

# Upcoming MCAAHC Speakers Series

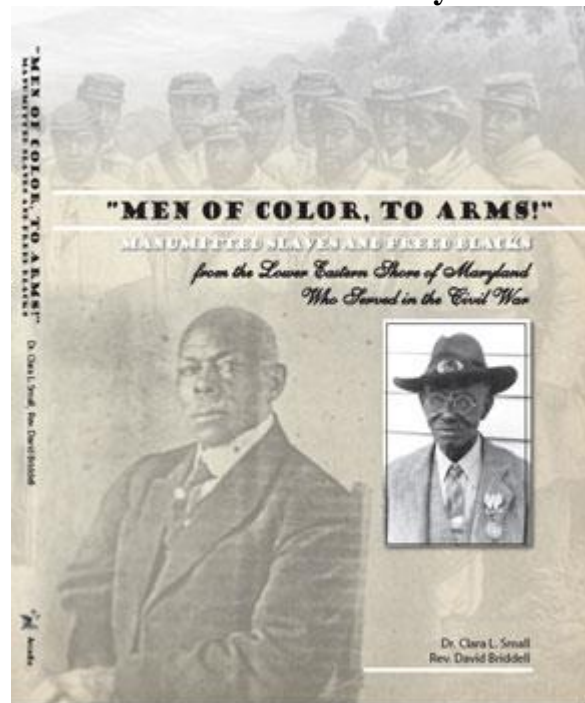
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5:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
Dr. Clara Small

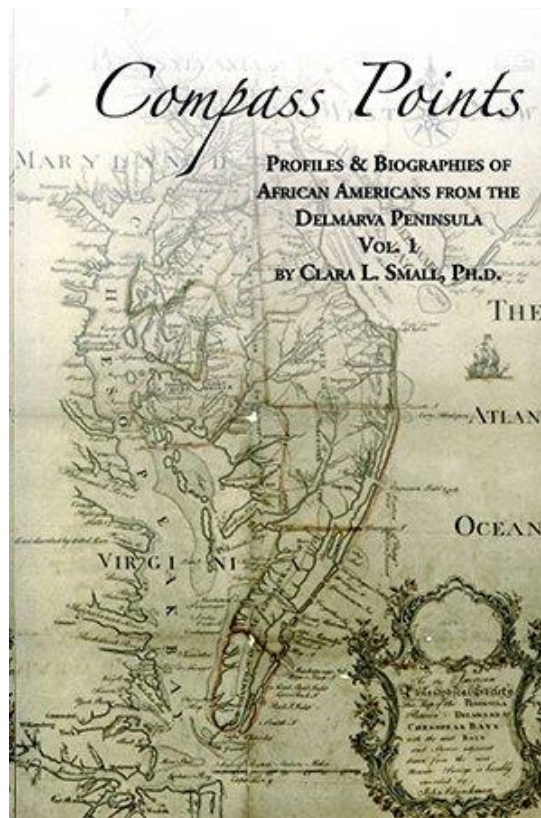


*Manumitted Slaves and Free Blacks from the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland Who Served in the Civil War & newly released book Compass Points*



The names, ranks and dates of enlistment and discharge, desertion or death are listed for some 1,300 Lower Shore residents. Also included for some of the soldiers are town of residence, age, freedom status (free or slave during the war), slave owners' names and dates the slaves received their freedom. The authors also include historical information to create a greater understanding of the role played by African-American soldiers during the war.

Among the families included in the book are Bailey, Bowen, Bivens, Briddell, Brittingham, Carey, Collins, Costen, Dale, Davis, Dennis, Downing, Duncan, Fassett, Fitchett, Fletcher, Franklin, Gibson, Griffin, Hall, Hammond, Handy, Hargis, Henry, Holland, Horsey, Hudson, Jackson, Jacobs, Jarman, Johnson, Jones, Lane, Leonard, Long, Marshall, Massey, Miles, Mitchell, Morris, Parker, Parsons, Pitts, Porter, Powell, Purnell, Robbins, Robinson, Selby, Shockley, Showell, Smith, Spence, Stewart, Sturgis, Taylor, Tingle, Truitt, Warren, Washington, Waters, Whaley, Williams and Wright.



This 317 page book got its start back in 1998 when one of Dr. Small's students made the comment, "Blacks have never done anything in this country, nor on the Eastern Shore." That night, Small stayed up all night and wrote a 32 page manuscript. Over the next 15 years, Small continued to work on her labor of love. She spent time researching the individuals she wanted to profile and conducted interviews with friends, family, coworkers, and even the individuals themselves when possible. Small hopes that the book will help educate people about the many contributions made by African Americans in the area.

This book includes brief biographies of well-known abolitionists such as Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass. Others are less well-known. Among those who stand out most to Small personally are Henry Highland Garnet, the first African-American nationalist; Richard Allen, founding bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; Charles Chipman, Salisbury educator and community leader; Crystal Bird Fauset, Pennsylvania House of Representatives member; Mary Fair Burks, civil rights activist; and Stephen Bensen, president of Liberia.