

Tentative Program

8-8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 pm (Welcome and Occasion)

8:45-9:45 Plenary Speaker

Introduction of Speaker: Tanya Hart, American Studies

Moya Peterson, RN, PhD, University of Kansas Medical Center

The History of Army Nurses of the 77th Evacuation Hospital in World War II

9:45-10:00 Break

10-11:15 Breakout I

A. Oral Histories across Borders: Women in Okinawa, Japanese "War Brides," and German Women in U.S. Prison Camps

Ayako Mizumura's presentation comes from her dissertation entitled *Reversing the Orientalist Gaze: Feminist Approaches to Japanese-GI Intimacy in Postwar Japan and Contemporary Okinawa*. She completes intensive cross-national fieldwork and face-to-face interviews with "war brides" in the U.S. and contemporary military wives living in Okinawa, Japan. Andrea Weis's presentation comes from her dissertation, an interdisciplinary oral history project analyzing German-language interviews with German former prisoners of war who were in U.S. captivity at the end of the Second World War.

Ayako Mizumura and Andrea Weis, presenters

Moderator: Surendra Raj Bhandari, School of Law

B. *How I Wrote Song for My Father*

Stephanie Stokes Oliver reads from her memoir, *Song for My Father*, and generously shares her father's story with the Lawrence community. She remembers her father, a young African American student struggling during the Great Depression. Despite the challenges, Mr. Stokes earned his undergraduate degree and law degree from KU and formed unlikely allies with Alpha Chi Omega sorority members who allowed him to live in the trunk room when he couldn't afford student housing. This "how-to" session offers practical suggestions/strategies for participants as well as a heartwarming and triumphant narrative of hope.

Moderator: Maryemma Graham, English

11:15-12 Lunch

Lunch is available to purchase on the 3rd level of the Kansas Union. We ask that you get your lunches and bring them back to the Ballroom to enjoy while listening to our keynote speaker.

12 noon-1:15 Keynote

Speaker Introduction of Speaker: Maryemma Graham, English

Alessandro Portelli, distinguished professor of American literature at the Faculty of Human Sciences at the University La Sapienza, Rome

Globalization and Democracy: the Terni (Umbria, Italy) Steel Strikes of 2004-5

1:15 Break

1:30- 2:45 Breakout II

A. Conversations with Mildred Bond Roxborough: An NAACP Treasure

Joining the commemoration of the NAACP's 100th year, this session uses oral history to glimpse the life of NAACP executive Mildred Roxborough. An NAACP supporter since she began selling the *Crisis* magazine at age nine, her family fled to Kansas in the 1930s after vigilantes firebombed their home trying to deter her parents' civil rights activities. Roxborough is a 1943 graduate of Sumner High School in Kansas City. Now at 81 years old, she continues to serve the NAACP as a senior advisor in its corporate office in NYC.

Zanice Bond de Pérez, presenter

Moderator: Tigist Frew, Architecture. African American Studies

B. Are We There Yet: An Undergraduate Rite of Passage

Jahmal Clemons, Ellen Minshall, Sara Troll

Road trips were an important part of family life in the 1950s and 1960s. Families were able to bond while traveling and exploring historic sites. This session features KU students who have conducted oral history interviews and have discovered much about their families, neighbors, and the vast socio-cultural landscape of their nation. (This panel includes different panelists from the morning session.)

Moderator: Ailecia Ruscin, American Studies

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00 pm Plenary Speaker

Introduction of Speaker: Milton Wendland American Studies/Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies

Tami Albin, Undergraduate Instruction & Outreach Librarian, KU

“Under the Rainbow: Oral Histories of GLBTIQ People in Kansas.”

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm Book signing