

Seventh Annual Conference

March 11-12, 2022
Virtual Conference



Pictured Above: Group of Black Lives Matters protesters in front of Sir Winston Churchill Monument statue in London. (Sandor Szmutko / Shutterstock).

Theme: Everyday Practices, Memory Making, and Local Spaces

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

#AAIHS2022

Welcome

The African American Intellectual History Society (AAIHS) is excited to welcome you to our Seventh Annual Conference, to be held virtually for the second time in our history. AAIHS continues to be a leading platform in publishing cutting-edge, accessible scholarship on African American intellectual history, the African diaspora, and Black Studies in both the United States and internationally. Through its workshops, annual conference, and the award-winning blog, *Black Perspectives*, AAIHS remains committed to ensuring that scholars are able to produce public-facing scholarship that both adds to scholarly debates across disciplines, and provides historical context for global events occurring in real time

This year's conference theme, Everyday Practices, Memory Making, and Local Spaces draws upon the commitment of AAIHS members to provide informative and engaging research that responds to a number of pertinent questions that arose in the recent past. Specifically, our call for proposals asked participants to examine a number of themes that impacted Black life throughout 2020 and 2021, including the ongoing debates over "Critical Race Theory," the persistence of police brutality and state-sponsored violence against people of African descent throughout diaspora, and the debates over monuments and commemorations in the United States and beyond. Collectively, this year's panelists embody the Society's continuous efforts to showcase the finest scholarship from researchers throughout the world and help their work reach a broader public.

We encourage all attendees to engage the dynamic scholarship offered throughout March 11-12. Through a wide-ranging selection of panels, roundtables, plenary sessions, and special events, each conference session highlights the work of leading experts in their respective fields. The keynote address, offered jointly by Daina Ramey Berry and Kiese Laymon, promises to deliver valuable insight on the conference theme from two of the most brilliant scholars in Black Studies.

As a society that was formed in the digital space and remains committed to engaging people throughout the world, we are honored to facilitate these discussions through a virtual format in 2022. We offer a deep appreciation to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas for hosting this year's gathering, and the many entities on its campus that provided financial support. And finally, we extend a heartfelt welcome to everyone attending this year's conference. Thank you for supporting AAIHS! We look forward to learning along with you during this dynamic two-day conference.

2022 Conference Planning Committee

Tyler D. Parry, chair Tiffany N. Florvil Candace Cunningham Hilary N. Green Adam X. McNeil

<u>Presidential Welcome</u>

Dear friends and colleagues,

Welcome to the seventh annual conference of the African American Intellectual History Society (AAIHS): Everyday Practices, Memory Making, and Local Spaces. We are excited that you chose to join us for this important event! First, I invite you to observe a moment of silence for the many lives that we lost over the last two years to the coronavirus. Over the last two years, we have also lost some towering intellectuals, cultural theorists and scholars including the incomparable bell hooks; and so many more such as Greg Tate. Please know that our thoughts are with those of you who lost friends, family members, and colleagues over the previous two years. Second, while war/conflict rages across several spaces including Mali, Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Syria, Myanmar and Ukraine we hope for peace in these troubled times.

We have a provocative program that speaks to our aforementioned conference theme. This includes 16 stellar panels, esteemed guest speakers, and author-meets-reader sessions. Historian Daina Ramey Berry and author Kiese Laymon join us this year as keynotes. Berry is the author of the groundbreaking text *The Price for Their Pound of Flesh* and Laymon is the author of the award winning novel *Long Division*. Their conversation is sure to be enlightening. Sessions cover a range of subjects that grapple with the conference theme including panels on topics such as "Black Power and the Freedom Struggle, "Historicizing the Monument Wars," and "Visual and Aural Memory Making." Farah Jasmin Griffin, Abdul Alkalimat, Kira Thurman, Tamika Nunley, and Yesenia Barragan are among the authors invited to discuss their recently published texts with panels of engaged readers. Collectively, these sessions will surely provide us with two days of thoughtful discussion and critical contemplation, while also prompting us to reflect on the larger themes of the conference.

I want to specifically thank our Vice President Tyler D. Parry for his service as conference committee chair and his team including Adam McNeil, Tiffany Florvil, Hilary Green and Candace Cunningham. This conference would not have been possible without Tyler and his committee who worked diligently through a pandemic to bring us together over the next two days. We also are grateful for the participation of our keynotes, panelists, and authors. Daina Ramey Berry and Kiese Laymon deserve a special thanks for taking time out of their busy schedules to grace us with their presence this week. To our panelists, this conference is simply not possible without your enthusiastic participation. Thanks to all five of our aforementioned authors for sharing your important work with the world. To the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), thank you so much for providing us with support/logistics in this virtual space as our host institution this year.

In my opinion, the AAIHS annual meeting is one of the best academic conferences running. I hope you feel the same after this two-day #AAIHS2022 experience with us and find a renewed energy to persevere at this difficult time in global affairs.

