

CLARA SMALL TO PROVIDE KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT THE PI GAMMA MU CONVENTION THIS NOVEMBER



We are pleased to announce that Dr. Clara Small will be providing the keynote address at the 2017 Triennial Convention this November. Small is Professor Emeritus of History at Salisbury University in Maryland and is currently the Interim Chair of the Department of Social Sciences at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Small also serves as the 2nd Vice President on the Pi Gamma Mu International Board of Trustees. She is also a noted public speaker and author. Among her areas of expertise is African-American life on the Eastern Shore. She has written and talked about notable individuals from the Eastern Shore, such as the first African-American woman to serve in a state legislature who lived on the Delmarva Peninsula. Also from the Delmarva Peninsula are two Tuskegee Airmen, a Buffalo Soldier, and the second president of Liberia. Small hopes that her 2014 book, *Compass Points: Profiles and Biographies of African Americans from the Delmarva Peninsula*, will get into the heads of her readers. "Most people who live here have no idea about [the book's subjects'] contributions to Delmarva," she said. "Most of them are national figures." The book features 56 African-Americans from the region.

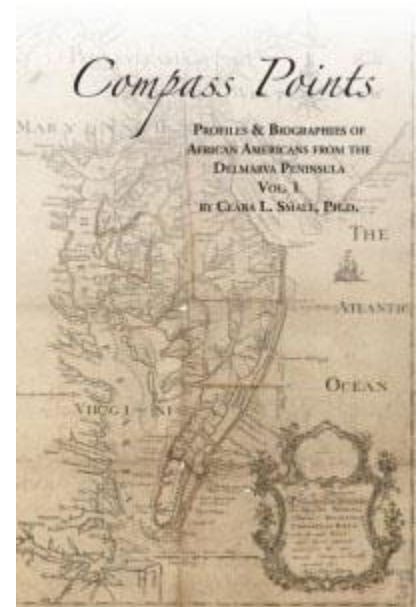
Over the course of her nearly 40-year career as a professor at Salisbury University, Dr. Small became known as one of the leading scholars and historians on African American history on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Years after her retirement from SU, Dr. Small is as busy as ever. She is working on a soon-to-be released follow-up volume to her acclaimed book, *Compass Points*, and gives presentations at a variety of events including Pi Gamma Mu induction ceremonies in her area, in addition to serving as the Interim Chair of the Social Sciences Department at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Dr. Small was the co-sponsor of the Maryland Gamma Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at Salisbury University from 1983-2014. Under her leadership, the chapter made the Pi Gamma Mu chapter honor rolls many times. Small is also a former Chancellor of the Northeast Region and is the current Second Vice President of the International Board of Trustees of Pi Gamma Mu. She serves as Chair of the Society's Awards Committee which has responsibilities related to Pi Gamma Mu scholarships and other awards.

Other publications by Dr. Small include:

Did You Know? African Americans on Delmarva, Vol. 1 (2014).

"Men of Color, To Arms!" Manumitted Slaves and Free Blacks from the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland Who Served in the Civil War,



co-authored with Rev. David Briddell. (2010)

Reality Check: Brief Biographies of African American on the Delmarva Peninsula (1998, this book was placed in schools and libraries throughout the lower Eastern Shore.)

"Abolitionists, Free Blacks, and Runaway Slaves Surviving Slavery on Maryland's Eastern Shore," in *A History of African Americans in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore*, 1997.