

Frederick Douglass International Underground Railroad Conference

September 28 – 30, 2007
Rochester NY
Rochester Riverside Convention Center

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Rochester & The Underground Railroad

- Rochester/Monroe County was a major hub on the Underground Railroad and long-time home to **Frederick Douglass**, one of the nation's most prominent **freedom fighters**, as well as his friend Susan B. Anthony. There is a need to build awareness, locally and nationally, of Rochester's prominent place in American history and its extensive cultural attractions.



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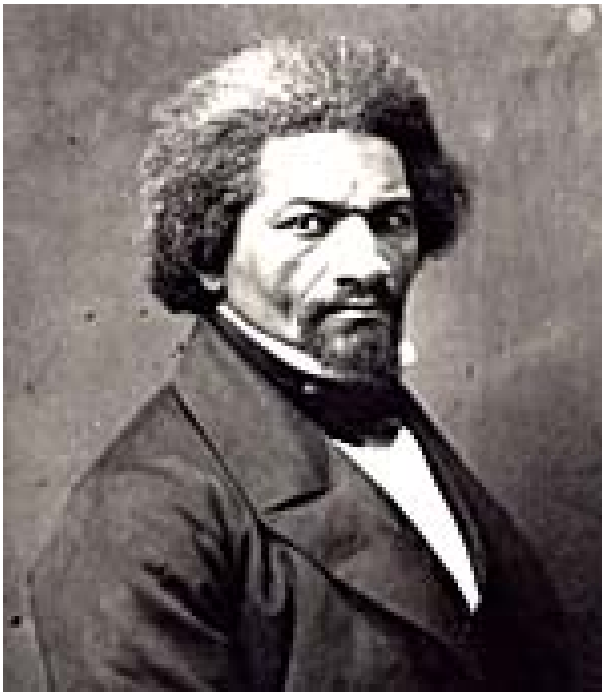
The **National Underground Railroad Freedom Center** in Cincinnati, Ohio celebrates the legacy of courage and multicultural cooperation embodied in the story of the Underground Railroad. The Freedom Center uses exhibits and programs to educate the public about the historic and continuing struggle to establish universal freedom in both the U.S. and around the world.

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*Rochester/Monroe County
Freedom Trail Commission
Rochester, NY*

The Rochester/Monroe County Freedom Trail Commission is appointed to research the Underground Railroad freedom story, to educate and engage the public in the application of those values in the struggle for freedom today. The Freedom Trail Commission is working in collaboration with Heritage New York Program, Rochester Museum & Science Center and Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery to establish a regional interpretive center with links to heritage trails and interpretive centers across state and international borders.

In Honor of One of Rochester's Freedom Pioneers



Frederick Douglass

(1817-1895)

A fugitive slave, Douglass became a skilled abolitionist speaker, praised for “wit, argument, sarcasm, and pathos.” He urged blacks to pursue vocational education and the vote; his print shop in Rochester, New York, was a depot on the underground.

OUTRAGE.
Fellow Citizens, AN
ABOLITIONIST,
of the most revolting character is among you, exciting the feelings of the North against the South. A seditious Lecture is to be delivered
THIS EVENING,
at 7 o'clock, at the Presbyterian Church in Cannon-street.
You are requested to attend and unite in putting down and silencing by peaceable means this tool of evil and fanaticism. Let the rights of the States guaranteed by the Constitution be protected.
Feb. 27, 1837. *The Union forever!*

