

THE ACADEMY'S ORIGINAL SIN

UNIVERSITIES STUDYING SLAVERY (USS) 2019 FALL SYMPOSIUM

Itinerary

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

There are complimentary shuttles available from 12pm-4pm that will take participants to/from CVG and symposium hotels. An additional shuttle route will be available from 3pm-5:30pm to take participants from symposium hotels and UC to Xavier University. Full shuttle routes and schedule will be available in the conference brochure.

USS Symposium Networking Room (12pm-3pm)

Open room for registered conference participants to meet, gather, and connect. Drinks provided. Must show I.D.

Location: Fairfield Inn & Suites, 2500 S Market St, Cincinnati, OH 45219

Conference Registration (12pm- 6pm)

Location: Cintas Center (*enter at Schiff Conference Room level*)

Xavier University Campus tours (3:30pm/4:00pm)

Tours begin at the Cintas Center with one leaving at 3:30pm and another at 4:00pm

USS Welcome Reception (5pm, Cocktail hour)

Join us for an enlightening evening of thoughtful conversation and engagement that will set the tone for the fall symposium. The reception begins with an informal cocktail hour at 5:00pm, featuring live performances from the Chris Andrews Jazz Trio. Formal program begins at 6:00pm. Keynote remarks by Dr. Sowande' Mustakeem, Washington University, and performance by the Bi-Okoto Cultural Center.

Location: Cintas Center, Banquet Rooms 1 & 2

Thursday, October 10, 2019

There are complimentary shuttles available from 7:30am-9:30am that will take participants to/from symposium hotels and University Pavilion to Xavier University. An additional shuttle route will be available from 4:30pm-6pm to take participants from Xavier University to symposium hotels and UC. Full shuttle routes and schedule will be available in the conference brochure.

USS Business Meeting (8am-9am)

Open business meeting for all USS members. Come hear the latest updates from Universities Studying Slavery (USS) and be informed on how the consortium plans to move forward.

Location: Cintas Center Conference Room 1 & 2

Facilitator: Ashley Schmidt (University of Virginia)

Artist in Residence Cypher Lounge (Open 9:00am-5:00pm)

This community space is open to the public as a place to connect and commune throughout the symposium. Visit this space to learn more about Xavier University's Artist in Residence Angela Franklin and to see artistic reflections of discernment concerning racial repair and healing.

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Location: Clocktower Lounge, Gallagher Student Center 3rd floor

Institutional Plenary (9:15am-10:15am)

This featured panel involves XU/UC leadership who will discuss the history, present work, and future hopes of Xavier University and the University of Cincinnati as it pertains to their connections to slavery.

Location: Cintas Center Banquet Rooms 1 & 2

Moderator: Chris Miller, Senior Director of Education, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (NURFC)

Panelists:

Michael J. Graham, SJ, President Xavier University

Dr. C. Walker Gollar, Professor, Theology & Lead researcher on Fenwick, Xavier University

Dr. Kyra Shahid, Chair of the Stained Glass Initiative, Director of CDI, Xavier University

Verna L. Williams, JD., Dean and Nippert Professor of Law, University of Cincinnati

Kevin Grace, University Archivist, and a Senior Librarian, University of Cincinnati

Louis D. Bilonis, Dean Emeritus and Droege Professor of Law, University of Cincinnati

Concurrent Sessions A (10:30am-11:45am)

Legacies of the Middle Passage

This panel evaluates the lasting legacies of the transatlantic slave trade, focusing on a variety of responses to cultural trauma and efforts to heal and transform.

Location: Cintas Schiff Conference Center Room 4

Moderator: Ahmad Washington, University of Iowa

Presenters: Ahmad Washington; University of Iowa graduate students

“The Ties That Bind”

This panel is exclusively designed to discuss developments on university campuses re: controversial spaces and historical legacies.

Location: Cintas Schiff Conference Center Room 5

Moderator: Thai Jones (Columbia University)

Presenters: Katherine Smith (Barnard College), Sussanah Haury (The Graduate School of the University of Charleston, South Carolina and the Citadel Graduate College), Meghan Brophy (Barnard College)

“Violent Evangelism”: Weaponizing Faith and Teaching place

Slaveholders and their sympathizers often defended slavery by pointing to its presence in the Bible as evidence of its place in a higher plan for social order. Interpretation of biblical stories like Cain and Abel, and that of Noah's son Ham, offered proof that “Negroes” were accursed and their enslavement theologically condoned. This panel explores the Christianization of slaves, segregationist theology, and the ethics of disarmament.

