

The Panelists

Dr. Ronald Bayor is Professor and Chairman of the School of History, Technology and Society, Georgia Institute of Technology, and author of *Race and The Shaping of 20th Century Atlanta*, University of North Carolina Press.

Ms. Rebecca Burns is an Atlanta-based author. Her most recent book is *Rage in The Gate City: The Story of the 1906 Atlanta Race Riot*, Emmis Books.

Dr. June Dobbs Butts is the daughter of John Wesley Dobbs, a prominent black Atlantan who was an activist at the time of the 1906 race riot and who was the grandfather of the late Maynard Jackson, the first black mayor of Atlanta. Dr. Butts is a retired educator and scientist who received training as a sex therapist by the late Masters and Johnson. She is a founding member of The Coalition to Remember the 1906 Atlanta Race Riot.

Dr. Larry Keating is a Professor of City and Regional Planning, Georgia Institute of Technology, and author of *Atlanta: Race, Class, and Urban Development*, Temple University Press.

Ms. Amanda Meng is a Junior, majoring in Global Economics and International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology. She is a member of The Ivan Allen College Student Advisory Board and is a native Atlantan.

Dr. Georgia A. Persons, Moderator, is Professor, School of Public Policy, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Director, Outreach and Special Projects, Ivan Allen College.

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Remembrance and Reconciliation

A Panel Discussion

To Commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of the 1906 Atlanta Race Riot

Thursday, September 28, 2006

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

New Presentational Space, East
Commons

Gilbert A. Price Library

Georgia Institute of Technology

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The 1906 Atlanta Race Riot:

Remembrance and Reconciliation

During the summer of 1906, white fears of African Americans' increasing economic and social power, sensationalized rhetoric from white politicians, and unsubstantiated news stories about a black crime wave created a powder keg of racial tension in Atlanta. The powder keg exploded on the night of September 22nd in what became known as the Atlanta Race Riot. By the time the riot ended on September 25th, at least 25 blacks and two whites lay dead.

Over the years, the collective public memory of this act of terrorism has faded, but fears that arose from that violence have continued and have fed the racial attitudes that (help to) segregate our city. In this year of the 100th anniversary of this tragic event, The Coalition to Remember the 1906 Atlanta Race Riot has organized to restore the memory of this defining event in the city's history and to move toward healing and reconciliation. The mission of the Coalition is to work to create public awareness of the riot and its legacy, facilitate open and ongoing dialogue amongst diverse communities, inspire Atlantans to appreciate differences as opportunities to build community, and inspire positive systemic change in Atlanta's racial relations.

Coalition to Remember the 1906 Atlanta Race Riot

The Program

IntroductionDr. Georgia A. Persons, Moderator

Moments of Remembrance

A video presentation of the names of the those killed in the 1906 riot.

The Panel Discussion: Remembrance and Reconciliation

Dr. Ronald Bayor

Race and the Shaping of 20th Century Atlanta

Ms. Rebecca Burns

Rage in The Gate City: The Story of the 1906 Atlanta Race Riot

Dr. June Dobbs Butts

The 1906 Atlanta Race Riot and African American/Negro Activism: A Descendant's Perspective

Dr. Larry Keating

The 1906 Race Riot and Its Impact on Growth and Development in Atlanta

Ms. Amanda Meng

Generational Legacies of the 1906 Atlanta Race Riot

Audience Questions and Comments

Dr. Sue RosserClosing Statement

Ivan Allen Jr. Dean of Liberal Arts

Refreshments Served