The Struggle Continues



The Situation

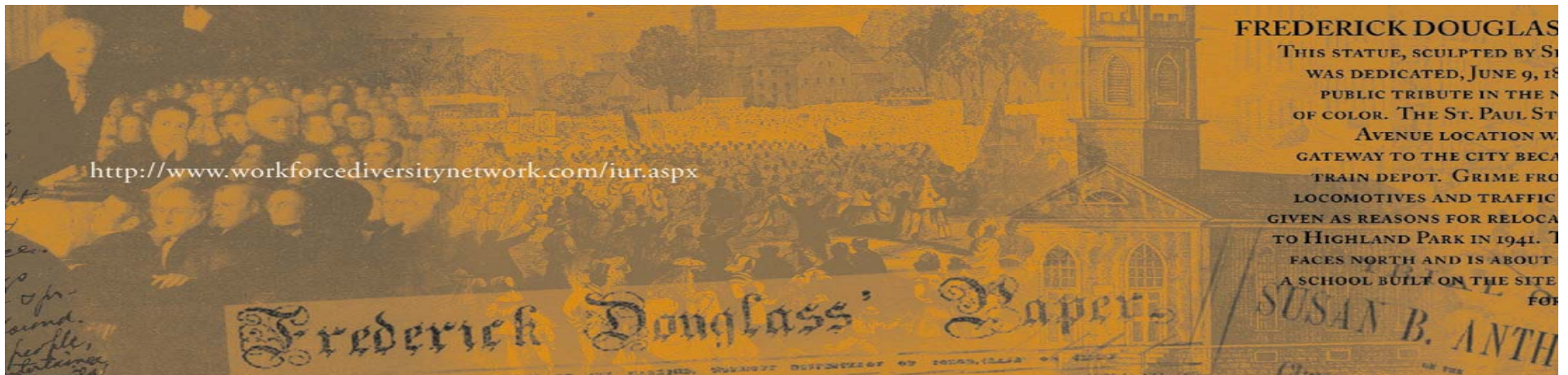
- Accurate, up-to-date information about Frederick Douglass and the Underground Railroad is absent from most textbooks, as it is from most history.
 - Few Social Studies teachers have even a minor in history, and they lack the time or expertise to locate and deliver accurate information and meaningful learning activities to students.
 - With funding for enrichment activities and field studies dwindling, opportunities for educators and students to engage in substantive learning activities on these topics are limited and sporadic at best.
 - Racism, secrecy and the passage of time have hindered the research and dissemination of accurate information about the Underground Railroad.
 - In urban centers where the majority city school population is African American, there is urgent need for culturally enriching educational programs that engage African Americans in the descendent experience, and provide positive role models.
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The Mandate

- **Educate** the public about the historic and continuing struggle to establish universal freedom in both the U.S. and around the world.
- **Connect** students, educators, including those who organize professional development services for teachers; families; and the general public to relevant and accurate information on the topic.
- **Impact** the education community.
- **Precipitate** support for a regional interpretive center to feature Frederick Douglass, the story of his life work and his efforts to coordinate Underground Railroad activities in Western New York.
- **Elevate** Rochester to prominence as the home to Frederick Douglass, attracting international visitors to come here to absorb his spirit.
- **Inspire** Greater Rochester to walk in Douglass's stride, become civilly engaged, and embrace the cause of making Rochester a world-class cultural center.
- **Stimulate** ongoing examination of Rochester's past as a center for the freedom struggle to facilitate honest dialogue among local citizens, recognize contemporary racism in our community, and create a model to work together to overcome it.

Unique Opportunity For

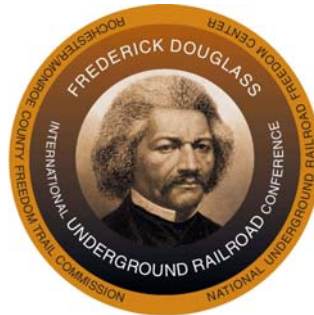
- Educators
- Youth service providers
- Archivists & librarians
- Students
- Historians
- Anyone interested in learning more about the Underground Railroad.
- Scholars



Two Days of engaging presentations from more than 30 of the Nation's Leading Experts on the Underground Railroad!



- ***Freedom Festival Events***
- ***Discounts at local historic sites***
- ***Opportunities for dialogue and networking***
- ***Panel discussion***
- ***Inspiring Keynotes!***
 - ***Juan Williams***
 - ***Darryl Van Leer &***
 - ***Bernice Johnson Reagon***



SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2007 ROCHESTER, NY

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- New research and insights on the Underground Railroad, Frederick Douglass and other individuals and groups involved in the Underground Railroad in Western New York and neighboring Canadian communities where freedom seekers settled
- Connections between the Underground Railroad and genealogy and U.S. colored troops
- Regional, Intra-City, International collaborations
- Guide to the Underground Railroad for teachers and educators
- 19th Century parallels to slavery and civil rights in the 21st century
- Plus... special presentations by artists in dance, theater, Web site creation, film, and other visual forms

For program, speaker and registration information and to join our email list for updates visit:

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One of the Largest Conferences to Be Presented on the Underground Railroad



International Scope: Hear and talk with speakers from the U.S. and Canada

Agenda

■ Friday September 28, 2007

- 10:45 - 11:45 Registration
- 12:00 - 1:00 Opening Keynote & Luncheon - Juan Williams,
- 1:30 - 4:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. Darryl Van Lear – “Power on Earth” performance

