

HISTORY CONVOCATION

Registration Open - Closes October 15th



Unitarian Universalism in the Nation's Capital and Beyond

A History Convocation Sponsored by
The Unitarian Universalist History and Heritage Society and UU Collegium
at the
National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, MD, on the Border of Washington, D.C.

November 7th–10th, 2013

Featuring

UU Collegium's Distinguished Scholar Dr. Philip F. Gura,

Author of [American Transcendentalism](#) and other works

and

UUHHS's Theme Speaker Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed

Author of: [Darkening the Doorways](#), and [In Between: A Memoir of an Integration Baby](#)

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Register by Oct. 15th

On November 7 – 10, 2013, the Unitarian Universalist History and Heritage Society and UU Collegium will sponsor the second UU History and Heritage Convocation. The topic this year is “Unitarian Universalism in the Nation’s Capital and Beyond.” We anticipate a rich gathering of ministers, scholars, students, and all who cherish the history and heritage of Unitarian Universalism.

Theme Talk and Distinguished Scholar

Lectures:

The Reverend Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed, will give a theme talk on the topic “Race: The Circumstantial Influence of UUism on U.S. Policy.” Collegium’s 2013 Distinguished Scholar Dr. Philip F. Gura will speak on the topics “From Edwards to Emerson, Revisited” and “Self and Society in Antebellum Religion and Literature.” In the first, he will ask attendees to think about the relationship between these two seminal American spiritual thinkers, addressing the reason that he as a UU wished to write about Calvinist Edwards. In the second, he will explore the central debate in the years before the Civil War about “to what Americans owed their allegiance--to the notion of civic virtue or to liberal individualism.”

Morrison-Reed (D.Min Meadville Lombard)

Writer, teacher, speaker and Unitarian Universalist minister, Morrison-Reed is the author of several acclaimed books that examine the history of race relations within Unitarian Universalism. These include *Voices from the Margin*, *Darkening the Doorways*, and *Black Pioneers in a White Denomination*. (Cont. on next page)

Schedule:

Thursday November 7th

10am - Optional Tours
3pm - Registration Opens
5pm - Conviviality
6pm - Dinner
7pm - Program: Welcome, Theme Talk, Special Presentation

Friday November 8th

7:30am - Breakfast, Late Registration
8:30am - Spiritual Practices
9am - Program: Theme Talk Q+A, Workshops, Papers
12:30 - Lunch
1:30 - Program: Workshops, Papers
5:00 - Conviviality
6:00 - Dinner
7:00 - Distinguished Scholar Lecture

Saturday November 9th

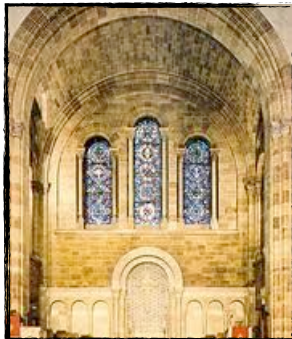
7:30am - Breakfast
8:30am - Spiritual Practices
9am - Program: Distinguished Scholar Lecture, Workshops, Papers
12:30pm - Lunch
1:30pm - Program: Workshops, Papers
5:30pm - Tour Universalist National Memorial & All Souls D.C., includes Dinner

Sunday November 10th

7:30am - Breakfast
8:30am - Worship Service, including the winning History and Heritage Sermon
9:30am - Program: Papers, Closing Panel
12:00pm - Lunch
1:00pm - Departure

Right: All Souls Unitarian Church, Washington D.C.
Left: Universalist National Memorial, Washington, D.C.

(Saturday Night Dinner and Tour)





(Cont. from previous pg.) Reading any and all of Rev. Dr. Morrison-Reed's books will prepare you to engage his theme talks.

Gura (Ph.D. Harvard) is a scholar, writer, editor, and educator. He is the William S. Newman Distinguished Professor of American Literature and Culture at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he holds appointments in the Departments of English and Comparative Literature, Religious Studies, and American Studies. He is the author or editor of nine books. Reading his works, *Jonathan Edwards: America's Evangelical* (2005), and *American Transcendentalism: A History* (2007), which was a National Book Critics Circle Award finalist in non-fiction, will prepare you to engage his lectures. Some knowledge of Emerson is also important.

The program will include the presentation of scholarly papers and workshops on a variety of topics, including theology, congregational identity, civil rights, faith development, and more. There will also be exhibits, a worship service, featuring the sermon prize winner, and a dramatic presentation. Some highlights include a presentation on previously undiscovered essays and sermons by A. Powell Davies found in the Meadville Lombard archives, a paper by Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie, "Because Men Are Not Angels: Federal Democracy, Congregational Polity, and Unitarian Anti-

Associationalism," a paper by Rev. Dr. John Buehrens, "Transcendentalist Disciples: Boston Reformers and Their Pastor, James Freeman Clarke," a presentation of archival photos that highlight the history of Unitarianism and Universalism in the Washington, D.C. area, and an evening out, touring the Universalist National Memorial and All Souls D.C. For more program details go to www.uuconvo.org

The National 4H Center offers well appointed rooms, comfortable gathering areas, delectable meals, and an easily accessible campus. For more information see: <http://www.4hcenter.org/>

Two Optional Tours will depart on Thursday Morning, returning in time for evening registration: Harpers Ferry, The Site of John Brown's Raid, and The Nations Capital, A VIP investigation from a Unitarian Universalist Perspective. Some additional costs may apply. For more information, note your interest on the registration form.

Join our Facebook Page to connect with other attendees and ask questions of the organizers: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/UUConvo/>

Scholarships Available

The planning team hopes to make this conference available to a wide audience. A generous grant from the UU Funding Panel, allows 30 scholarships of \$150.00 each.

Please note your interest in a scholarship on your registration form, and include a paragraph with your registration that explains your financial need. For those who demonstrate a need, scholarships will be awarded on a first come-first served basis.



Left: Guest Room at the 4H Center, the Convo Location.

Middle: Courtyard at the 4H Center, the Convo Location.

Right: The Capitol Building. A VIP tour of the Capitol and other DC sites is an optional add-on.

REGISTRATION FORM

Unitarian Universalism in the Nation's Capital and Beyond

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____ Cell phone: _____

PROGRAM CHOICES:

Registration for the Convocation (\$150 for full four day registration, includes all meals and program, but not lodging) = _____

Daily COMMUTER Registration (\$50 per day, includes meals and program, but not lodging) =
Thursday ____ Friday ____ Saturday ____ Sunday ____ Total: _____

Annual Dues for Collegium members ONLY (\$35) = _____

LODGING at the 4H CENTER:

Lodging Costs per Night: \$130 per single room; \$70 per double room; \$50 per triple room

I need lodging (room) at the Center (indicate the nights and room price that apply)
Thursday Nov. 7 _____ Friday Nov. 8 _____ Saturday Nov. 9 _____ Sunday Nov. 10 _____

TOTAL for lodging = _____

TOTAL for Registration, Lodging, (and Dues for Collegium Members) _____

I am interested in an optional tour. Please send information regarding:
Harpers Ferry, The Site of John Browns Raid _____ The Capitol Building and Other D.C. Sites _____

PERSONAL REQUESTS:

I would like to request a scholarship (include paragraph on need with form) _____

I have the following access needs _____

I have the following food needs _____

I have other special needs _____

REGISTER ON LINE AT <http://www.uucollegium.org/2013-convocation/>

OR SEND REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK TO:

Neil Gerdes, Meadville Lombard Theological School,
610 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605

Please submit all costs with registration form.

On line payment is available or make a check out to "COLLEGIUM"
and include it in the envelope with your registration form.