



HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Baltimore's Confederate Women and the Civil War

Local Scholar Speaks at the Historical Society of
Baltimore County



The Confederate women of Baltimore and their activities during and after the Civil War will be the topic of a presentation at the Historical Society of Baltimore County on Sunday, June 8, 2008. Dr. Claudia Floyd, of Villa Julie College, will present *Baltimore's Confederate Women: Perpetuating a Culture of War* at 1:30 PM that day. The program will take place at the Historical Society and the public is invited and encouraged to attend. Non-members will be assessed a fee of \$5/person at the door.

According to Floyd, her research has revealed that the inscription "Glory Stands Beside Our Grief," placed on a monument erected by the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Baltimore in 1903, is a fitting motto for the city's Confederate women in the decades after the Civil War and Reconstruction. Those who sympathized with the Southern cause devoted their energies to raising money and resources to assist veterans of the Maryland Line and to creating separate Confederate social activities, memorials, and institutions to perpetuate a culture of war. They were a part of a distinctive and well-defined community that sought and achieved a remarkable degree of social and political success. United by emotions, symbols, and ideology, Baltimore's Confederate women pursued vindication for their side and, in the process, helped to shape the collective historical memory of a conflict that traumatized and deeply divided a city and a state.

An award-winning member of Villa Julie's Public History faculty, Floyd teaches courses dealing with history and political science. Floyd is also a member of the Society for Women and the Civil War and has given presentations regarding attitudes toward technology in the Civil War as well as the remarkable activities of Jane Claudia Johnson in support of the First Maryland Regiment, C.S.A. during the Civil War.