

PLAC(E)ING BLACK FUTURES

A GRADUATE SYMPOSIUM

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024

3520 PROSPECT ST NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20007
CAR BARN ROOM 204

PROGRAM

12:45-1 PM

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dr. Amani Morrison

1-2:30 PM

Panel 1: Black Placemaking in the
Mid-Atlantic Region

Moderated by Dr. Amani Morrison

2:45-4 PM

Panel 2: Embodied Epistemologies of
Refusal and Reimagination

Moderated by Dr. Carlyn Ferrari

Join us to hear from emerging voices
researching the intersections of Black
placemaking, futurity, and ecology

4:10-5:25 PM

Panel 3: Forging Otherwise Worlds
Amidst Dystopia and Empire

Moderated by Dr. Zandria Robinson

5:25- 6:30 PM

Closing Remarks and
Courtyard Reception

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PANELISTS

PANEL 1: BLACK PLACEMAKING IN THE MID-ATLANTIC REGION

Commemoration versus Community: The Establishment of the National Park Service's Chimborazo Medical Museum in Richmond, Virginia in the 1950s

Laura Fretwell, George Mason University

"Any Piece of Land We Can Claim": Black Power Legacies and the Politics of Urban Agriculture in Contemporary Washington, D.C.

Dominique Hazzard, Johns Hopkins University

The "Chief Haunts" of Washington: Insurgent Geographies of Black Alley Life in D.C.

Brendan Hornbostel, The George Washington University

"To Become a Part of a Society that is Meaningful": A History of the Ella Jo Baker Intentional Community Cooperative

Jessica Rucker, The University of Maryland - College Park

PANEL 2: EMBODIED EPISTEMOLOGIES OF REFUSAL AND REIMAGINATION

Eco-literary Epistemologies in Zora Neale Hurston's Their Eyes Were Watching God

Sabrina Bramwell, Howard University

Unbound By Time and Space: Black Food Geographies as Sites of Aliveness

Cambria Conley, The University of Maryland - College Park

Activist Ethnography, Mutual Aid, and the Myth of Objectivity

Raychel Gadson, Johns Hopkins University

PANEL 3: FORGING OTHERWISE WORLDS AMIDST DYSTOPIA AND EMPIRE

Outside the Constitution But Under the Flag: African American Migratory Politics in the Insular Territories

Matthew Rohn, The George Washington University

"Space could be our future": Parable of the Sower and the Unmoored

Spatial Project of Earthseed

Isaiah Washington, Georgetown University

Aman Iman, Water is Life: Mapping Marinescapes in Nnedi Okorafor's Lagoon

Paola Yuli, Howard University

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