■ Saturday September 29, 2007

- 8 – 9 a.m. Registration – continental breakfast
 - 9:15 -10:15 Keynote - Bernice Johnson Reagon
 - 10:30 - 11:45 Concurrent Sessions
 - 11:45 – 2 p.m. Lunch - "on your own"
 - 2:15 – 5 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
 - 5 – 6 p.m. Closing Session – panel of selected speakers
 - Reception to follow
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Opening Keynote: Juan Williams

Award-winning Journalist

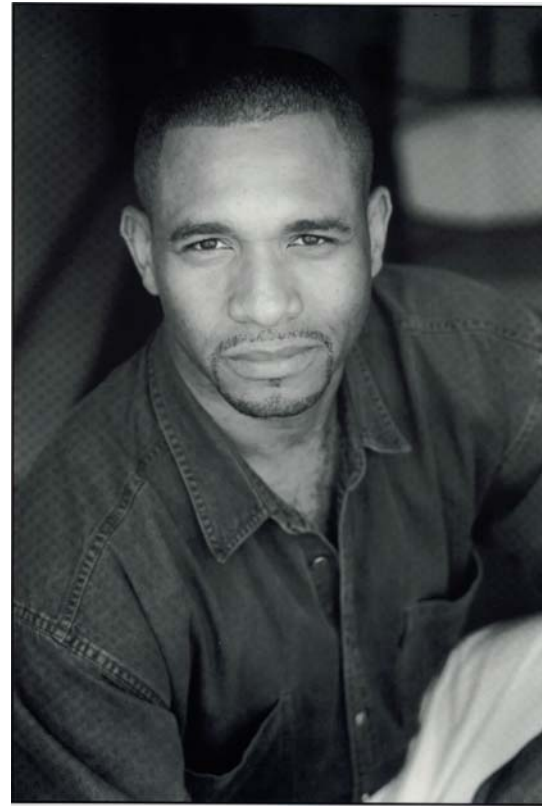
- One of America's leading political writers and thinkers.
 - Senior correspondent for NPR.
- Political analyst for Fox Television
 - Panelist for FoxNews Sunday.
- Prize-winning columns and editorial writing for *The Washington Post*.
 - Author of six books, the latest: *Enough – The Phony Leaders, Dead-End Movements and Culture of Failure That Are Undermining Black America- and What We Can Do About It* . Williams has created a national furor and ignited debate everywhere with his point blank analysis of black leadership in this country.



**Friday September 28, 12 Noon
Tables of 10 at the luncheon- just \$350**

Inspiring Keynotes: Darryl Van Leer - Award Winning Actor/Performer My Life in Bondage

- Versatile performer, began his TV acting career by working regularly on Black Entertainment Network's Bobby Jones Gospel Show
- One-man show, ***Power on Earth*** earned high praise from critics and audiences.
- Successful and varied career in film and television as a featured performer



Friday September 28, 7:30 -8:45 p.m.

Inspiring Keynotes! Bernice Johnson Reagon

- Major cultural voice for freedom and justice; singing, teaching--speaking out against racism and organized inequities of all kinds
- An African American woman's voice, a child of Southwest Georgia, born in the struggle against racism in America during the Civil Rights Movement of the 50s and 60s.
- Professor Emerita of History at American University
- Curator Emerita at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History
- Cosby Chair of Fine Arts at Spelman College



Saturday September 29th, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Tremendous Value

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 - Early Registration discount: \$125 if registered before Aug 31
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- Juan Williams Luncheon tables of 10, \$350
 - Discounts for students
- Discounts for registrants at area historic attractions
 - **For more information call 585-256-4642**



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The Nation's Leading Experts

