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Produced by 2005 AP History Class, Connelly School of the Holy Child.

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David Haberstich, Archives Center, National Museum of American History
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Anti-Commercialism, Urban Renewal and Black GLBT Subculture in Washington, 1968-1978”
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“Howard University: An Inward Look at 1968”
Moderator: Donna M. Wells, Howard University
Panlists: Clifford Muech, Howard University; Russell Adams, Howard University emeritus; Ruby Gourdine, Howard University; Tony Gittens, formerly DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

The student take-over at Howard University in 1968 forced changes on Howard’s campus and in other universities such as the developing a more inclusive Afro-centric curriculum, better interaction between the university and the local community, and more student involvement in university politics. Panlists offer first-person student and faculty perspectives on the event and its consequences.

Saturday, November 15
8:45-9:30 Registration
9:30-11 Concurrent Sessions

9 Mid-century Residential Architecture
Moderator: Richard Longstreth, George Washington University

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10 Vice and Anti-Vice: Urban Reform in Civil War Washington
Moderator: Jane Freundel Levey, Cultural Tourism DC

“Memory Eternal: Re-Constituting Russia in Washington’s Russian Orthodox Burial Grounds”
Harold M. Leich, Library of Congress

“Grassroots Mobilization: Charity and Justice during the 1970s”
Christine Ehebee, American University

Panlists explore facets of responses to human needs by faith-based communities: Catholic women religious who aided the poor sheltered at St. Joseph’s Home for the Aged on H Street, NE; Russian Orthodox clergy who helped elite Russian refugees fleeing the Bolshevik Revolution; and to the very recent efforts of faith-based activists that led to a national movement to end homelessness.

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A look at the impact of Freemasonry on the life and design of the city and surroundings since the organization’s earliest days. Bring your questions about this ancient and intriguing benevolent society.

12 Collections Update
Moderator: Karen Blackman-Mills, DC Public Library
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13 Walking Tour: An Environmental History Walk along T Street
Leader: Tom Middendorf, Department of Biology, Howard University; Charles Nilon, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences, University of Missouri; Brett Williams, Department of Anthropology, American University

Discover how gentrification has affected the environment, including human residents, vegetation and wildlife habitats, along T Street, NW, where more than 60 years have seen middle-class stability, civil unrest, reinvestment, and gentrification. Meet at 2:30 pm at the Dupont Circle Metro station (Red Line) north exit. Meet at 19th and Q Streets, NW.

14 Film: The Night James Brown Saved Boston
Moderator: Dorothy Green, Historical Society of Washington, D.C.
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4:15-5:45 SPECIAL OFF-SITE SESSION
Walking Tour: Insider Tour of Mount Vernon Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia
Moderator: Mark Greek, DC Public Library
Join Worshipful Grand Lodge Archivist/Historian Julius Jefferson on an insider’s tour of this temple of African American Freemasonry. Meet outside the building, Metro: U Street/African American Civil War Memorial/Cardozo station, (Green and Yellow lines), Civil War Memorial exit.
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