



Speakers' Biographies



Alysha Butler, MA, (MODERATOR) 2019 National History Teacher of the Year, has been an educator for over 16 years. Throughout her career, she has taught classes in United States History, World History, Advanced Placement United States History, African American Studies, Latino Studies, and Global Studies in a diverse communities and settings in South Florida and in Washington, DC. She has her MA in History from Florida Atlantic University, specializing in Reconstruction and the rise of feminism within the African American community. She also graduated from the same university with a BA in History and Social Science. She initially entered education to help marginalized groups explore and utilize history to help gain a better sense of self and inspire them to reach for excellence. Since being employed by District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), she has held numerous leadership positions, such as social studies department chair and teacher lead. -



***Kimberly Hamlin, PhD**, is an award-winning historian, author, and professor specializing in the history of women, gender, and sex in the United States. Her most recent book *Free Thinker: Sex, Suffrage, and the Extraordinary Life of Helen Hamilton Gardener* (2020) tells the fascinating story of the “fallen woman” who reinvented herself and became “the most potent factor” in Congressional passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. *Free Thinker* centers both sex and race in the history of women’s rights and in the long struggle for the vote. Hamlin contributes to the *Washington Post’s* “Made by History” column and other media, and she regularly speaks to audiences across the country about women’s and gender history. She is a member of the Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer Bureau and the Ohio Humanities Council Speakers Bureau. Her research on women, gender, science, and politics has been featured in various media outlets including CBC Radio, NPR, *Vice*, and qz.com.



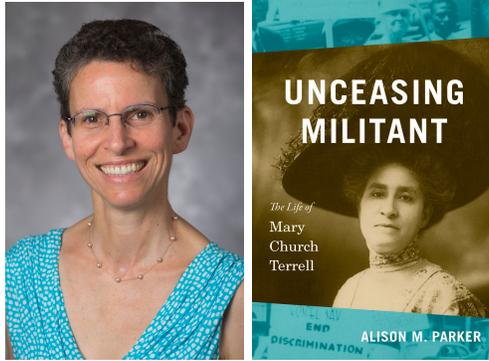
***Sharon Harley, PhD**, Associate Professor and former chair of the African American Studies Department at the University of Maryland, College Park, researches and teaches black women's labor history and racial and gender politics. She is the editor and a contributor to the noted anthologies *Sister Circle: Black Women and Work* (2002) and *Women's Labor in the Global Economy: Speaking in Multiple Voices* (2008); her most recent essay appears in *Telling Histories: Black Women Historians in the Ivory Tower* (2008). She has been a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and, in the spring of 2008, at the WEB Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research at Harvard University, where she worked on her historical monograph about gender, labor, and citizenship in the lives of African Americans in the United States from the 1860s to 1920s.



***Marjorie Spruill, PhD**, a historian, is well known for her work on women and politics from the woman suffrage movement to the present as well as her work on the history of the American South. Her 2017 book, *Divided We Stand: The Battle Over Women's Rights and Family Values That Polarized American Politics*, addresses the rise of the modern women's rights movement to a peak period of success in the 1970s, the mobilization of social conservatives in opposition, their competition for influence on federal policy, and the role of all this in the development of modern American political culture. She is the editor of *One Woman, One Vote: Rediscovering the Woman Suffrage Movement*, Second Edition, that is being released on August 4, 2020. A former president of the Southern Association for Women Historians and officer of the Southern Historical Association, Marjorie has served as an advisor to museums and films. She is an Emeritus Professor in History at the College of Arts and Sciences at University of South Carolina.



***Martha Jones, PhD, JD**, is the Society of Black Alumni Presidential Professor and Professor of History at The Johns Hopkins University. She is a legal and cultural historian whose work examines how Black Americans have shaped the story of American democracy. Professor Jones is the author of *Vanguard: How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Insisted on Equality for All* (2020) and *Birthright Citizens: A History of Race and Rights in Antebellum America* (2018). Professor Jones is the winner of the Organization of American Historians Liberty Legacy Award for the best book in civil rights history, the American Historical Association Littleton-Griswold Prize for the best book in American legal history, and the American Society for Legal History John Phillip Reid book award for the best book in Anglo-American legal history. Professor Jones is a public historian, frequently writing for broader audiences at the *Washington Post*, the *Atlantic*, *USA Today*, *Public Books*, the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, and *Time*.



***Alison M. Parker, PhD** is Chair & Richards Professor of American History at the University of Delaware. She has research and teaching interests in women's and gender history, African American history, and legal history. In 2017-2018, Parker was an Andrew W. Mellon Advanced Fellow at the James Weldon Johnson Institute for the Study of Race and Difference at Emory University. Her book, [*Unceasing Militant: The Life of Mary Church Terrell*](#) (December 2020, pre-order available) from the University of North Carolina Press, in its John Hope Franklin Series in African American History and Culture. Among other publications, Parker is the author of two monographs, *Articulating Rights: Nineteenth-Century American Women on Race, Reform, and the State* (2010) and *Purifying America: Women, Cultural Reform, and Pro-Censorship Activism, 1873-1933* (1997). She also serves as the founding editor of the Gender and Race in American History book series for the University of Rochester Press. As Chair of the History Department at the University of Delaware, Parker is committed to helping to build a coalition of students, faculty, and staff promoting a wide-ranging anti-racism agenda.



Andrea Miller is the Founding Board Member of Center for Common Ground and Executive Director of People Demanding Action (PDAction). She is an organizer, digital advocacy expert, and election turn-out strategist working with under-represented voters in Virginia, Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, Arizona, North Carolina, and Colorado. She has worked as a lobbyist, legislative and political director and was a regional organizer for MoveOn.org. Andrea has appeared on the Thom Hartmann show, hosts the Progressive Round Table, and is the Executive Producer of PDAction Radio. As an IT professional she is also responsible for PDAction's digital strategy and customizes advocacy tools for small to medium size organizations through the Progressive Support Project. Andrea is also the founding tri-Chair of the Virginia Poor People's Campaign. -