Ninth Annual Conference
March 8-9, 2024

Pictured Above: Black Lives Matter protest on June 6, 2020 (Raymond Richards / Shutterstock)

Theme: Reparations: Past, Present, and Future

The Carter G. Woodson Institute for African-American and African Studies, University of Virginia

#AAIHS2024
Thursday, March 7, 2024

Swords into Ploughshares: The Future of the Robert E. Lee Statue

Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm EST (Doors at 5:30pm)

A Special Presentation By:

Andrea Douglas, Executive Director, Jefferson School African American Heritage Center
Jalane Schmidt, Director of the UVA Democracy Initiative's Memory Project

Day 1: Friday, March 8, 2024

SESSION 1: 8:30am-10:15am EST

1. Abolition, Control, and Preservation: Bearing Witness to the Archive’s Demand for Educational Reparations

Chair: Derrick P. Alridge, University of Virginia

Darrion Wallace, Stanford University
Lesson on Manifesting Freedom and Emancipation: International Perspectives on Educational Reparations from Black Anti-Slavery Abolitionists of the 19th Century

Christian Walkes, Harvard University
Preserving Pride: The Black Schoolhouse and Educational Reparations

Zenzile Reddick, Harvard University
Maximum Feasible Participation: The History of Community Control and the Future of Educational Reparations

2. Education and Reparations

Chair: Lily Santoro, Southeast Missouri State University

Peter H. Wood, Duke University
Two Centuries of Forced African American Illiteracy
Tatiana McInnis, North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics
Reparations: A Pedagogy of Possibility

Emily Masghati, Penn State Behrend
The Julius Rosenwald Fund and the Subversion of Restorative Justice in Higher Education

3. **International Dimensions of Reparations**

Chair: Robert Greene II, Claflin University

Sanyu Mulira, Spelman College
Gaudeloupe, Mé 1967, and the Dangerous Quagmire of Autonomy in the French Caribbean

Nicholas Andersen, Tufts University
The Redemption of Africa and Reparations

Nigel Westmaas, Hamilton College
Reparations and Reconciliation: Exploring the Significance of Apology and Restitution for Slavery in Guyana

**SESSION 2: 10:30am-12:15pm EST**

4. **The Long History of Reparations**

Chair: Chloe Celeste Porche, University of Virginia

Cameron Sauers, Penn State University
The Original Case Against Reparations: James Beecher and the Betrayal of Order No. 15

Timothy Kumfer, Georgetown University
“If We Want to Keep It, We’ll Have to Fight For It”: The Adams Morgan Organization and the Origins of Community Reinvestment

Meredith F. Coleman-Tobias, Mount Holyoke College
Thirst: Spiritual Reparation and Sobonfu Somé’s Po(r)table Ritual
5. **Roundtable: Descendant Communities and the Land in Virginia**

Chair: Justin Reid, *Founder of Griffin Blvd Archives*

Hannah Scruggs, *Harvard University and Descendant Organizer*

Auriana Woods, *The Getting Word Oral History Project*

Niya Bates, *Princeton University and Founder of the Scuffletown Project*

6. **Black Childhoods, Intellectual History & Repair: A Discussion**

Chair: Paula C. Austin, *Boston University*

Ashleigh Wade Greene, *University of Virginia*

Justene Hill Edwards, *University of Virginia*

Corinne T. Field, *University of Virginia*

7. **Luncheon and Film Session: 12:30pm to 2:30pm**

Screening of *The Big Payback*, featuring film Q&A with Robin Rue Simmons

8. **Towards a Vocabulary of Repair: Black Life in Colombia**

Chair: Jameelah Morris, *Stanford University*

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The Temporal Experience of Repair: Generational Struggles for Livability in Urban Colombia
Amber H. Henry, University of Virginia
A Refrigerator on the Side of the Road: Palenquera Women and the Politics of (Dis)Repair

Fatima Siwaju, University of Virginia
The 2017 Paro Cívico in Buenaventura: Embodied Politics of Repair in the Colombian Pacific

