



MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
Architectural Fieldwork Symposium
Thursday, October 28, 2021
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Opening Remarks – Introduction and Logistics

Elizabeth Hughes, Director and State Historic Preservation Officer, MHT

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Ashley Minner, Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian
Revisiting "the Reservation" of East Baltimore

In the mid-twentieth century, thousands of Lumbee Indians and members of other tribal nations migrated to Baltimore City, creating a vibrant, intertribal American Indian community, which they affectionately referred to as "the reservation." Through ethnography and archival research, and in collaboration with her elders, Ashley Minner mapped East Baltimore's historic "reservation" to reclaim history, space, and belonging.

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Michael J. Emmons, Jr., Center for Historic Architecture & Design, University of Delaware
Inscribing Significance: Documenting & Interpreting Historic Graffiti in Maryland

A wide array of historic graffiti and vernacular inscriptions can be found on the old surfaces of Maryland's historical buildings, but they are sometimes overlooked and often left undocumented. This presentation will highlight several examples of historic graffiti in Maryland, exploring their historical significance and interpretation potential.

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Dale Glenwood Green, Morgan State University
Early Black Architects in Maryland

This presentation will illuminate the unique heritage of early Black Architects practicing before 1970 who helped shape Baltimore, influenced others in this early generation of Black Architects, and established Black architectural firms.

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Break

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Devin S. Kimmel, Kimmel Studio Architects
The Landscape and Gardens of Cloverfields, Queen Anne's County

Intensive-level archaeology, including ground-penetrating radar, magnetometry, and exploratory excavation, uncovered the shape and dimensions of the early parterre gardens at Cloverfields. This presentation will explore how the restoration team utilized those discoveries, plus extensive research on colonial garden design, to restore the gardens to their late eighteenth-century appearance.

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Isabelle Gournay, Emerita, University of Maryland
Maryland's Planned Communities in Their Iconic International Context

Inspired by the book *Planned Communities and the Challenge of Change*, co-edited by Isabelle Gournay, this presentation will examine how the physical and social fabric of Greenbelt, Bata-Belcamp (demolished), Columbia, and Rockville's New Mark Commons can be evaluated in a rich transnational context.

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Brent R. Fortenberry, Tulane University

Leveraging Digital Technology for More Impactful Historic Buildings Research

Digital technology such as laser scanning, photogrammetry, and aerial survey, are becoming increasingly common in the fields of architecture and allied fields of the built environment. Case studies – including the Maryland Slave Dwelling Survey - show how these tools provide (1) digital visualization with deeper insights into the idiosyncrasies of historic buildings, (2) new avenues for capturing previously inaccessible historic building information, (3) more rich and dynamic historic building information modeling.

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Chris Bryan, Principal Investigator

A Comparative Study of Cremona Farm's Antebellum Tobacco Barns and Outbuildings as Resources in Regional Context

Detailed architectural investigations of three, dated barns at Cremona Farm in St. Mary's County serve as a starting point for comparisons with other period Southern Maryland barns (1797-1833). This presentation will broadly discuss the investigations and findings, which included uncovering several examples of a distinctive, geographically isolated construction feature in northern Calvert County.

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Lisa P. Davidson, National Historic Landmarks (NHL) Program

Civil Rights in America: Update on National Historic Landmarks Theme Studies

The National Park Service NHL program recently released a theme study, *Civil Rights in America: Racial Discrimination in Housing*, which is the fourth in a five-part Civil Rights series. This presentation will provide a brief overview of this study, the series, and other efforts to ensure diversity and inclusion in National Historic Landmark designations.

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Jacob Bensen and Stephanie Soder, Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning
County Update: A New Look at Harford County's Historic Resources

Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning has developed a digital database of existing MIHP records for the County, with a goal to update records of known historic sites and to make this information searchable by multiple parameters to aid in preservation. This will also help identify gaps in the existing survey records and sites that may be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places or as a Harford County Historic Landmark.

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Zachary L. Singer and Matthew D. McKnight, Archaeological Research Program, MHT

MHT Update: Remote Sensing Survey of James Barwick's 18th-Century Ordinary at Melville's Landing and the Birth of Caroline County, Maryland

A recent geophysical remote sensing survey near Melville's Landing made use of a magnetic susceptibility meter, a fluxgate gradiometer, and a ground penetrating radar system to examine and document a small field containing colonial artifacts. Results suggest that the site is the location of James Barwick's 18th-century ordinary: a tavern that was part of a small complex of buildings that served as the first county seat of Caroline County.

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