2025
MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORY CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 8, 2025 | GERMANTOWN, MD

MONTGOMERY HISTORY | **MoCo 250** 1776-2026

8:00 – 9:00 am **Registration & Coffee**

9:00 – 9:15 am **Opening Remarks**

Marc Elrich, Montgomery County Executive (Invited)

Matthew Logan, Executive Director
Montgomery History

9:15 – 10:45 am **Morning General Session**

Montgomery Montage: A 250-Year Tapestry of Time, People, and Place
Ralph Buglass

10:45 – 11:00 am **Break**

11:00 – 12:00 pm **Morning Concurrent Sessions**

OPTION 1

Unity through Two Families: Gaithers and Howards of Unity, Maryland
Bruce Moran

OPTION 2

Montgomery County's Immigration Story: 250 Years of Belonging and Contradictions
Maria Sprehn

OPTION 3

Montgomery County and the Battle for Freedom of the Press in an Age of Political Violence: 1812
Sandra Heiler

OPTION 4

The Contributions of Elected Women of Color in Montgomery County
Selena Singleton

OPTION 5

Advocacy, Activism, and Citizen Participation: The Creation of Montgomery County's Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit Program
Bianca Serbin and Ellen Stanton

12:00 – 12:45 pm **Lunch Break**

12:45 – 1:45 pm **Afternoon Concurrent Sessions**

OPTION 1

Towpaths and Highroads: Conservation Leadership in Montgomery County, 1945-1969
Rebecca Henson

OPTION 2

The Early Slave Trade in Montgomery County
Anthony Cohen

OPTION 3

Maryland's Gift to the Nation: A Capital City
Kate Whitmore and Jim Johnston

OPTION 4

The Montgomery County Detention Center: Modernizing the Carceral State
Teresa Lachin

OPTION 5

The Roots of Diversity: Montgomery County's Fair Housing Movement
Bennett Miller

1:45 – 2:00 pm **Break**

2:00 – 3:15 pm **Afternoon General Session**

Montgomery County at 250: Looking Back to Move Forward
Panel discussion with Del. Gregory Wims (D-39), Del. Lily Qi (D-15), and Luz Chavez Gonzales

Moderated by Montgomery County Council President Kate Stewart

3:15 – 4:15 pm **Reception**

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