Chair: Paula C. Austin, Boston University

10. Black Debts, Black Fortunes: Discussing Reparations for Black Womxn and Their Communities
Chair: Lydia Lindsey, North Carolina Central University

Erica Duncan, New York University
Enslaved and Freed Black Women’s Claims for Housing and Sustenance in the Bahamas

Carmin Wong, Penn State University
On Various Subjects: Phyllis Wheatley, the Foremother of Early American Poetry

Sonya Williams, New York University
Re-covering the Discourse of Reparative Justice & Negritud in the Works of Rosa Amelia Plumelle-Uribe & Delia Zapata Olivella

Day 2: Saturday, March 9, 2024

SESSION 1: 8:30am-10:15am EST

11. Do You See God in Us? Slavery, Reparations, and Repair in a Midwestern Jesuit University
Chair: Luther Adams, University of Washington Tacoma

Robin Proudie, Executive Director of the Descendants of the Saint Louis University Enslaved
Kamm Howard, Executive Director of Reparations United

Christopher Tinson, Saint Louis University

12. Modern Ideas About Reparations

Chair: Kersuze Simeon-Jones, University of South Florida

Willie Mack, University of Missouri
“It Was an Attack On All of Us”: Haitians and Black Americans in New York City and the Korean Grocer Boycott

Karen Sotiropoulos, Cleveland State University
“A Citizen of a Country That Does Not Yet Exist”: Airlift Africa and Higher Education During the Bandung Era

Ashleigh Cartwright, University of Pennsylvania
White Power and Profit in U.S. Public School Integration

Jacob Ivey, Florida Memorial University
“We Have Got the Power Brokers’ Attention”: Black Economic Power and the Anti-Apartheid Movement in South Florida

13. The Ideologies of Reparations

Chair: Gregory Mixon, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Nicole Viglini, Penn State University
“It Would Only Be An Act of Justice to Pay Us”: Propertied Black Women’s Ideologies of Repair in the Era of Freedom

Keston K. Perry, University of California, Los Angeles
Entangled Histories, Ecological Imperialism and Pan-African Futures

Rozanne Gooding Silverwood, Columbia University
Reconciling a Sovereign Debt: A Close Reading of the FWP Narratives That Preserve the Erased History of Indian Slaveholding

Nicole M. Gipson, University of Bristol
Reparations: A Transatlantic Project
SESSION 2: 10:30am-12:15pm EST

14. Building a Cast for Reparations

Chair: Justin Hansford, Howard University
Linda J. Mann, George Mason University
Corey C. Shaw, D.C. Legacy Project Director of Empower DC
Charker Ervin, Human Rights Counsel for UN Permanent Forum on People of African Descent

15. Reparations and American Empire

Chair: Robert Greene II, Claflin University
DJ Polite, Augusta University
U.S. Jim Crow Empire to Revolutionary Cuba
Tejasvi Nagaraja, Cornell University
War, Anti-War and Reparations
Kimberly F. Monroe, Trinity Washington University
“Down South in the Summertime”: Assata Shakur, Reparations, and the Black Freedom Struggle

SESSION 3: 1:45pm-3:30pm EST

16. Author Meets Engaged Readers: Roundtable on Andrew W. Kahrl’s The Black Tax: 150 Years of Theft, Exploitation, and Dispossession in America

Devin Fergus, University of Missouri
Camille Walsh, University of Washington Bothell
Esther Cyna, Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin, Paris-Saclay
Mike Amezcua, Georgetown University
Response by Andrew Kahrl, University of Virginia
17. Reparations and the Long Civil Rights Era

Chair: Jacob Ivey, Florida Memorial University

Andrew J. Douglas, Morehouse College
Reparative Money: The Monetary Theory of Robert S. Browne

Sam Klug, Loyola University Maryland
More Than a Manifesto: Reparations and the Political Economy of Black Power

Adriana Green, University of California, Berkeley
40 Acres and the Moon

5:30pm-7:30pm: Closing Reception
Featuring the Music of JoVia Armstrong
Conference 2024 Exhibitors

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University of Georgia Press
University of Illinois Press
University of Massachusetts Press
University of North Carolina Press
University of Pennsylvania Press
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