# Complicated Relationships: Mary Church Terrell's Legacy for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Activists

## February 26-27, 2016 at Oberlin College

### Friday, February 26, 2016

4:30 pm Celebrating Mary Church Terrell on the Occasion of the Gift of Papers to the Oberlin College Archives (King 106)

- Welcome
  - o Oberlin College President Marvin Krislov
  - o Oberlin College Dean of Arts and Sciences Tim Elgren
- Memories of Mary Church Terrell
  - o Ken Grossi, Oberlin College Archivist
  - o Ray and Jean Langston, Terrell Descendants and Donors

6:00 pm **Reception** (open to all)

(King Building Lobby)

### Saturday, February 27, 2016

10:00 am City of Oberlin Proclamation: Mary Church Terrell Day

Presentation by City Council Member Scott Broadwell to Ray and Jean Langston

**Keynote:** *Mary Church Terrell: Oberlin College Alumna, Civil Rights and Women's Rights Activist -* **Johnnetta B. Cole, OC 1957,** Director of Smithsonian National Museum of African Art (King 106)

11:00 am Coffee Break

(King Building Lobby)

- 11:15 am Mary Church Terrell, Judge Robert H. Terrell, and the Struggle for Social Justice (King 106)
  - Chair: Carol Lasser, Professor of History and Chair, Gender Sexuality and Feminist Studies, Oberlin College
  - Mary Church Terrell's International Perspectives on U.S. Race Relations
     Alison Parker, Professor of History, College at Brockport, State
     University of New York
  - Robert H. Terrell: 'The First Man' Stephen Middleton, Professor of History and Director of African American Studies, Mississippi State University

#### 12:15 pm *Mudd Library Exhibits and Presentations*

Please Visit the Mary Church Terrell Exhibition by the Oberlin College Archives in the Academic Commons, Mudd Library, then join us in Azariah's Cafe for presentations over lunch (lunch is provided for registered participants and guests)

### 1:00 pm **Oberlin College Students on Mary Church Terrell**

- Natalia Shevin OC 2017
- Sarah Minion OC 2017
- Danielle Joseph OC 2016

(Azariah's Cafe, First Floor, Mudd Library)

# 2:00 pm Complicated Relationships: Mary Church Terrell, Oberlin and Gender Studies (King 106)

- Chair and Comment: Lillie Edwards, OC 1975, Professor of History and History and African-American Studies, Drew University
- Which Women and Whose Gender? Lori Ginzberg, OC 1978, Professor of History and Women's Studies, Pennsylvania State University
- Still Brave Jennifer Morgan, OC 1986, Professor of History, Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, New York University

# 3:15 pm *Conversation: Reflections on Terrell's Legacy for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Activists* (King 106)

- Chair: Pam Brooks, Chair and Jane and Eric Nord Associate Professor, Africana Studies, Oberlin College
- Will You #SayHerName?: Black Feminist Legacies and Futures Treva Lindsey, OC 2004, Assistant Professor, Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, The Ohio State University
- #Feminism: Learning from Young Activists in the Digital Age Rachel Seidman, OC 1988, Associate Director of the Southern Oral History Program, with appointments in History and Women's and Gender Studies, University of North Carolina
- Comments by Oberlin Students:
  - Jasmine Adams OC 2016
  - o Tory Sparks OC 2017

# 4:30 pm Presentation of National Association of University Women plaque honoring Mary Church Terrell (Africana Studies Suite, Lower Level, Rice Hall)

- Dolores Owens, National Association of University Women, Former National President
- Evelyn L. Wright, National Association of University Women, 2016 National President

A reception for all symposium attendees will follow the dedication.

Sunday, February 28 at 10 am

Informal Coffee for All: Meet Conference Participants and Network Slow Train, 55 East College Street

Students especially encouraged to attend