Monroe Fordham Regional History Center Presents

A Celebration of a Century of Ethnic History: Contributions of Ethnic Communities to Buffalo and Western New York. October 16 and October 17, 2015

FRIDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING

Registration 2:00-6:00 p.m.
SUNY Buffalo State Campus Buckham Hall Lobby Wing A

Roundtable 4:00-5:30 p.m.
SUNY Buffalo State Campus Buckham Hall Room A216

Moderator: Dr. Jean Richardson, History, Emeritus, SUNY Buffalo State

Papers:
- African American Genealogy
  Dr. Sharon Amos & Sandra Williams Bush, Buffalo Genealogical Society & African American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier
- History and Purpose of the Monroe Fordham Regional History Center
  Chris Root, MA Student History, SUNY Buffalo State, Special Projects Assistant, Monroe Fordham Regional History Center
- History of the Journal of Afro-Americans in New York Life and History
  Dr. Lillian Williams, African American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier
- Collections of Local Political Leaders: Arthur Eve and George Arthur
  Daniel DiLandro, Archivist, SUNY Buffalo State College Library

Wine & Cheese 5:30-6:15 p.m.
SUNY Buffalo State Campus Buckham Hall Room A114

Reception

Monroe Fordham Regional History Center publications available for purchase.

Dinner: 6:15-7:30 p.m.
SUNY Buffalo State Campus Buckham Hall Room A114

Introduction: Conference Chair, Chris Root
Special Projects Assistant, Monroe Fordham Regional History Center

Welcome: Dr. Andrew Nicholls, Chair
Professor, History, SUNY Buffalo State

Keynote Speaker: Carol Kammen, Tompkins County Historian, author of On Doing Local History

Closing: Chris Root

SATURDAY MORNING

Registration 8:00-9:00 a.m.

SESSION I: 9:00-10:20 a.m.
SUNY Buffalo State Campus, Bacon Hall

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1. New Immigrant Communities Room 205
Moderator: Dr. Cynthia Conides, Associate Professor, Director of Museum Studies, SUNY Buffalo State

Papers: Museums as a Stage for Community Dialogue: Sharing the Stories of Underserved Ethnic Communities
Tara Lyons, Arts & Education Coordinator at Young Audiences WNY

Hispanic Heritage
Stephanie Bucalo, Public & Oral Historian, Hispanic Heritage Council of WNY

H.E.A.L-International: Bridging the cultural gap for the new Americans in WNY
Abdirahman Farah, MPA Student, SUNY Buffalo State

My Destiny in Buffalo - The Karibu News
Rubens Mukunzi, Editor Karibu Newspaper

2. Buffalo Diversity Room 205
Moderator: Dr. Ken Mernitz, Associate Professor, History, SUNY Buffalo State

Papers: Michigan Avenue Baptist Church and 19th Century Community Building
Dr. Jean Richardson, History, Emeritus, SUNY Buffalo State

Buffalo’s Catholic Churches and their Immigrant Roots
Dr. Martin Ederer, Associate Professor, History, SUNY Buffalo State

Polish Community
Greg Witul, Columnist, Am-Pol Eagle

3. Black Rock Room 211
Moderator: Ann Lupo, Lecturer, History & Social Studies Education, SUNY Buffalo State

Papers: Footprints of the Past, Shaping Today!
Mary Ann Kedron MBA PhD, President Black Rock Riverside Alliance, Committee Member Black Rock Historical Society

Iconography of the Neighborhood
Mark Kubiniec, Former President of the Grant-Amherst Business Association

Local Political Realities
Joseph Golombek, North District Common Council Member

Coffee Break 10:20-10:45 a.m. Room 215 or lobby

SESSION II 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
SUNY Buffalo State Campus Bacon Hall

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1. Local Institutions Room 205

Moderator: Nancy Weekly, Head of Collections, Burchfield Penney Art Center & Instructor, Museum Studies, SUNY Buffalo State

Papers:
Native American Center
Mike Martin, Executive Director of Native American Community Services of Buffalo

Michigan Avenue YMCA/John Brent
Christine Parker, MA Student Museum Studies, SUNY Buffalo State

Colored Musicians Club
George Scott, President of the Colored Musicians Club

Nash House
Sharon Holley, President, Michigan Avenue Preservation Corp & African American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier

2. Problems for the Future Room 209

Moderator: Cynthia Van Ness, Director, Library and Archives, Buffalo History Museum

Papers:
Church Closings in Buffalo & Niagara Falls
Peter Ames, Friends of Niagara Falls History

Saving a Heritage by Preserving Buildings
Lucy Ederer, Friends of Corpus Christi President & Dr. Martin Ederer, Associate Professor, History, SUNY Buffalo State

Italian Immigrant History, Americanization and the Challenges of Preserving a Heritage
Lucy Ederer, Friends of Corpus Christi President and Martin Ederer, Associate Professor, History, SUNY Buffalo State
Luncheon: 12:15-1:30pm  
SUNY Buffalo State Campus E.H. Butler Library B210

Introduction  Chris Root, Conference Chair  
Special Projects Assistant, Monroe Fordham Regional History Center

Keynote Speaker: Imam Abdul-Rasheed Muhammad, was selected to be the 1st Muslim Chaplain in the Department of Defense, and the U.S. Army. He was raised in the Commodore Perry Projects, and graduated from Lafayette H.S. and SUNY Brockport. While living in WNY, he served as a chaplain within the NYS Dept. of Corrections at Albion and Orleans Correctional facilities. He's currently employed full-time as a Clinical Staff Chaplain in Hospice and Palliative Care with the Dept. of Veteran Affairs in Baltimore, MD and is President of a Small Business, "Universal Counseling and Training Services, LLC." He's co-author of the book, "Diversity in Human Interactions: The Tapestry of America." A 2004 Oxford Press Publication.

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