Location: Cintas Schiff Conference Center Rooms 1&2

Moderator: Vanessa Allen-Brown (University of Cincinnati)

Panelists: Stephan Haynes (Rhodes College), Nelson Pierce (University of Cincinnati), Eric Thurman (University of the South, Sewanee), Alexandra Frosie (North Dakota State University)

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Race-Related Trauma Round-Table: Reflections on psychologists teaching and learning about race-related stress and trauma.

Despite the reality that African Americans are extremely likely to experience race-related stress and trauma in their lifetimes, only a small percentage receive professional help. Alternative approaches taken by black psychologists that impart knowledge in communities and address the psychosocial causes and effects of social injustices related to historical racism and race-related stress and trauma will be discussed.

Location: Cintas Schiff Conference Banquet Room 1

Facilitators: Anna Cash Ghee (Xavier University), Ph.D., A. Kathleen Burlew University of Cincinnati, Ph.D., Randi Burlew, Ph.D.

Reflection Luncheon: Envisioning Restitution: Insights from Georgetown University's Black Student Alliance (12:00pm-1:15pm)

This is an interactive luncheon for conference participants to reflect and discern how the work of Georgetown University can influence work on their own campuses. There will be guided questions for table discussion and reflection.

Location: Cintas Banquet Rooms 1 & 2

Moderator: David Johnson, Xavier University

Presenters: Chukwuma Okoro and Larry Taylor, Georgetown Black Student Alliance

Concurrent Sessions B (1:30pm-2:45pm)

Our Shared Inheritance

The Society of Jesus, like many religious orders, participated in the institution of slavery, and Jesuit missionary efforts and educational institutions across the United States were built and sustained on the backs of unfree people. This presentation aims to address the institutional sins of Jesuit higher education and the religious tradition that feeds Jesuit colleges and universities.

Location: Cintas Schiff Conference Center Room 4

Moderator: Ayan Ali (Jesuits USA Central and Southern Province)

Panelists: Laura Weis (Jesuits, USA), Jonathan Smith (Washington University, St. Louis), Edward Peck (Guilford College), Kelly Schmidt (Loyola University, Chicago)

Teaching Trauma (Part I)

This session will explore the ways in which healing-centered leadership development experiences that intentionally integrate culture and soulful contemplative practices offer Diasporic Souls the opportunity to experience healing and restoration and to deepen their ongoing capacity for resilience and resistance i.e. their capacity to seek healing justice in the face of ongoing oppression.

Location: Cintas Center Banquet Room 1

Moderator: Phyllis Jeffers-Coly, Diasporic Soul

Panelists: Diasporic Soul Participants (Xavier University)

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1619 Panel Part I: Universities and the Local Black Church

The Black Church has been one of the longest lasting institutions in the Black community. Black Churches have helped people to resist and/or survive slavery and the subsequent forms anti-black racism with their souls relatively intact. This panel will discuss what relationships of repair should look like between universities and Black Churches.

Location: Cintas Schiff Conference Center Room 1 & 2

Moderator: Rosalyn Collins (Xavier University)

Concurrent Sessions C (3:00pm-4:15pm)

Legacies of Slavery (Part I)

Participants are welcome to discuss their unique campus climate regarding the work of retributive justice and to introduce the broad range of activities designed to facilitate (or hinder) an official acknowledgement of the sacrifices of black bodies for the development of the Ivory Tower.

Location: Cintas Schiff Conference Center Room 4

Moderator: Tracey DuEst (Xavier University)

Panelists: Lynn Rainville (Washington & Lee University), Brandon Inabinet (Furman University)

Voices of our Youth: Area High School Panel

Participants are invited to hear from and engage with local area high school students as they discuss the impact of slavery 400 years from their perspective and their ideas on how we move forward.

Location: Cintas Center Banquet Room 1

Moderator: Lydia Gheorghui (University of Birmingham, UK)

Panelists: Hughes High School

1619 Panel (Part II): Universities and Historically Black Greek Organizations

Part of the reasoning for founding several Black Greek Organizations, was to provide the academic and social structures to help Black students navigate predominately white institutions. How can PWI's and Black Greek Organizations reimagine their relationships in ways that take seriously the need for repair?

Location: Cintas Schiff Conference Center Room 1 & 2

Moderator: Joya Dillard (Xavier University)

Panelists: Jubilee, Cincinnati

A Deeper Dive into Xavier's Connections to Slavery (Open Session)

The presentation is open to the public and will give participants more insight into Xavier University's connection to slavery. As the fourth oldest Catholic Jesuit School, Xavier University has a different narrative from many other Jesuit Universities that offers unique opportunities for realizing racial reconciliation today.

