

WOMEN, RELIGION, AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN CHICAGO AND THE MIDWEST

Saturday, April 21, 2018
9am – 1pm
Ruggles Hall

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

The panel will explore connections between religious practice and social activism in the lives of Midwestern women and their communities, focusing on Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish traditions of the 19th and 20th centuries.



SCHEDULE

9:00 – 9:30am	Coffee and Continental Breakfast
9:30 – 9:55am	Introduction by Ann Durkin Keating
9:55 – 10:20am	Mary Beth Fraser Connolly , “Souls are Trained and Prepared for the Other’: The Mercy Charism and Catholic Female Education in Chicago, 1840s-1940s, A Comparative Study”
10:20 – 10:45am	Rachel Bohlmann , “Frances Willard and Gospel Temperance Politics in Illinois during the Gilded Age”
10:45 – 11:00am	Break
11:00 – 11:25am	Karla Goldman , “With a Capital ‘J’ and a Capital ‘W’: The Emergence of Chicago Jewish Women in the Work of Political, Religious, and Social Reform”
11:25 – 11:50am	Wallace Best , “Woman’s Work, An Urban World: Black Women Preachers in Chicago during the Great Migration”
11:50am – 12:30pm	Panel Discussion moderated by Ann Durkin Keating
12:30am – 1:00pm	Q&A

For details about this public program and to register, visit www.newberry.org/public-programs

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This program bridges two major interdisciplinary projects at the Newberry, *Religious Change, 1450-1700* and *What is the Midwest?* The projects are generously supported by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

A SYMPOSIUM WITH



Wallace Best

is the author of *Passionately Human, No Less Divine: Religion and Culture in Black Chicago, 1915-1952* and *Langston’s Salvation: American Religion and the Bard of Harlem*.

He is currently at work on an anthology titled *Elder Lucy Smith: Documents from the Life of a Pentecostal Woman Preacher*.



Rachel Bohlmann

is the American History Librarian at the University of Notre Dame. She holds a PhD in history from the University of Iowa.



Mary Beth Fraser Connolly

is Continuing Lecturer in History and Concurrent Enrollment Program Liaison for History and Political Science at Purdue University

Northwest. She is a historian of American women and religion with a particular interest in Catholic women religious.



Ann Durkin Keating

is a historian of urban and suburban studies, who teaches broadly in U.S. history at North Central College. She was co-editor of the *Encyclopedia of Chicago*

(University of Chicago Press, 2004), a print and online project.



Karla Goldman

is the Sol Drachler Professor of Social Work and Professor of Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan where she directs the Jewish Communal Leadership

Program. Her research focuses on how American Jewish experience reflects the social, gender, class, racial, and political identities available within broader American contexts like cities, social movements, and universities.