

# *Virginia Humanities Conference 2009*

## *Information*

April 3-4

Virginia Commonwealth University  
Richmond, VA

### **Getting Here and Staying Here**

The repository of information for this conference is [www.vhc.vcu.edu](http://www.vhc.vcu.edu); however, use this sheet as a quick cheat-sheet of information.

Directions to campus can be found at <http://www.vcu.edu/maps/acmap/acmapd.php>. When driving to campus, please take care that you come to the Monroe Park Campus and not the MCV Campus.

Lodging for the conference has been secured at the Richmond Doubletree. Information about the hotel can be found at [http://doubletree1.hilton.com/en\\_US/dt/hotel/RICFSDT-Doubletree-Hotel-Richmond-Downtown-Virginia/index.do](http://doubletree1.hilton.com/en_US/dt/hotel/RICFSDT-Doubletree-Hotel-Richmond-Downtown-Virginia/index.do).

Should you choose to stay at the Doubletree Hotel located at 301 West Franklin Street, you should call 804-644-9871. Identify yourself as part of the Virginia Humanities Conference group. You will be asked to provide name, requested type of room, requested bed type (i.e. king, double/double, or suites), check-in and check-out dates, and VIP status. Any requests for special room arrangements must be made at the time of the call. The group rate is set at \$89.00 per night with an additional 13% tax rate. A discounted rate of \$8.00 per day for hotel parking will apply.

Should you want alternatives for lodging, please visit the conference website listed above and click on the link "Things to do around Richmond" and follow the website for HOTELS.

### **For Friday, April 3:**

MORNING

8:30 – 9:00: Check In

9:00 – 12:00: Panels

On the morning of the conference, there will be complimentary van transportation from the Doubletree hotel to the conference. However, should you need to drive yourself, parking for the conference has been arranged at the West Main Parking Garage.

Information about this garage can be found at <http://www.vcu.edu/maps/acmap/wmpark/wmpark.htm>.

To get to the conference from this parking garage, head North on Cherry Street (follow the flow of students). Once you cross Floyd Ave. the University Student Commons will be on your left.

The conference will be held in the **Richmond Salons**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, University Student Commons, #104 on the campus map: <http://www.vcu.edu/maps/MonroeParkmap2008.pdf>. Unfortunately, there is no online map for the layout of the Student Commons. Suffice it to say then that when you enter the Commons, find the nearest stairwell and head up to the second floor. Then, go to the westernmost corner (the corner farthest from the Doubletree) – the Richmond Salons occupy the top floor of the Western section of the commons.

#### LUNCH/BREAK

12:00 – 2:00

Our Keynote Speaker is Tim Reid, most recognizable from his part on WKRP in Cincinnati as Venus Flytrap, or Frank Parrish in Frank's Place, but his career has been long, varied, and storied across television, film, radio, and the stage. His latest book, Tim & Tom: An American Comedy in Black and White will be available for purchase throughout the conference, and you can find information on this project at [www.timandtomcomedy.com](http://www.timandtomcomedy.com)

#### AFTERNOON

2:00 – 5:00: Panels

5:15 – 7:00: Cocktail Party

At the conclusion of Friday's conference presentations, a cocktail party has been scheduled at the Scott House at 909 West Franklin (#82 on the campus map). To reach the Scott House from the Student Commons, head out the North entrance, cross Floyd Avenue, walk passed Cabell Library, across the bricked out compass created on the ground, down "Shafer Street" (what once was a street for automobiles but is now a main thoroughfare for students) until you get to Franklin Street. Take a left on Franklin Street (heading West) and walk half a block. Scott House is on your left. If you cross Harrison Street, you've walked too far West.

In support of this year's theme "Humanities on Display", following the cocktail party at Scott House, we will ramble through art galleries participating in Richmond's First Fridays – a monthly open-house for art galleries to put their work on display along a stretch of Broad Street close to campus. A van has been detailed to take us from the cocktail party to First Fridays, and the Doubletree Hotel is two blocks South of the main row of galleries (from Broad Street, head two blocks South on Madison until you hit Franklin. The Doubletree is on the corner of Franklin and Madison). More information on this fete can be found at <http://www.firstfridaysrichmond.com/index.html>. A tour map

will be provided with your registration packet, but one can be found online at [http://www.firstfridaysrichmond.com/pdf/FFA\\_map\\_110608.pdf](http://www.firstfridaysrichmond.com/pdf/FFA_map_110608.pdf).

The conference is not sponsoring a dinner this year, for there are many restaurants open and available during First Fridays. A complete list of VCU suggested restaurants will be in your welcome packet when you register. Another resource for restaurant suggestions can be found from the Doubletree website at [http://poweredby.10best.com/location.process/OID\\_AFD4KD98/?hotelCode=RICFS](http://poweredby.10best.com/location.process/OID_AFD4KD98/?hotelCode=RICFS). Not only are there recommendations for good restaurants, but also a list of restaurants arranged by proximity to the hotel.

**For Saturday, April 4:**

**MORNING**

8:30 – 9:00: Check In

9:00 – 12:00: Panels

Due to a scheduling/space conflict, the conference will not return to the Student Commons at VCU on Saturday, April 4, but will be held in a Conference Room at the Doubletree. To get there, you only need get from where you're staying to the Conference Room.

Following this group of panels, a boxed lunch will be available.

12:00 – 2:00: Delegate's Meeting