- Tony Burroughs, *Professional Genealogist*
 - Linda Cousins-Newton, *Founder, Nana Tubman Honor in Ghana Project & Director, Ancestral Promotions*
 - Anthony Cohen, *President, the Menare Foundation, Inc.*
 - Claudine Dixon, *Library Media Specialist, Greece Central School District*
 - Christopher Densmore, *Curator, Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College*
 - Walter Gable, M Ed, M.S., *Seneca County Historian*
 - Katherine Gagne, M Ed, *Teacher, Penn Yan Central Schools*
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 - Fiction Writer Timothy McDonnell, M Ed, *Board Member/Newsletter Editor, New York Geographic Alliance*
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 - John R. McKivigan, PhD, *Professor, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis*
 - Owen W. Muelder, *Director, Galesburg Colony Underground Railroad Freedom Station at Knox College*
 - Donald Earl Papon, M Ed, *President, North Country Underground Railroad Historical Association*
 - Marie Kent Parsons & Performers for Readers Theater
 - Production Researcher, *Writer & Editor, Creative Non-A.B.D., University of Rochester*
 - Monique Patenaude, *PhD Candidate, Graduate Student/ Democrat and Chronicle Newspaper*
 - Molly Rule, *Newspaper in Education Coordinator, Rosemary Sadlier, President, Ontario Black History Society*
 - James Schroeder, *Social Studies Teacher, Greece Central School District*
 - Virginia Sullivan, *New Routes Coordinator, Adventure Cycling Association*
 - Dr. Stephen Thomas, *Director, Center for Minority Health, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh*
 - Judith Wellman, PhD, *Director, Historical New York Research Associates*
 - Delores M. Walters, PhD, *Educational Program Consultant*
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Speaker Highlights



Tony Burroughs
Professional Genealogist

Tony Burroughs is a professional genealogist who has been teaching genealogy at Chicago State University for fifteen years. He consulted on the Reverend Al Sharpton/Strom Thurmond genealogy, Oprah Winfrey genealogy, and *The Real Family of Jesus* documentary.



Anthony Cohen Patrick & Me: A Family Saga of The Underground Railroad

Historian Anthony Cohen recounts the gripping tale of his ancestor Patrick Sneed who fled from bondage in 1851. Historian, Director, The Menare Foundation, Inc. Cohen is has twice retraced the routes of The Underground Railroad, traveling 1,200 miles, by foot, boat and rail, from the American South to Canada.

Presenter Highlights



Role of the USCT in the Resistance and Liberation of Enslaved Americans

Harry Bradshaw Matthews, M Ed Associate Dean
and Director, U.S. Pluralism Programs
Hartwick College



Frederick Douglass: Underground Railroad Passenger, Conductor, Advocate, and Passenger

John R. McKivigan, PhD
Professor Indiana University-Purdue University at
Indianapolis

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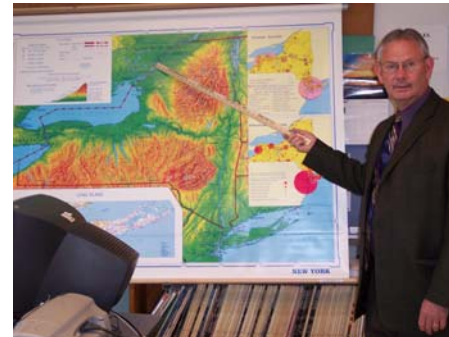
Learning from the Legacy of Women's Resistance to Slavery: Why Northern Slavery Cannot be Ignored

Delores M. Walters, PhD Educational
Program Consultant



Then What Happened?

Dean V. June
Teacher, Attica Central School



Presenter Highlights



The Underground Railroad, Abolitionism and Women's Rights Activism in Seneca County

Walter Gable, M Ed, M.S.
Seneca County Historian



Recollections with Jean Rankin: My Work on the Underground Railroad

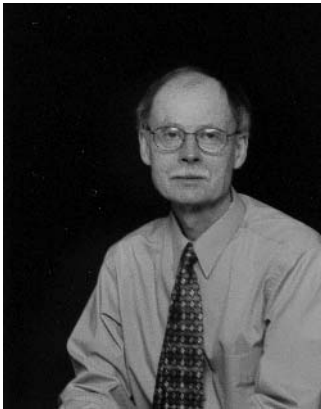
Katherine Gagne, M Ed
Teacher, Penn Yan Central Schools

Presenter Highlights



Harriet Tubman's Personal Network to Freedom: The Importance of Family and Community along the UGRR

Kate Clifford Larson, PhD
Professor, Simmons College



Waterways to Freedom

Donald Earl Papson, M Ed
President, North Country Underground
Railroad Historical Association

Presenter Highlights



The Underground Railroad Bicycle Route - Exploring History by Bicycle

Virginia Sullivan, New Routes Coordinator,
Adventure Cycling Association

Co-presenter: Dr. Stephen Thomas
Director, Center for Minority Health, Graduate
School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh



A North Side View of Slavery

Rosemary Sadler
President, Ontario Black History
Society

Presenter Highlights



Sites of Conscience: From the Underground Railroad to Women's Rights in Upstate New York

Judith Wellman, PhD
Director, Historical New York
Research Associates



Thomas Fitzgerald Warfield

Assistant Professor, Department of Cultural and Creative Studies, National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)

