

Virginia Commonwealth University

Freedom and Social Memory in Global Perspective: A Panel Discussion

The Jefferson Hotel Grand Ballroom

September 14, 2012 at 5:00 pm



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In 2012-2013 Virginia Commonwealth University sponsors a *Year of Freedom: Confronting Our Past, Facing Our Future* as the university's commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War and Emancipation. The American Civil War and Emancipation constitute the most important events in American history, and Richmond, Virginia, the capital of the Confederacy, was ground zero for the Civil War. It also became ground zero for conflicts over public memory of the war.

As part of this year-long commemoration, VCU joins with the World Affairs Council of Greater Richmond to present a unique gathering of experts who will discuss struggles for freedom and the challenges of building inclusive societies. This event is the keynote address of the Sixth International Conference of the Center for Integrative Mediterranean Studies, a tripartite research and exchange-based partnership between the University of Córdoba (Spain), the University of Messina (Italy) and VCU.

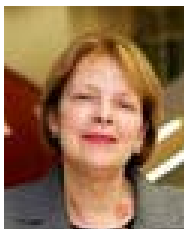
Details

The event will be held on Friday, September 14, 2012 at 5:00pm in the Grand Ballroom at the Jefferson Hotel. The panel discussion is free and open to the public.

Speakers



John T. Kneebone (moderator) is associate professor and chair of the Department of History at Virginia Commonwealth University. He previously taught at Princeton and Harvard Universities and at the University of Alabama. He is the author of *Southern Liberal Journalists and the Issue of Race, 1920-1944* and a founding co-editor of the *Dictionary of Virginia Biography* project, and a contributor to the first four volumes.



Madge Dresser is a professor of History at the University of the West of England and a leading authority on the British Slave Trade. A member of the Royal Historical Society, she has published widely on Bristol's history and on the history of the British national identity.



Javier Fernández Galeano studied history and social anthropology at the Complutense University in Madrid, Spain and was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to pursue his graduate studies at the New School for Social Research in New York City. His research and publications have received international recognition addressing the Lisbon earthquake of 1755, the Cold War, and HIV prevention campaigns. His most recent work examines the persistent memory of the defeated in the Spanish Civil War.



Rozena Maart is a professor of Gender Studies in the School of Social Sciences at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban, South Africa, with a PhD in Political Philosophy and Psychoanalysis from the Centre for Contemporary Cultural Studies, University of Birmingham, UK. In 1987 she was nominated for South Africa's "Woman of the Year" award for starting the first Black feminist organization.