

**MELUS 2013 Conference Major Events, Mar. 14-17, 2013**  
**Omni William Penn Hotel, 530 William Penn Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15219**

**Thur. Mar. 14, 2013, 2 pm**, conference begins. All meeting rooms are at Conference Level.

2-6:15 pm, sessions. All book exhibitions will take place in Conference Center C.

**6:30-8:30 pm, MELUS Thursday Welcoming Cash Bar Reception, Hope Room, Mezzanine Level**

**Fri. Mar. 15, 2013, 8 am-6:15 pm**, sessions

**12:30-1:50 pm, MELUS Friday Welcoming Lunch & Plenary Presentation, William Penn Ballroom**

- Welcome by Lingyan Yang, MELUS 2013 Conference Committee Chair, Program Chair and Vice President of MELUS, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Welcome by A. Yemisi Jimoh, President of MELUS, University of Massachusetts Amherst;
- **Welcome by Dr. Michael A. Driscoll, President, Indiana University of Pennsylvania**
- **Plenary Presentation, "Region, Crisis, and Incarceration," Houston A. Baker, Distinguished University Professor, Professor of English, Vanderbilt University**

2-3:15 pm, The 1<sup>st</sup> Professionalization Workshop, Phipps

"Succeeding in the Academic Job Market: A Professionalization Workshop for Graduate Students," Melissa Dennihy (Chair), The Graduate Center, CUNY; Tracy Floreani, Oklahoma City U; Fred Gardaphe, Distinguished Professor of English and Italian American Studies, Queens College, CUNY, former MELUS President, 2007-09, 2003-06; Christopher Gonzalez, Texas A & M U, Commerce; Amritjit Singh, Langston Hughes Professor of English, Ohio U, former MELUS President, 1994-97

**3:30-4:45 pm, Plenary, "Global, Positioning, System: Locating Ethnicity in the World,"**

**David Palumbo-Liu, Louise Hewlett Nixon Professor, Director, Dept. of Comparative Literature, Director, Asian American Studies, Stanford University, William Penn Ballroom**

**5-6:15 pm, Reception Hosted by Oxford University Press, Patricia Thomas, Editor, Frick Room**

**Sat. Mar. 16, 2013, 8 am-6:15 pm**, sessions

11am-12:15 pm, The 2<sup>nd</sup> Professionalization Workshop, Conference Center B

"Challenges of Professionalization: How to Negotiate Your Way into a Campus and Much More: A Workshop for New Assistant Professors and Advanced Graduate Students," Amritjit Singh, Chair, Ohio U, former MELUS President, 1994-97; Martha Cutter, Editor of *MELUS*, U of Connecticut; Wenying Xu, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Chatham U, former MELUS President, 2009-12; Joseph Skerrett, Editor Emeritus of *MELUS*, U of Massachusetts at Amherst, former MELUS President, 1984-86; Daniel Scott III, Rhode Island College

**2-3:15 pm, Plenary Presentation, "Voci Radicali: Feminism and the Italian American Imaginary,"**

**Mary Jo Bona, Professor of Italian American Studies and Women's and Gender Studies, Stony Brook University, William Penn Ballroom**

**3:30-4:45 pm, Plenary and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Professionalization Panel, William Penn Ballroom**

**"Editors' Roundtable: Getting Your Essays and Books on Ethnic American Literature Accepted for Publication,"** Martha Cutter, Chair, Editor of *MELUS*, U of Connecticut; Veronica Makowsky, Editor Emeritus of *MELUS*, U of Connecticut; Joycelyn Mooty, Sue E. Denmann Distinguished Professor, former editor of *African American Review*, U of Texas at San Antonio; Fred Gardaphe, Distinguished Professor of Italian American Studies, Queens College, CUNY; Amritjit Singh, Langston Hughes Professor of English, Ohio University,

5-6:15 pm, MELUS Membership Meeting, Presided over by A Yemisi Jimoh, President of MELUS, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Conference Center A

**Sun. Mar. 17, 2013, 8:30-11:15 am**, sessions; 11:15 am, MELUS 2013 Conference ends.