Location: Conaton Board Room, Schmidt Hall 2nd floor

Moderator: C. Walker Gollar (Xavier University)

Panelists: XU Students

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Artist in Residence Meet and Greet (4:00pm-5:00pm) Open to the public*

Join us as we officially welcome the Stained Glass Initiative Artist in Residence, Angela Franklin. Franklin is a textile and mixed media artist who will work with Xavier to complete four textile pieces that capture an artistic interpretation of the institutions connections to slavery and the implication of Jesuit principles for the institutional response. A native of Cincinnati, Ohio she has lived abroad since 1997 and since 2007 has divided her time between Senegal and the United Arab Emirates. This international experience has resulted in a body of work that has encouraged her to chronicle the experiences of people from The Diaspora worldwide.

Her works are presently featured in the national exhibition of Contemporary African Art for the 13th DAK' Art Biennale along with the Dialogue in Black and White Exhibition at the Charleston City Gallery. In addition, Paris Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, The Art Hub-Abu Dhabi, The Renwick Gallery - Smithsonian Institution, Ohio Craft Museum and Musee Boribana - Dakar are just a few of the spaces that have featured her work. Works by Franklin are in the corporate collections of Atlanta Life Insurance Company, The NationsBank, Arco Chemical and Household Finance. Come learn more about Franklin and preview works in progress.

Location: Clocktower Lounge, Gallagher Student Center 3rd floor

Black Owned Business Crawl (7:00pm-9:30pm)

Join us for this partnership with the African American Chamber of Commerce where we take you on a journey of Cincinnati's best known black-owned businesses. You'll have the opportunity to see the city, sample great drinks and food, and visit the city's first black-owned bookstore! There will be complimentary shuttles that run on continuous loops from your symposium hotels to all of the stops on the BOB Crawl! See shuttle schedule for full details on BOB crawl stops.

Friday, October 11, 2019

There are complimentary shuttles available from 7:30am-8:30am that will take participants to/from Xavier University and symposium hotels to the University of Cincinnati. An additional shuttle route will be available from 5pm-7pm to take participants from the University of Cincinnati to symposium hotels and Xavier University. Full shuttle routes and schedule will be available in the conference brochure.

Early-Bird Offerings (9:15am-10:15am)

Diasporic Soul Restorative Yoga

Yoga offers us the opportunity to restore our connection to our SOUL, a transformative healing resource that *reflects diasporic African cultural influences and African American cultural sensibilities*. Come do just that with us in a restorative yoga practice where Diasporic Soul will hold space for participants to deepen their capacity for healing, restoration, resilience and resistance. Limited spots available.

- Location: University of Cincinnati, TUC, TBD

Harriet Beecher Stowe House Informational Session

The Harriet Beecher Stowe House celebrates the life, family, and legacy of author and activist Harriet Beecher Stowe. Harriet is primarily known for her book, Uncle Tom's Cabin, and its contributions to the

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Civil War. Located in the historic neighborhood of Walnut Hills in Cincinnati, OH, the Harriet Beecher Stowe House hosts educational tours, lectures, and readings. This session provides an opportunity to learn about the house, the history, the family, and more.

- Location: University of Cincinnati, TUC, Great Hall

Concurrent Sessions A (10:30am-11:45am)

Teaching Trauma (Part II)

As recent controversies have made clear, the history of slavery and the slave trade are often taught in wildly inappropriate ways in American schools. This panel explores the advantages and disadvantages of different approaches to teaching this challenging material.

Location: UC-TUC RM 427

Moderator: Felice F. Knight, (The Citadel)

Panelists: Jill Strauss (City University of New York), Sharon Moore (University of Louisville), Anne Dewey (St. Louis University, Madrid Campus)

40 Acres and a Myth

Union General William T. Sherman's Special Field Order No. 15, an idea for massive land redistribution following the Civil War, is a staple of black history lessons. There are, however, numerous facets of the revolutionary idea Americans still do not understand. This panel looks to the past as a starting point for examining the concepts of social reconstruction, retributive justice, and reparations, and asks, "What contemporary concessions can/should be made to the descendants of slaves in the United States?"

Location: UC-TUC RM 417

Moderator: Adam Clark (Xavier University)

Panelists: Sarah Federman (University of Baltimore), Jumoke Ifetayo (Southeast Regional Representative of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (NCOBRA)), Rochelle Prater (GU272)

Rewriting Slavery and Interrogating Quaker Abolitionism

Guilford College is undertaking work to reframe narrative and acknowledge white supremacy at a historically white domination college. This panel of three interrelated presentations will reveal how librarians, researchers, and practitioners worked in tandem to investigate and interrogate their institution's public narrative of Quaker abolitionism.

