

## The 1<sup>st</sup> Conference on Women and the Civil War

### **“Lead, Blood, and Tears:” Recognizing Women’s Efforts, 1861-1865**

Hood College, Frederick, MD

June 27-29, 1997

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Friday, June 27

#### **Welcome Reception**

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Saturday, June 28

#### **What’s in a Name? Gendering the *Official Records of the War of the Rebellion*.**

Dr. Elizabeth Leonard, Colby College.

A survey of the scope of women’s activities.

#### **Lead, Blood, and Ink: Family, Nation, and Sentiment in Civil War Hospital Correspondence.** Dr. Jane Schultz, Purdue University.

The link between nurses, soldiers, and soldiers’ families.

#### **Female Citizens on the Domestic Front: Slaves and Mistresses in Civil War Virginia.** Antoinette Van Zelm, College of William and Mary.

The intricacies of women’s wartime service on the home front.

#### **Women Telegraph Operators in the Civil War.** Thomas Jepsen, National Coalition of Independent Scholars.

#### **Media and Women During the Civil War.** Dr. Hazel Dicken-Garcia and Janet Cramer, University of Minnesota.

Press coverage of the changing roles of women.

#### **Permission to Come Onboard: Women Nurses on the USS *Red Rover*, 1861-1865.**

Steven Roca, University of Maryland.

The first nurses to serve in an official capacity on a US naval vessel were black women.

**Book signings**

**Banquet**

**Exhibits**

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Sunday, June 29

**For Righteousness Sake: Christianity and the Women of the Confederacy.** Karen Rae Mehaffey, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, MI.

Religious behavior and beliefs on the homefront.

**But Grandma Didn't Carry a Gun.** Marie Melchiori, CGRS, CGL.

Researching women in the National Archives.

**Female Soldiers.** DeAnne Blanton, National Archives, and Lauren Cook-Burgess, Fayetteville State University.

Patriotic and determined women who answered the call to duty and country.