Baltimore 68: Riots and Rebirth is a three day conference that will be held from April 3-5, 2008 at the University of Baltimore. The conference will focus on the events and aftermath of the riots that tore apart Baltimore City in the wake of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. forty years ago this April. Conference topics include discussions of gentrification, the convergence of the Civil Rights and anti-war movements, the role of the faith community in trying to heal the wounds of the riots, and oral history presentations from those who were present during the outbreak of violence.

Of particular interest to teachers, Friday’s program will feature a presentation on the 1968 Riots Project by area high school students. Saturday’s events will open with an educators’ roundtable, led by eight teachers from the “Making American History Master Teachers in Baltimore County” program. The panel will consider how to teach about controversial topics by examining the 1968 Baltimore riots in the larger historical context of political, social, and economic issues and trends of the 1960s. Resource materials will be available. “Making American History in Baltimore County” is a grant-funded partnership between Baltimore County Public Schools and the Center for History Education at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

For more information about the conference and to register online, visit www.ubalt.edu/baltimore68. “Baltimore 68: Riots and Rebirth” is sponsored by the University of Baltimore, WYPR, the Maryland Humanities Council, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, and the William G. Baker Memorial Fund.