Program

Thursday, October 20

8:00 pm Opening Reception at the GHI

Friday, October 21

9:30 – 10:00 am Breakfast at the GHI
10:00 – 10:45 am Introduction:
Bruce Dorsey, Sebastian Jobs, Olaf Stieglitz
11:00 am – 1:00 pm Panel I: Uncertainties of Intimacy and Desire

Chair: Richard Wetzell (GHI)

Bruce Dorsey (Swarthmore College)
“If I were such a man ...”: Discovering Intimacy and Desire in Clergy Sex Scandals

Jennifer Manion (Connecticut College)
Stories of Violence as (Hi)stories of Intimacy and Desire

Comment: Cynthia Kiener (George Mason University)
1:00 – 3:00 pm
Lunch Break

3:00 – 5:00 pm
Panel II: Uncertainty and the American South

Chair: Jan Logemann (GHI)

Sebastian Jobs (GHI Washington/University of Rostock)
Uncertain Knowledge of Slave Revolts: The Role of Black Informants

Jason Phillips (Mississippi State University)
Great Expectations: Rumors and Prophecies of the American Civil War

Comment: Tim Lockley (University of Warwick)

5:00 – 5:30 pm
Coffee Break

5:30 – 7:00 pm
Keynote Address

Gary Alan Fine (Northwestern University)
The Promiscuity of Facts: Barack Obama and Uncertain Knowledge

8:00 pm
Conference Dinner
Rosemary’s Thyme Bistro
1801 18th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Tel: 202 332-3200

Saturday, October 22

9:30 – 10:00 am
Breakfast at the GHI

10:00 am –12:00 noon
Panel III: The Uncertain Knowledge of Social Reform

Chair: Mischa Honeck (GHI)

Jennifer Fronc (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)
Private Surveillance and the Construction of Social Knowledge in Early Twentieth-Century New York City
**Robert Kramm-Masaoka** (University of Tübingen)
*Comforting the Occupiers: Prostitution as Administrative Practice in Japan at the End of World War II*

Comment: **Woody Register** (Sewanee: The University of the South)

12:00 noon – 2:00 pm  
Lunch Break

2:00 – 4:00 pm  
Panel IV: **Visual Media and the Uncertain Knowledge of the Body**

Chair: **Christina Lubinski** (GHI)

**Rachel Hall** (Louisiana State University)
*Wanted Dead: On the Refusal to Publicly Display Images of Bin Laden’s Corpse*

**Silvan Niedermeier** (University of Erfurt)
*Contested Truths: Police Torture and African American Testimony in Southern Courts, 1940-1955*

Comment: **Sharon Ullman** (Bryn Mawr College)

4:00 – 4:30 pm  
Coffee Break

4:30 – 5:30 pm  
Panel V: **Concluding Discussion**

**Olaf Stieglitz** (University of Erfurt)
*Reflections on Uncertain Knowledge: The Politics of (Non-)Affirmation in US-History*

End of Conference