

New Directions in African and African American Studies

Conference Program

All panels will take place via Zoom. All times are Central Standard Time.

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Thursday, April 29

4:00pm – 4:10pm **Welcome** – Dr. Caree Banton (Dept. of History and Director of AAST)

4:10pm – 5:00pm **Panel 1**

Chair: Dr. Caree Banton (Dept. of History and Director of AAST)

Travis Perusich (Dept. of History) “Recovering the Voice of the Black Soldier in the American Revolution”

Amanda McGee (Dept. of History) “Exploring Spatiality in Prigg V. Pennsylvania”

Commentator: Dr. Nathaniel Conley (Dept. of History)
Q&A - 20 Minutes

5:00pm – 6:pm

Panel 2

Chair: Dr. Alex Marino (Dept. of History),

Chase Barney (Dept. of History) “Rethinking Residence: Black Leisure & Labor in the White Neighborhoods of Colonial Harare”

Amber Lenser (Dept. of History) “South African Antifeminism: Race, Gender, and Sexuality in the Opposition to South African Feminist Activism”

Rebecca Purcell (Dept. of Public Policy) “Faith in Country: Freedom Values, Stories of Struggle”

Commentator: Dr. Joanne D’Alisera (Dept. of Anthropology & Archaeology)
Q & A - 20 Minutes

6:00pm – 6:10pm

COFFEE BREAK

6:10pm – 7:10pm

Panel 3

Chair: Dr. Sarah Riva (Dept. of History)

Ryan Smith (Dept. of History) “‘Of Material Benefit’: Prison Labor and State Infrastructure in Postwar Arkansas, 1945-1980”

James Cooke (Dept. of History) “We saw ourselves basically as blacks”:
Racial formation and identity in Northern Ireland.

Warrington Sebree (Dept. of Political Science) Crime News and Racial
Stereotype Framing

Commentator: Dr. Najji Baptiste (Dept. of Political Science)
Q&A – 20 Minutes

7:10pm – 7:25pm

Keynote – Dr. Valandra (School of Social Work and AAST)
"Honoring the Humanity of Black Lives: A Spirit of Resilience."

7:25pm – 7:30pm

Concluding Remarks – Dr. Caree Banton