brown is a partner in Brown, Goldstein and Levy, a small litigation law firm and has served as General Counsel for the ACLU of Maryland.

Moderator



Christopher E. Haley

Maryland State Archives

Mr. Haley is the Research Director for the Archives' *History of Slavery in Maryland*.

The workshop will take place in the historic Westminster Hall at the corner of Fayette and Greene Street in downtown Baltimore. The Hall sits atop the Western Burying Ground wherein lies Edgar Allan Poe. It will feature the announcement of the winner of the 2006 *Joseph Arnold Prize for Outstanding Writing on Baltimore History* and the award of the prize generously provided by Thomas C. and Nancy B. Martel. After the workshop is over guided tours of the Burying Ground will be available and participants may enjoy lunch at the World Famous Lexington Market, located just one block away.

Professor Garrett Power of the University of Maryland School of Law is the Conference Organizer.

REGISTRATION

The cost of the Workshop is \$10. Student registration is free.

Register on-line at <http://www.law.umaryland.edu/conferences.asp>

Online registration will be confirmed by e-mail. You may also pay at the door.

Questions

Inquiries should be directed to Marie Schwartz: send e-mail to baltimorehistory@law.umaryland.edu, or call 410-706-3838.

Directions and Parking

From I-95 take route 395 (downtown Baltimore) and exit on Russell Street. Turn left at blinking yellow light and right at light on to Russell Street. Russell Street becomes Paca Street. Proceed five blocks and just past Baltimore Street, turn right into the Baltimore Grand Garage at 5 N. Paca Street. Parking fees are the responsibility of the participants. Westminster Hall may be accessed through the Law School entrance at the corner of Baltimore and Paca Streets.

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If you require special accommodations to attend or participate, please provide information about your requirements to Lu Ann Marshall, 410-706-4128 (1-800-735-2258 TTY/Voice), or send an e-mail to lmarshall@law.umaryland.edu, at least five business days in advance.

