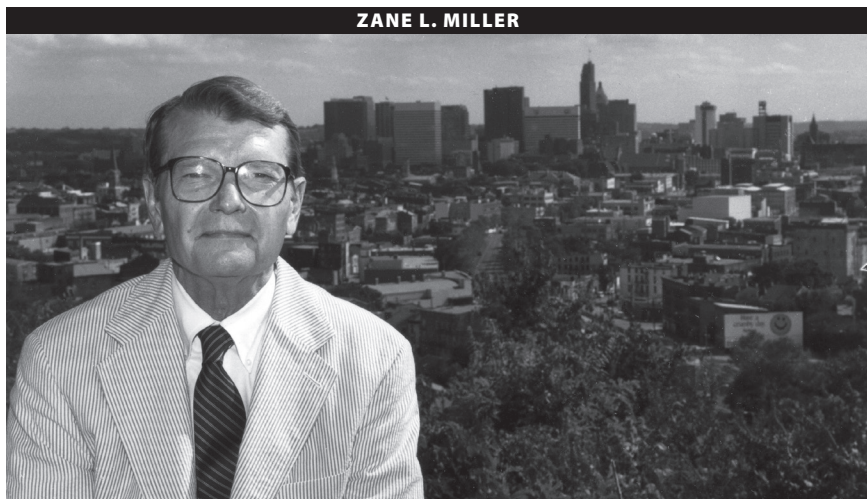


ZANE L. MILLER



Zane L. Miller lived as a historian in and of the city. A leader in the field of urban history, he taught generations of students at the University of Cincinnati, retiring as the Charles Phelps Taft Professor of History after more than 35 years. During his distinguished career he helped found, and served as one the first presidents of the Urban History Association, and edited major book series in urban history for the University of Illinois, the Ohio State University, and Temple University presses, work he continued into the last years of his life. His influential books include *Boss Cox's Cincinnati: Urban Politics in the Progressive Era* (1968), *Suburb: Neighborhood and Community in Forest Park, Ohio, 1935-1976* (1981), *Changing Plans for America's Inner Cities*, co-written with Bruce Tucker (1998), and *Visions of Place: The City, Neighborhoods, Suburbs, and Cincinnati's Clifton, 1850-2000* (2001). The hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students he mentored remember him fondly. Many went on to their own notable careers in history and urban activism.

Zane passed away in March 2016. This symposium honors his legacy, both as a scholar, and as an engaged member of the Cincinnati community. He modeled what it meant to be a citizen scholar and a civic activist. He not only wrote pioneering works of urban history, he also served on local and state civic, preservation, and political bodies, including the Cincinnati Urban Conservation Task Force, the Cincinnati Charter Review Commission, the Cincinnati Association, and the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Democratic Party. "Civic activity makes democracy tick," Zane once wrote. "Scholarship, history, and public history all help improve society."

The Zane L. Miller Symposium: Conversations in the City, and UC's History in the City initiative, continue Professor Miller's legacy of civic engagement.

UC HISTORY IN THE CITY

Zane L. Miller Symposium

CONVERSATIONS *in the City*

Bringing together community leaders, city residents, scholars, and students
to discuss contemporary issues facing Cincinnati



Charles McMicken, UC, & the African American Community

Thursday, February 28, 2019

First Unitarian Church

536 Linton St., Cincinnati 45219

5:30 p.m.

OPENING RECEPTION

6:00-7:30 p.m.

PANEL & DISCUSSION

7:30 p.m.

CLOSING RECEPTION



#UCHISTintheCity

University of
CINCINNATI

Sinna Habteselassie is a Neuroscience and Organizational Leadership double major and Student Body President at the University of Cincinnati, representing 46,000 students. She is the first African American woman to serve in that capacity. Under her leadership, Student Government passed a resolution supporting the removal of Charles McMicken's name from the College of Arts and Sciences. As an aspiring attorney in international law, Sinna is fascinated with global development, human rights, and universal health.

Greg Hand retired in 2014 as Associate Vice President for Public Relations and University Spokesperson at the University of Cincinnati. He is co-author of four books on UC, as well as a short biography of Charles McMicken, and author of "Charles McMicken's Secret: His African American Children." A 1974 graduate of UC, Hand was editor of the Western Hills Press in suburban Cincinnati before joining UC. He is a freelance writer and maintains a blog regarding curious episodes in Cincinnati's history.

Charles E. Jones is Professor of Africana Studies and Department Head at the University of Cincinnati. His research centers on the role of race in the legislative process, African American social movements, and interdisciplinary aspects of Africana Studies. Jones has authored over forty journal articles and book chapters as well as three edited books including *Higher Learning: Hip Hop in the Ivory Tower* and *Afrofuturism: The Rise of Astroblackness*. He is the past president of the National Council for Black Studies, 2006-2010.

Ashley Nkadi received her Bachelors degree in Neuroscience from the University of Cincinnati in 2016. While on campus she worked for greater equity and inclusion, serving as the co-president of the United Black Student Association, co-founder of the student-led activist movement the Irate 8, and founder of *Noir Magazine*, a publication highlighting communities of color. Currently, she is the Communication Director for BYP100, a Chicago-based activist organization. Her writing has appeared in a number of national and online publications.

Rev. Connie Smith serves as minister of First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati. Prior to entering the ministry, she served as a lawyer, a political consultant, small business owner, an event planner, professor, realtor and program director for a non-profit. At the heart of each position has been a desire to serve others. Rev. Connie describes her ministry as "healing people from the inside-out so they can do the outside-in work our world so desperately needs."

David Stradling is Professor of History and Associate Dean of Humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Cincinnati. He teaches urban and environmental history and is the author of several books, including *Where the River Burned: Carl Stokes and the Struggle to Save Cleveland* with Richard Stradling. Most recently, Dr. Stradling authored a history of UC, *In Service to the City: A History of the University of Cincinnati*, published by the University of Cincinnati Press in 2018.

THANK YOU

UC History in the City thanks the following for their financial support:

UC College of Arts and Sciences

The Niehoff Fund

Janet Miller

Charles and Virginia Casey-Leininger

Judith Spraul-Schmidt and Michael Schmidt

UC History in the City thanks the following Co-Sponsors:

UC Department of Africana Studies

UC African American Cultural and Resource Center

**UC Research Panel on University-City Relations, Affiliate of
Universities Studying Slavery**

PROGRAM

WELCOME

Rev. Connie Smith

First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati

INTRODUCTIONS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Dr. David Stradling, Moderator

*Zane L. Miller Professor of History, Associate Dean of Humanities,
College of Arts & Sciences*

*Author, In Service to the City: A History
of the University of Cincinnati*

PANEL:

Sinna Habteselassie

UC Student Body President

Greg Hand

*Former UC Associate Vice President for Public Relations
and University Spokesperson*

*Author, "Charles McMicken's Secret: His African American Children"
& Co-Author, "Charles McMicken"*

Co-Author, The University of Cincinnati

*Editor, From the Temple of Zeus to the Hyperloop:
University of Cincinnati Stories*

Dr. Charles E. Jones

*Professor and Department Head, UC Department of Africana Studies
Co-Editor, Higher Learning: Hip Hop in the Ivory Tower and
Afrofuturism: The Rise of Astroblackness*

Ashley Nkadi

*Irate 8 co-founder, writer and social activist
Founder and Editor-in-Chief, Noir Magazine*

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & DISCUSSION:

Moderator, Panelists & Audience