



George Samuel Schuyler



Marion Elizabeth Rodgers

## **HENRY LOUIS MENCKEN & GEORGE SAMUEL SCHUYLER**

On Thursday, March 10, Marion Elizabeth Rodgers, author of “Mencken: The American Iconoclast,” will speak on the legendary Baltimorean, H. L. Mencken, focusing on Mencken’s relationship with George Samuel Schuyler.

George Samuel Schuyler (1895-1977) was an African-American author, journalist, and social commentator known for his conservatism, after an early flirtation with socialism. Schuyler’s writings caught the eye of Mencken who wrote “I am more and more convinced that [Schuyler] is the most competent editorial writer now in practice in this great free republic.” Schuyler contributed ten articles to the *American Mercury* during Mencken’s tenure as editor, all dealing with African-American issues, and all notable for his wit and incisive analysis. As a result of his close association with Mencken, as well as their compatible ideologies and sharp use of satire, Schuyler during this time period was frequently referred to as “the Black Mencken.”

This will be Ms. Rodgers’ fifth appearance at the Library. Her previous presentations were “Mencken, Ritchie & Prohibition”; “Mencken & Lynchings”; “Mencken & The Red Scare”; and “Mencken & The American Presidency.” Please join us for the latest installment in this most amazing series. A fascinating subject, a gifted presenter, an elegant setting; who could ask for anything more?

**Place:** Mitchell Courthouse – 100 North Calvert Street – Main Reading Room of the Bar Library (Room 618, Mitchell Courthouse).

**Time:** 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 10, 2016, with a wine & cheese reception immediately following.

**Invitees:** Members of the Library Company of the Baltimore Bar and their guests, judges, employees of Baltimore City and its courts, courthouse employees, government lawyers, public interest lawyers, law librarians, law and college faculty and students. Others may attend on payment of a \$20 admission charge or upon application for Bar Library membership. Proceeds will go to the Bar Library’s Honorable Harry A. Cole Self-Help Center.

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