

# AAIHS

African American Intellectual History Society

## 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**

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**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**

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**Day 1: Friday, March 8, 2024**

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

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**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

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

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

## **SESSION 3: 2:30pm-4:15pm**

## **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

**9. Panel Discussion: “Black Women’s Biographies” featuring Amrita Myers**

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-Urbe & Delia Zapata Olivella

**Day 2: Saturday, March 9, 2024**

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**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](#)

Charkera 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

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**5:30pm-7:30pm: Closing Reception**

**Featuring the Music of JoVia Armstrong**



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