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Maybe you missed it: "Cellars and African-American Slave Sites: New Data from an Upland South Plantation," by Amy L. Young, was published in 1997 in the Midcontinental Journal of Archaeology, vol. 22, no. 1, pp.95-115. The article focuses on cellars excavated at three slave house sites at the Locust Grove Plantation in Kentucky. Amy addresses how the cellars were constructed, used, abandoned, and filled to consider private property, the organization and use of personal space, and subsistence strategies.


Publication of the papers presented at the African Impact on the Material Culture of the Americas, interdisciplinary conference (May 31-June 1, 1996) is reportedly moving forward. Stay tuned for further details.

The National Association of African-American Studies will meet February 10-14, 1998 in Houston, Texas. Presentation are expected to address all aspects of the African-American experience including literature, demographics, history, politics, economics, arts, religion, etc. All accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings. For more information contact: Lemuel Berry, Jr. Morehead State University, (606) 783-2650.

David A. Poirier and Nicholas F. Bellantoni edited In Remembrance: Archaeology and Death published in 1997 by Bergin & Garvey (Greenwood Press), Westport, CT. 297 pp. $59.95 cloth (800) 225-5800. Four of the essays are concerned with African-American cemetery sites: the First African Baptist Church cemeteries, Philadelphia; Folly Island, South Carolina; Catoctin Furnace, Maryland, and Cedar Grove, Arkansas.

Published this June: Encyclopedia of Precolonial Africa: Archaeology, History, Languages, Culture, and Environments edited by Joseph O. Vogel, AltaMira Press, Walnut Creek, CA. 600 pp. $124.95 cloth (805) 499-9774 e-mail: order@sagepub.com. This is an extensively illustrated benchmark volume containing over 100 articles, each including a bibliography.

Postdoctoral/Visiting Scholar Fellowship in Ethnic Studies at UCLA's Institute of American Cultures includes research on African Americans. Awards range from $23-
28,000/yr, plus benefits, and up to $3,000 in research support. Prorated residencies of less than a year are also possible. Consult their web page for more information: http://www.gdnet.ucla.edu/iacweb/pstweber.htm.

The Schomberg Center for Research in Black Culture of the New York Public Library announces its 1998-99 Scholars-in-Residence Program. Half or full year Fellowships include a stipend of $15,000 or $30,000, respectively for professionals undertaking research among the Center’s collections. Projects must contribute to humanistic knowledge of African, African-American, or African-Caribbean history or culture. Degree candidates are not eligible. For more information contact the Center at 515 Malcolm X Boulevard, New York, NY 10037; (212) 491-2203; http://www.nypl.org/research/sc/scm/specfea.html. Deadline is January 12, 1998.

The Smithsonian Institution Fellowship Program is open to graduate student, pre-, post-, and senior postdoctoral candidates in American social, cultural, science and technology, and decorate arts history. Tenable in residence at the Smithsonian and its research facilities. Contact the Office of Fellowships and Grants, 955 L'Enfant Plaza, Suite 7000, Desk H, Washington, DC 20560; (202) 287-3271. Deadline is January 15, 1998.

The National Park Service and the Organization of American Historians are organizing a symposium to discuss Booker T. Washington and W. E. B. DuBois, their historical context, and influences to be held March 19-21, 1998 in Roanoke, Virginia. Julian Bond will be the keynote speaker on a program that will feature panel discussion addressing cultural resource and interpretive issues. Contact The Washington-DuBois Symposium, 112 North Bryan Street, Bloomington, IN 47408; (812) 855-7345.

Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis invites applications for senior and post-doctoral fellowships from researchers working on topics related to "The Black Atlantic: Race, Nation, and Gender." Contact Professors Deborah Gray White and Mia Elisabeth Bay, Project Directors, 88 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 Deadline is December 15, 1997.

The International Center for Jefferson Studies, Charlottesville, Virginia announces Residential Fellowships and travel grants for all scholars working on Jefferson, or Jefferson-related, projects. Fellowships are awarded for one-month's residency at the Center and may include lodging. Travel for shorter visits to Monticello for research or educational purposes are available on a limited basis. Contact Douglas L. Wilson, Saunders Director, International Center for Jefferson Studies, Monticello, Box 316, Charlottesville, VA 22902. Deadline in March 1, 1998.