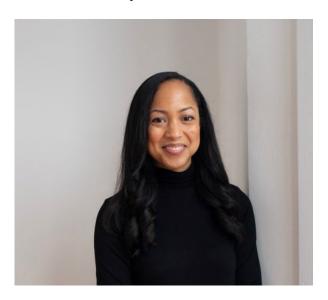
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Hettie V. Williams AAIHS President

Pauli Murray Book Prize

The African American Intellectual History Society is pleased to announce the 2022 Pauli Murray Book Prize for the best book in Black intellectual history. Named after lawyer, author, and women's rights activist-intellectual Pauli Murray, the prize recognizes the best book concerning Black intellectual history (broadly conceived) published between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021 by a member of AAIHS. The winner of the 2022 Pauli Murray Book Prize will receive a monetary prize, a featured week-long roundtable on the book in *Black Perspectives*, and a featured interview published in *Black Perspectives*.

We are pleased to announce that this year's winner is **Tamika Nunley**, author of **At the Threshold of Liberty: Women**, **Slavery**, and **Shifting Identities in Washington**, **D.C.** (University of North Carolina Press, 2021).



Tamika Nunley is Associate Professor of history at Cornell University. Her book, At the Threshold of Liberty: Women, Slavery, and Shifting Identities in Washington, D.C. (UNC, 2021) examines African American women's strategies of self-definition in the contexts of slavery, fugitivity, courts, schools, streets, and the government during the Civil War era. This book was named the 2021 Letitia Woods Brown Prize winner for best book in African American women's history, a finalist for the ASALH Book Prize and shortlisted for the MAAH Stone Book Award. She has published articles and reviews in the Journal of Southern History, The William and Mary Quarterly, the Journal of American Legal History and the Journal of the Civil War Era. In addition to being a lifetime member of the Association of Black Women Historians, she serves on the editorial board of Civil War History and the Journal of Southern History. She is currently completing a second book, The Demands of Justice: Enslaved Women, Capital Crime, and Clemency in Early Virginia, 1705-1865, with the University of North Carolina Press. Her work has been supported by the Andrew Mellon and Woodrow Wilson foundations as well as the American Association of University Women.

Maria Stewart Journal Article Prize

The African American Intellectual History Society is pleased to announce the 2022 Maria Stewart Article Prize for the best journal article in Black intellectual history. Named after abolitionist and women's rights activist intellectual Maria Stewart, the prize recognizes the best journal article concerning black intellectual history (broadly conceived) published between January 2021 and December 2021 by a member of AAIHS. The winner will receive a monetary award, a certificate, and a featured spot on *Black Perspectives*.

We are pleased to announce that this year's winner is Crystal Lynn Webster for the article "'Transfiguring the Soul of Childhood': Du Bois's Private Vision and Public Activism for Black Children," The Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth 14:3 (Fall 2021): 347-366.



Crystal Lynn Webster is Assistant Professor of History at the University of British Columbia. Her research focuses on Black children in early America. Her book, Beyond the Boundaries of Childhood: African American Children in the Antebellum North was published by the University of North Carolina Press in 2021. It is a social history of African American children and foregrounds their lives as fundamental to the process of the North's prolonged transition from slavery to freedom. She is currently writing her second book, Condemned: How America's First Courts and Prisons Terrorized Black Children. Additionally, her writing has appeared in the Washington Post, New York Times, and Black Perspectives. Her research has been supported through grants from the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition at Yale University, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, The Library Company of Philadelphia, and the Massachusetts Historical Society.

C.L.R. James Research Fellowship

The African American Intellectual History Society is pleased to announce the 2022 C.L.R. James Research Fellowship to support research towards the completion of a dissertation or publication of a book. Named after AfroTrinidadian theorist C.L.R. James, the research fellowships are intended to promote research in black intellectual history by graduate students, independent scholars, and faculty members at any rank. Two fellowships will be awarded this year to help cover the costs of domestic or international travel necessary to conduct research.

Awardees:



Danielle Phillips-Cunningham is program director and associate professor of Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies at Texas Woman's University. She is the recipient of the National Women's Studies Association's Sara A. Whaley Book Prize for Putting Their Hands on Race: Irish Immigrant and Southern Black Domestic Workers (Rutgers University Press, 2020). Phillips-Cunningham is writing a book-length labor history of Nannie Helen Burroughs and the National Trade School for Women and Girls in Washington, D.C. As a fellow of the OpEd Project's Public Voices of the South, Phillips-Cunningham published an op-ed about Burroughs in The Washington Post. Her articles about Burroughs have also been published by Gender Studies journals. Phillips-Cunningham's forthcoming article entitled "Labor Organizer Nannie Helen Burroughs and her National Trade School of Women and Girls"

will appear in the 2022 issue of the Journal of Women, Gender, and Families of Color.



