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INTRODUCTION

From the onset of the urban-industrial transformation of African American life, scholars from a variety of disciplines have examined its nature, causes and consequences. As we move deeper into the 21st century, we are in a unique position to take advantage of existing contributions and deepen our efforts to reconcile historical scholarship with the ongoing quest for effective urban social and economic policies. The Center for Africanamerican Urban Studies and the Economy (CAUSE) aims to take advantage of this moment and help bridge the gap between research on urban history, economic and policy issues. We also aim to build collaborative linkages not only within the university, but between Carnegie Mellon and other institutions.

PRINCIPAL AIMS

The Center for Africanamerican Urban Studies and the Economy seeks to achieve several specific objectives: 1) link the historian's interest in socioeconomic change over time with a new commitment to analyses of the contemporary urban labor force and employment policies; 2) analyze the complex inter-connections between work and work relations and the development of the larger African American community, including a broad range of social, institutional, cultural and political dimensions of urban life; 3) consider the comparative experiences of blacks and other ethnic and racial groups, including relevant international comparisons; 4) and advance clearly articulated policy choices for the next century that are firmly grounded in systematic understandings of analogous situations and outcomes in the past.

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

The Center for Africanamerican Urban Studies and the Economy aims to accomplish its objectives by developing programs of graduate and postdoctoral training, scholarly research, data collection, publications and education, including speakers' series and scholarly conferences. Most immediately, however, the center aims to organize periodic scholarly conferences on specific areas of concern and initiate a program of scholarly publications that will not only appeal to scholars and public policy experts, but engage a broader audience as well.

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2001**

5 - 7 p.m.

**Reception**

Charles M. Payne, Keynote Speaker

Sally Dalton Robinson Professor of African-American Studies, History and Sociology, Duke University

“DISREMEMBERING DELIVERANCE: NOTES ON THE STUDY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN STRUGGLE”

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2001**

8:30 a.m.

**Continental Breakfast**

9 - 9:45 a.m.

Kenneth L. Kusmer

Professor of History, Temple University


9:45 - 10 a.m.

**Discussion:**

Joe W. Trotter, Moderator

Mellon Professor and Director, CAUSE

10 - 10:15 a.m.

**Coffee Break**

**Race, Space and Social Change**

10:15 a.m. - Noon

Arnold R. Hirsch

Ethel and Herman L. Midlo Endowed Chair in New Orleans Studies, University of New Orleans

“SECOND THOUGHTS ON THE SECOND Ghetto: THE VIEW FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.”

Thomas J. Sugrue

Bicentennial Class of 1940 Professor of History and Sociology, University of Pennsylvania

“CIVIL RIGHTS POLITICS: THE MID-20TH CENTURY”

Venus Green

Assistant Professor, Department of History, The City University of New York, The City College

“RACE, GENDER AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE POST WORLD WAR II URBAN MARKET”
African Americans in the Post-Industrial City

11:45 a.m. - Noon
Discussion:

Eric S. Brown, Moderator
Postdoctoral Fellow, CAUSE

Noon
Lunch

Regional Perspectives

1 - 2:30 p.m.
Ronald H. Bayor
Professor of History, School of History, Technology and Society, Georgia Institute of Technology
“African Americans in the New South: The Atlanta Experience”

Robert O. Self
Assistant Professor of History and Rackham Fellow, Michigan Society of Fellows, University of Michigan
“Industrial Garden Means Urban Plantation: Black Power and Politics in Oakland Before the Panthers”

Karl E. Johnson
History Instructor, Temple University

2:30 - 3 p.m.
Discussion:

Richard B. Pierce, Moderator
Carl E. Toke Assistant Professor of History, University of Notre Dame
Participant Biographies

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RONALD H. BAYOR

Professor of History, School of History, Technology and Society, Georgia Institute of Technology, “African Americans in the New South: The Atlanta Experience”

EDUCATION:
B.A., City College of New York; M.A., Syracuse University; Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania.

PUBLICATIONS INCLUDE:

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS:
Outstanding Book Award, Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights in North America, for “Race and the Shaping of Twentieth Century Atlanta;” Distinguished Service Award, Immigration History Society School of Social Science, Excellence in Teaching Award.

VENUS GREEN

Assistant Professor, Department of History, The City University of New York, The City College, “Race, Gender and Technology in the Post World War II Urban Labor Market”

EDUCATION:
B.A., Hunter College; M.A., Columbia University; Ph.D., Columbia University.

PUBLICATIONS INCLUDE:

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British Academy Visiting Fellow; PSC/CUNY Research Award; Simon H. Rifkind Center for the Humanities Fellowship.

ARNOLD R. HIRSCH

Evel and Herman L. Midlo Endowed Chair in New Orleans Studies, University of New Orleans, “Second Thoughts on the Second Ghetto: The View from Washington, D.C.”

EDUCATION:
B.A., University of Illinois at Chicago; M.A., University of Illinois at Chicago; Ph.D., University of Illinois at Chicago.

PUBLICATIONS INCLUDE:

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS:
“Creole New Orleans” designated “Outstanding Book” in the area of human rights by the Gustavus Myers Center; Amoco Foundation, Inc.,
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**Tera W. Hunter**

*Associate Professor of History, Carnegie Mellon University; Associate Director, Center for Africanamerican Urban Studies and the Economy*

**Education:**
- B.A., Duke University
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- Ph.D., Yale University

**Publications Include:**
- "The 'Brotherly Love' for which this City is Proverbial Should Extend to All: Working-Class Women in Philadelphia and Atlanta in the 1890s,” in *W. E. B. Du Bois, Race, and the City*, Michael Katz and Thomas Sugrue, eds. (University of Pennsylvania Press, 1998)

**Selected Honors and Awards:**
- American Philosophical Society Research Grant
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- College of Liberal Arts, Distinguished Teaching Award
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**Kenneth L. Kusmer**


**Education:**
- A.B., Oberlin College
- M.A., Kent State University
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**Publications Include:**
- "A Ghetto Takes Shape: Black Cleveland, 1870-1930" (University of Illinois Press, 1976)
- "Black Communities and Urban Development in America, 1720-1990" (Garland Press, 1991)
Participant Biographies

Charles M. Payne

Sally Dalton Robinson Professor of African-American studies, history and sociology, Duke University, “Disremembering Deliverance: Notes on the Study of African American Struggle”

Education:
B.A., Syracuse University; Ph.D., Northwestern University.

Publications include:
“Getting What We Ask For: The Ambiguity of Success and Failure In Urban Education” (Greenwood Press, 1984); “I’ve Got the Light of Freedom: The Organizing Tradition in the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement” (University of California, 1995).

Selected Honors and Awards:
Senior Scholar Award, Spencer Foundation. For “I’ve Got the Light of Freedom,” Choice, Outstanding Academic Book; Co-winner, Lillian Smith Award for Nonfiction on the South, Southern Regional Council; McLemore Prize, Mississippi Historical Society; and Outstanding Book Award, Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights in the United States.

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Mellon Professor, Department of History, Carnegie Mellon University; Director, Center for African American Urban Studies and the Economy

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A.A., Kendall College; B.A., Carthage College; M.A., University of Minnesota; Ph.D., University of Minnesota.

PUBLICATIONS INCLUDE:

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