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Photo: Charles "Teenie" Harris. American, 1908-1998. Workers, including Joseph Turner on jackhammer, digging up street in front of offices of Alderman John J. Lardo, possibly Sixth Avenue, Downtown, c. 1947. Photograph © 2015 Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh

## STATE OF THE FIELD CONFERENCE African American Urban History: Past & Present

OCTOBER 2-4, 2015

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### FRIDAY, OCT. 2

4:00-5:00PM

Registration and Reception  
Conan Room, Cohon University Center

5:00-5:30PM

Opening Remarks  
McConomy Auditorium,  
Cohon University Center

5:30-6:30PM

**Keynote Address: Earl Lewis**, President,  
A. W. Mellon Foundation, New York, NY

"Moving Through and Beyond the  
Academy: From Norfolk to New York"

### SATURDAY, OCT. 3

Singleton Room, Roberts Hall

[Continental Breakfast]

9:00-10:30AM

**Session I: Rethinking the Relationship  
between Cities and Social Justice in the  
21st Century**

**Moderator: Nico Slate**, Associate  
Professor, Carnegie Mellon University

**Guest Speaker: Carol Anderson**,  
Associate Professor, Emory University

"When the Levees Broke": A History of  
Un-Civil Rights in America"

10:45AM-12:45PM

**Session II: Race, Class, and Early  
American Cities**

**Chair: Leslie Harris**, Associate  
Professor, Emory University

**Presenters:**

**Michael Gomez**, Professor, New York  
University, "Urban Atlantic World"

**Emma Hart**, Lecturer, University of St.  
Andrews, "Charleston"

**Leslie Alexander**, Associate Professor,  
Ohio State University, "New York City"

[Lunch]

2:00-3:30PM

**Session III: Emancipation, the Great  
Migration, Emergence of the Black  
Metropolis**

**Chair: Clarence Lang**, Associate  
Professor, University of Kansas

**Presenters:**

**Brian Kelly**, Reader in U.S. History,  
Queen's University, "Charleston"

**Millington Bergeson Lockwood**,  
Community Liaison Office Coordinator,  
US Embassy, Malawi, "Boston"

**Davarian Baldwin**, Distinguished  
Professor, Trinity College, "Chicago"

3:45-5:00PM

**Session IV: Modern Freedom Struggle,  
Deindustrialization, and New Politics**

**Chair: Rhonda Williams**, Associate  
Professor, Case Western Reserve  
University

**Presenters:**

**Marcus A. Hunter**, Assistant Professor,  
University of California-Los Angeles,  
"Philadelphia"

**Donna Murch**, Associate Professor,  
State University of New Jersey, Rutgers,  
"Los Angeles"

**Kwame Holmes**, Assistant Professor,  
University of Colorado, "Washington,  
D.C."

### SUNDAY, OCT. 4

Hilton Garden Inn University Place

[Continental Breakfast]

9:00-10:30AM

**Remembering African American  
Pittsburgh: Oral History Project**

**Moderator: Ralph Proctor**, Professor,  
Community College of Allegheny County

**Guest Presenter: Benjamin Houston**,  
Senior Lecturer, Newcastle University

"Race in the Rust Belt: Black Pittsburgh  
and Narratives of Race Relations in the  
Deindustrialising Metropolis"

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