Program Booklet: 11th Annual James Porter Colloquium

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The 11th Annual
JAMES A. PORTER COLLOQUIUM
ON AFRICAN AMERICAN ART:
CONVERGING IMAGES:
PRINTMAKING AND PHOTOGRAPHY
IN AFRICAN AMERICAN ART
The Department of Art at Howard University and the Anacostia Museum and Center for African American History and Culture are co-sponsoring the 11th Annual James A. Porter Colloquium on African American Art, CONVERGING IMAGES: PRINT-MAKING AND PHOTOGRAPHY IN AFRICAN AMERICAN ART. The James A. Porter Colloquium on African American Art was initiated in the Spring of 1990. Since that time it has been held each year on the Howard University campus. In 1998, the Anacostia Museum and Center for African American History and Culture joined the Howard University Art Department in sponsoring the Ninth Annual James A. Porter Colloquium and has subsequently agreed to serve as a co-sponsor.

The colloquium is named after noted art historian and artist James A. Porter (1905-1970), former professor and chair of the Howard University Art Department and director of the Gallery of Art. James A. Porter was one of the finest American art historians of this century producing the first in-depth scholarship in African American art history. The colloquium has brought together art historians, cultural critics, and artists to focus on important issues pertaining to the visual arts and culture of African Americans. Its principle aims were to provide a forum for scholars and advanced students to present their research findings and to discuss current issues, problems, and concepts in African American art and culture; introduce the visual arts community to current issues in African American art by bringing together art historians and scholars who are engaged in pioneer research in the field; and compile a series of papers for publication that would serve to expand, update and encourage more in-depth research and scholarly writing on African American art and culture.
FRIDAY, APRIL 7 AND SATURDAY, APRIL 8
Location: April 7 - Ira Aldridge Theater, Howard University
2455 6th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20059

April 8 - Smithsonian's Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
Gustave and Marion Ring Auditorium, 7th Street and Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20560

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2000
Ira Aldridge Theater, Howard University

9:00am REGISTRATION

10:00am INTRODUCTION
Floyd W. Coleman, Howard University, Department of Art, Division of Fine Arts, Washington, DC

Steven C. Newsome, Director, Smithsonian’s Anacostia Museum and Center for African American History and Culture
10:30am **Technology in Photography**

* Roshini Kempadoo, Photo-Artist, London, England

* Stephen Marc, Photographer, Arizona State University, Tempe

* Wendel A. White, Photographer, Stockton State College, Absecon, NJ

Moderator: Jennifer Morris, Smithsonian’s Anacostia Museum and Center for African American History and Culture

12:00pm **Lunch Break**

1:00pm **Constance Porter Uzelac,**

Wesport Foundation and Gallery, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

1:25pm **Introduction of Keynote Speaker**

* Tritobia Hayes Benjamin, Director, Howard University Gallery of Art and Associate Dean, Division of Fine Arts
N AFRICAN AMERICAN ART

1:30pm  
**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
Alvia Wardlaw, Texas Southern University  
and Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas

3:00pm  
**PRINTMAKERS AND THEIR SUBJECTS**  
Leslie King-Hammond, Dean of  
Graduate Studies, Maryland Institute,  
College of Art

Winston Kennedy, Printmaker and Chair,  
Howard University, Department of Art

Allan Edmunds, Printmaker and  
Director, Brandywine Workshop  
Philadelphia, PA

Claude Elliot, Museum of Art,  
Rhode Island School of Design

Moderator: Claudia Gibson-Hunter,  
Printmaker, Howard University

5:00-6:30pm  
**RECEPTION**  
Howard University Gallery of Art
The exhibition **Reflections In Black: A History Of Black Photographers, 1840 To The Present** is on view until June 30, 2000 in the South Gallery, Arts and Industries Building, 900 Jefferson Drive, SW, Washington, DC

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Dr. James K. Hill Collection, Washington, DC
SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2000
Smithsonian’s Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
Gustave and Marion Ring Auditorium

10:00am

**REVISIONING AFRICAN AMERICAN IDENTITY**
*Arthé Anthony*, Historian,
Center on Research on Women,
University of Memphis

*Camara Holloway*, Art Historian,
Swarthmore University

*Denise Andrews*, Art Historian,
Miami, Florida

*Donna M. Wells*, Photo Historian,
Moorland-Spingarn Research Center,
Howard University

*Michele L. Simms-Burton*, Art Historian,
University of Rochester, New York

Moderator: *Deborah Willis*
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11:15am

**CONTEMPORARY PORTRAITS**
*Bill Gaskins*, Photographer,
Howard University

*Clarissa Sligh*, Photo-Artist, New York, NY
Dawoud Bey, Photographer, Columbia College, Chicago, IL

Dennis Callwood, Photographer, Los Angeles, CA

Remy Gastambide, Photographer, Paris, France

Talib Haqq, Photographer, Los Angeles, CA

Moderator: Mark Williams
Smithsonian’s Anacostia Museum and Center for African American History and Culture

12:45pm, LUNCH

2:00pm

IMAGERY AND REPRESENTATION

Michael Harris, Art Historian and Artist, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Kellie Jones, Art Historian, Yale University

Lisa Gail Collins, Art Historian, Vassar College

Ademola Olugebefola, Painter and Printmaker, New York, NY

Moderator: Mei-Tei-Sing Smith, Painter and Printmaker, New York, NY