Performing 7:30 - 8:45 p.m., Friday September 28

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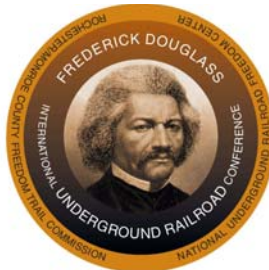


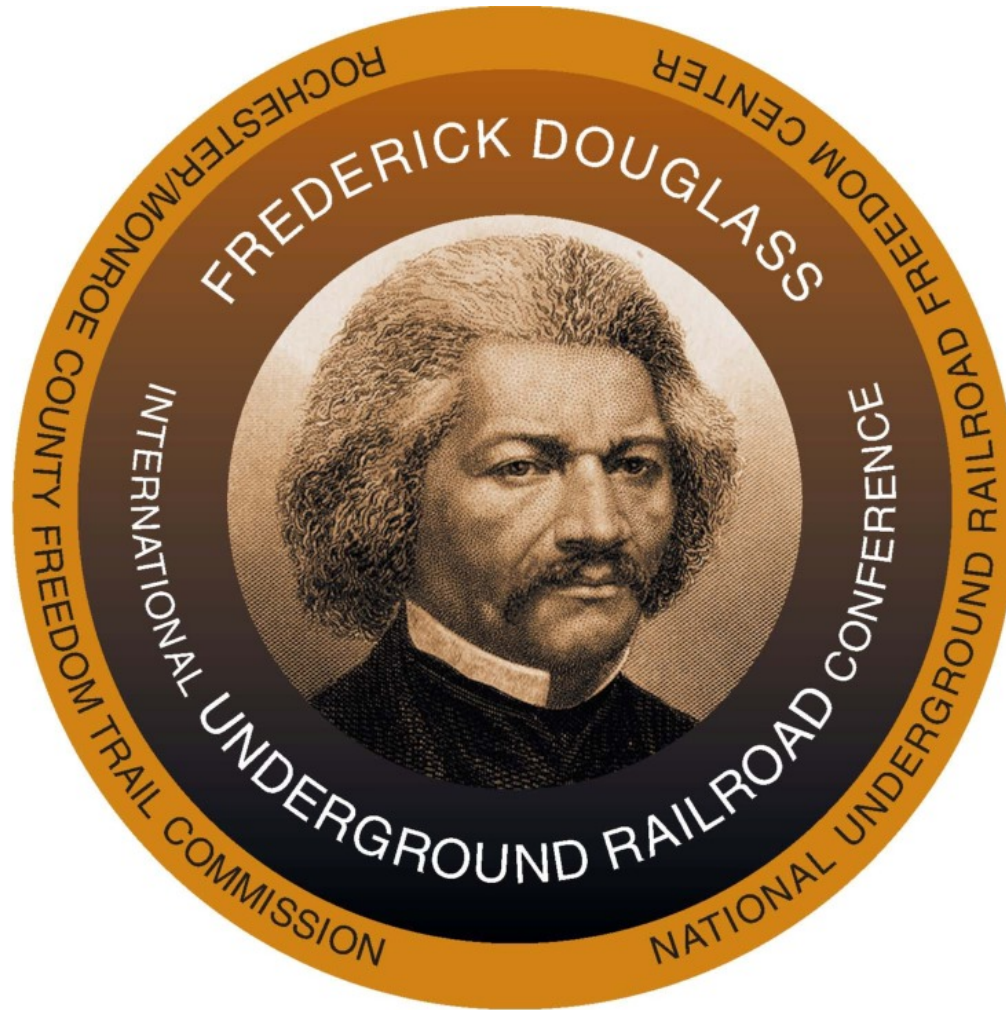
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More Sponsor Opportunities Available

- Development of a Mosaic Partnership – Freedom Action Team
- Free copies of book to be provided to first 100 conference registrants
- Scholarships for individuals (college students and adults) wishing to attend the Scholarly Conference, and who cannot afford the registration fees
- Organize a youth day for area youth to understand Rochester 's role in the Underground Railroad.
- Cell Phone Assisted Walking Tour of Historic Underground Railroad Sites
- Showcase video production of Let's Have Tea
- Professional video production of the Frederick Douglass International Underground Railroad Conference
- Guided Underground Railroad Tour— *Riverwalk*
- Guided Underground Railroad Tour — *Riverstroll*
- Living History Presentation





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