Conference Announcement: The University of Southern California Center for Law, History and Culture is pleased to announce our Tenth Anniversary Event: A Conference on Law and Memory, to be held at the USC Gould School of Law on February 25-26, 2011. This event, which is open to the public, will bring together scholars of law, history, psychology, literature, communications and cultural studies to discuss the myriad ways individuals and societies remember – and forget – the past through law. While scholarship on history and memory has exploded in recent years, and much of it has centered on the role of trials and other legal processes in shaping collective memory, only recently has work in the new field of law and humanities begun to explore the intersections of law and memory more self-consciously. As a tribute to our center’s work in nurturing this new field, many leading figures in Law and Humanities will join us in February for the Conference on Law and Memory. The program will include a keynote address by Robert Gordon of Yale and Stanford Law Schools on History, Memory, and the Constitution; a plenary session with Elaine Scarry of Harvard University and Paul St. Amour of the University of Pennsylvania on Social Contract and Law’s Memory; and a Roundtable on Law and the Memory of Slavery, including Annette Gordon-Reed of Harvard Law School and Cheryl Harris of UCLA School of Law. The preliminary schedule appears below. The event is open to the public. Registration is $10 ($5 for students) and includes continental breakfasts and lunches. To register, please contact Mira Dalpe, clhcserv@law.usc.edu or 213-821-1239.

USC Law and Memory Conference Preliminary Schedule

Friday, February 25, 2011:
8:30 Continental Breakfast served
8:45 Welcome and introductory remarks

9:00 – 10:30 War, Time, and Memory
Mary Dudziak, USC, Law
Marita Sturken, NYU, Media, Culture & Communication
Elizabeth Hillman, UC Hastings, Law
Commentator: Nick Cull, USC, Communications

11:00 – 12:30 Trials, Narrative and Memory
Tom Lyon, USC, Law & Psychology
Kathy Pezdek, Claremont College, Psychology
Jessica Silbey, Suffolk University, Law
Commentator: Jennifer Mnookin, UCLA, Law

12:30 – 2:00 Lunch

2:00 – 3:30 Roundtable: Law and the Memory of Slavery
Al Brophy, UNC, Law
Annette Gordon-Reed, Harvard, Law & History
Cheryl Harris, UCLA, Law
Moderator: Ariela Gross, USC, Law & History

4:00 – 5:00 History, Memory and the Constitution
Robert Gordon, Yale, Law

5:00 Reception

Saturday, February 26, 2011

9:30 – 11:00 Property and Memory
Eduardo Penalver, Cornell, Law
Ravit Reichman, Brown, English
Michelle Anderson, Berkeley, Law
Commentator: Nomi Stolzenberg, USC, Law

11:30 – 1:00 Trauma and Oblivion
Norm Spaulding, Stanford, Law
Leora Bilsky, Tel Aviv Univ., Law
Michèle Riot-Sarcey, Université de Paris VIII
Commentator: TBA

1:00 – 2:30 Lunch

2:30 – 4:00 War, Social Contract, and Law’s Memory
Elaine Scarry, Harvard, English
Paul St. Amour, U. Penn., English
Commentator: Hilary Schor, USC, English & Law