

# ORIGINS of Unitarianism, Universalism, and Unitarian Universalism in America:

## IMPLICATIONS for Liberal Religious Thought and Practice THEN AND NOW

*A Convocation of UU Studies*



of Channing's sermon  
"Unitarian Christianity"



of John Murray's landing  
in America

**October 17 – 20, 2019**

Baltimore, MD  
Maritime Conference Center

*Sponsored by:*



**UUHHS** Unitarian Universalist  
History and Heritage Society

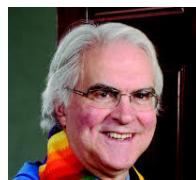
The 2019 Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Studies celebrates the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of William Ellery Channing's sermon "Unitarian Christianity" and the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of John Murray's arrival in North America. The theme looks at the theological and social justice implications of what they preached – not only in their time but in the decades that followed. The program includes plenary talks, papers, performances, and an award-winning sermon. There will also be a featured workshop on dismantling white supremacy as well as a panel on the Black UU Living History Project and another panel on the history of Berry Street Lecture.

**Join in a rich gathering of ministers, scholars, students, and all others who value  
exploring the history, heritage, and future of Unitarian Universalism.**



UU History & Heritage theme Speaker:  
**Christopher Cameron**  
Friday, 11:00 a.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.

*Assistant Professor of History at University of North Carolina, Charlotte.*  
A scholar of early American history and African American Religion, Dr. Cameron explored the relationship between Puritan theology and the rise of black abolitionism in his first book, *To Plead Our Own Cause: African Americans in Massachusetts and the Making of the Antislavery Movement*.



Collegium Distinguished Scholar:  
**Mark Harris**  
Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:15 a.m.

*Minister Emeritus of First Parish in Watertown, Massachusetts.*  
Rev. Harris is a long-time scholar and educator. He is the author of the *Historical Dictionary of Unitarian Universalism*, *Elite: Uncovering Classism in Unitarian Universalist History*, and (with Andrea Greenwood) *An Introduction to the Unitarian and Universalist Traditions*.

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## Programming to include:\*

- "Black UU Living History: Recording History As We Live It" - *Paige Ingram et al*
- "George Pullman's Religious World" - *Nicole Kirk*
- "Re-Assessing Origins of Women's Ministry" - *Barbara Cooeyman*
- ""This far away ... western country": Cogwell's mission to Nebraska" - *Jo Paoletti*
- "Rev. George L. Chaney and the Existence of Southern Unitarianism" - *Jim Kelley*
- "Origins of Universalism in South Carolina 1780-1900" - *Jay Kiskel*
- "Origins of Unitarianism and Universalism in New Orleans" - *Paul Beedle*
- "Moncure Daniel Conway's Exodus through Baltimore, 1862" - *Scott Holland*
- "The Beginnings of Unitarianism in Baltimore" - *Catherine Evans*
- "Who was Jared Sparks?" - *Arliss Ungar*
- "Catholic Heart, Unitarian Mind: Identity in William Sullivan's *The Priest*" - *Isaac May*
- "Universalists and the Struggle to Define ""Heresy"" 1770-1840" - *Spencer Wells*
- ""A God Clothed In Our Form": Intensifying Channing's Iconoclasm" - *Jeffrey Speaks*
- "Bucking the Patriarchy: Florence Buck's Education Advocacy As Queer Feminist" - *Denise Cawley*
- "Who are these church women? Institute for Religious Education 1916" - *Kimberlee Carlson, Kim Mason*
- "An English Businessman, Transv. Bishops, & an American Unitarian Woman" - *Claudia Elferdink*
- "Ralph Waldo Emerson: How India Created America's First Universalist Unitarian" - *Lauren Levwood*
- "Rev. Samuel West: Savior of the U.S. Constitution?" - *Richard Kellaway*
- "Channing in the Panic of 1819" - *Frank Carpenter*
- "UU Ordained Ministers and Lay Ministers: History, Compatibility, Potential" - *Holly Dempsey*
- "Lessons from Unitarian Advocacy for the Mentally Ill" - *Janet Holden*

\*Subject to change

## SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS\*

\*For full schedule see [uuconvo.org](http://uuconvo.org)

### Thursday

Additional Trips (see below)

Registration Opens, 3:00 p.m.

Opening Keynote, 7:00 p.m.

### Friday

Full day programming (starts at 8:30 a.m.)

Trip to First Unitarian, Baltimore, 5:00 p.m.

With Dr. Dan McKanan, Harvard Divinity

### Saturday

Full day programming (starts at 8:30 a.m.)

Chapel with Award Sermon, 8:30 a.m.

White Supremacy Workshop, 11:00 a.m.

Special Performances, 5:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Murray Grove Players and "Plays on Principle"

### Sunday

Half day Programming (ends at lunch)

Panel on the Berry Street Lecture, 11:00 a.m.

With Rev. Kate Walker, presiding

## ADDITIONAL TRIPS

**Thursday, October 17** (*Transportation not provided, but easily accessible by public transportation*)

**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN** (*no cost*)

Group reservation for Noon onward that includes individual entry at your convenience.

**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE** (*no cost*)

Group timed reservation for 1:00pm entry.

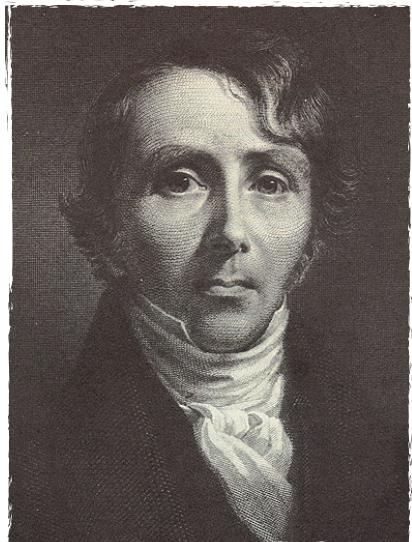
**Sunday, October 20**

**MURRAY GROVE RETREAT AND RENEWAL CENTER** (*\$100 single, \$75 shared room*)

A tour of Murray Grove and local Universalist sites. Stay overnight with dinner and breakfast provided. We will carpool for the 4-hour drive to Lanoka Harbor, NJ and on Monday to the Philadelphia train station or Newark airport.

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## **CHANNING'S BALTIMORE SERMON, AFTER 200 YEARS**

# **DAN MCKANAN**

**EMERSON/UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION CHAIR  
HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL**

**First Unitarian Church of Baltimore**

**free • open to the public • doors open 7:00 p.m.  
lecture 7:30 p.m. • reception 8:30 p.m.**

**10 W Franklin St., cor. N Charles St.**

A leading scholar of Unitarian Universalist history revisits William Ellery Channing's "Unitarian Christianity," the sermon which became the most widely circulated pamphlet in the USA in the 1820s. After the lecture, McKanan will invite response and discussion in interrogating this seminal document in the location from which it was first preached.

**This presentation is part of the 2019 Convocation  
of Unitarian Universalist Studies being held  
at the Maritime Center, October 17-20, 2019**

**To register for the Convocation, go to [www.uuconvo.org](http://www.uuconvo.org)**