Location: UC-TUC RM 400C

Moderator: Erika Gasser (University of Cincinnati)

Panelists: Gwen Gosney Erickson (Guilford College), Krishauna Hines-Gaither (Guilford College), James Shields (Guilford College)

Concurrent Sessions B (1:30pm-2:45pm)

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Location: UC-TUC RM 427

Moderator: Randy Browne (Xavier University)

Panelists: Beatrice Adams (Rutgers University), Jesse Bayker (Rutgers University), Peter Wallenstein (Virginia Tech), Jeremy Alexander (Georgetown University)

The Ties that Bind (Part II)

This panel is exclusively designed for XU and UC faculty/administration to discuss developments on our campuses re: controversial spaces and historical legacies.

Location: UC-TUC RM 417

Moderator: Tracey DuEst (Xavier University)

Panelists: Norman Townsel (Xavier University), Christine Anderson (Xavier University), Alysha Federkeil (University of Cincinnati), Caitlyn Robinson (University of Cincinnati)

Global Perspectives on Restorative Justice

Retributive justice is a theory of justice that holds that the best response to a crime is a punishment proportional to the offense, inflicted because the offender deserves the punishment. With specific regard to the legacy of slavery in the United States, this panel assumes agency and communion can further understanding the experiences of victims, and invites presentations that broadly address retributive justice, value restoration and procedural justice.

Location: UC-TUC RM 400C

Moderator: Terri Hurdle (University of Cincinnati)

Panelists: Jumoke Ifetayo (Southeast Regional Representative of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (NCOBRA)), Kyra Shahid (Xavier University)

Author and Vendor Exhibition (3pm-5pm)

Help support 20+ Authors and local vendors who are using their talents and resources to produce work related to the endeavors/mission of the fall symposium. Most vendors/authors accept cash and credit card.

Location: UC-TUC Atrium

Student Dinner (5:30pm-7:00pm)

Students are invited to connect and network with their peers over dinner at a local restaurant. Dinner is free for the first 100 students to arrive. *Priority will be given to those who have a "STUDENT" label attached to their conference credentials.*

Location: Elephant Walk Indian Ethiopian Bar and Grill, 170 W McMillan St, Cincinnati, OH

Concurrent Receptions (7:00pm-9:30pm)

[African Ancestry Banquet powered by United Negro College Fund, Urban League Young Professionals & Jubilee Cincinnati](#)

This banquet reception will be centered on the theme of Restitution, the act of the restoring something lost or stolen to its proper owner. Keynote remarks by Dr. Michael Lomax, President/CEO United Negro College Fund and presentation of DNA kits to select participants from African Ancestry.com

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- Location: UC-TUC 400A/B/C
- Keynote: Dr. Michael J. Lomax, President/CEO United Negro College Fund (UNCF)

Tap into Theology

This closing reception, hosted at Listermann Brewery, is for faith-based groups and community activists to fellowship near Xavier University's campus and reflect on their experiences at the USS, and collaborate on future (possibly shared) endeavors.

- Location: Listermann Brewery Company, 1621 Dana Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45207
- Moderator: Rev. Nelson Pierce (Xavier University)

Conscious Concert

This closing reception of for college-age youth only. The night features live spoken word performances from the Underdog Academy and presents an opportunity for emerging leaders to make critical connections with one another.

- Location: UC- AACRC
- Performance: Underdog Academy

Saturday, October 12, 2019

There is a complimentary shuttle available from 7:30am-8:30am that will take participants from symposium hotels to Cincinnati State University for Jubilee Cincinnati. Your luggage will be locked beneath the shuttle during the morning event. The shuttle will run from Cincinnati State University to CVG from 12pm-3pm. Full shuttle routes and schedule will be available in the conference brochure. Attendees are welcomed and encouraged to participate in Jubilee events beyond 12pm but will be responsible for their own transportation.

9am-4pm = Jubilee by Day @ Cincinnati State University

Jubilee is an economic movement in Cincinnati to create a JEDI economy, an economy that is Just, Equitable, Diverse, and Inclusive. The Jubilee by day experiences will feature a breakfast, break-out sessions, Lunch created by Black graduates of the Cincinnati State Culinary Institute and “rap sessions” featuring national conversationalist David Banner.

*Please see shuttle route and plan to participate accordingly, additional registration for Jubilee is free but required.



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