Sophia Monegro is a budding literary scholar working at the intersection of Slavery Studies, Black Women's Intellectual History, and Dominican Studies. She is a doctoral candidate in the Department of African and African Diaspora Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. Monegro is also a Research Associate at the CUNY Dominican Studies Institute and a Mellon Mays Fellow. Her publications include: "Dominican Americans" co-authored with Dr. Ramona Hernández in Ilan Stavans' Oxford Bibliographies in Latino Studies published with Oxford University Press and several book reviews in the Ethnic and Third World Literature Review of Books for which she serves as Chief Editor. Her dissertation The Forgotten Tropics of Santo Domingo: A Literary and Archival Genealogy of Black Women's Radical Thought in Quisqueya/ Kiskeya traces Black

women's intellectual contributions to radicalism from Spanish colonial slavery in Santo Domingo to the Dominican Republic and Haiti in the XIX century.

<u>Du Bois-Wells Graduate Student Paper Prize</u> *Sponsored by the University of Georgia Press

The 2022 Du Bois-Wells Graduate Student Conference Paper Prize is named after W.E.B Du Bois and Ida B. Wells. This is the fourth annual prize that recognizes the most outstanding paper presented by a graduate student at the annual AAIHS conference. In addition to a monetary prize, the winner will receive a certificate and their conference registration fee will be waived.

We are pleased to announce this year's winner, **Andrew Lester** for his paper, "'We Must Document Ourselves Now': 1970s Black Lesbian Writing and Publishing as Everyday Memory-Making Practices."



Andrew Lester is a doctoral candidate at Rutgers University-Newark. He received his Master of Arts degree in American Studies from University of Massachusetts-Boston, where his thesis examined connections between Vanguard, an organization of queer street youth, and the early Black Panther Party in the mid- to late 1960s. His dissertation, Radical Encounters: Black Power, Gay Liberation, and the Emergence of Queer of Color Organizing, builds upon that work to trace a genealogy of queer of color organizing in the late 1960s and 1970s. His work has been supported by Emory University's J. Herman Blake and Emily Moore Fellowship and Rutgers University's Dean's Dissertation Fellowship. His publications can be found on Notches Blog and in the Journal of the History of Sexuality.

SESSION 1: 9:30am-10:45am EST (Concurrent Panels)

1. Black Power and the Freedom Struggle

Moderator: Candace Cunningham, Florida Atlantic University

Mickell Carter, Auburn University

Remembering Black Power and Masculinity through Everyday Fashion

Joshua Crutchfield, University of Texas, Austin

"We, the Black people of Treacherous Babylon Refuse": Safiya Bukhari, Black Power Abolition, and Defunding the Police

Alexis Johnson, University of Virginia

Intellectual Heirlooms: How the Black Student Power Generation Made and Remade the Black Higher Education Tradition

Brian Whetstone, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Black Property, Black Freedom: Historic Preservation and the Black Freedom Struggle

2. Black Practices and the Everyday

Moderator: Chris Cameron, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Elena Kravchenko, Washington University in St. Louis

Remembering Saints: Orthodox Materiality, Sacred Space, and a Quest for Racial Equality

Ophera A. Davis, Independent Scholar

Making Memories through Overlooked Local People and Spaces: Hurricane Katrina Mississippi Black Women Survivors Everyday Practices of Resilience

Andrew Lester, Rutgers University

"We Must Document Ourselves Now": 1970s Black Lesbian Writing and Publishing as Everyday Memory-Making Practices

SESSION 2: 11:30am-12:45pm EST (Concurrent Panels)

3. <u>Author Meets Engaged Readers: Roundtable on Farah</u> Jasmine Griffin's *Read Until You Understand*

Moderator: Celeste Day Moore, Hamilton College

Hettie V. Williams, Monmouth University

Lacey Hunter, Rutgers University

Lauren Rorie, Monmouth University

Response by Farah Jasmine Griffin, Columbia University

4. Exposing Segregated Memory in the North

Moderator: Crystal Marie Moten, Smithsonian National Museum of American History

William Etter, Irvine Valley College

William Cooper Nell's Battles for Historical Memory in the 1850s

Greta de Jong, University of Nevada, Reno

Boston's Lost Cause: Racist Memory Making and School Desegregation in a Northern City

Bench Ansfield, Harvard University

The Ashes of History: The Racial Politics of Remembering the Bronx in Its Burning Years

Jason Petrulis, The Education University of Hong Kong

Exhuming the Histories of Black Students in Antebellum Northern Universities

SESSION 3: 1:00pm-1:45pm

1:00pm-1:45pm- AAIHS Business Meeting [Open to members only; RSVP required]

SESSION 4: 2:00pm-3:15pm EST (Concurrent Panels)

5. <u>Black Women's Knowledge Production and Preservation</u>

Moderator: Adam McNeil, Rutgers University

Melanie Chambliss, Columbia College, Chicago

"A New Epoch in the Development of the Race": Black Libraries and the Diffusion of Knowledge

Alison Parker, University of Delaware

Mary Church Terrell & the Telling of Black History

Joseph Williams, Rutgers University

"The Final Encomium:" Black Club Women, the Making of the Deceased, and the Preservation of the Past

Kayla Boyden, Northwestern University

Aunt Marva's Archive: Black Feminist Memory Making in the Phillip's Family Booklet

6. <u>Author Meets Engaged Readers: Roundtable on Yesenia</u> Barragan's *Freedom's Captives*

Moderator: Kevin Dawson, University of California, Merced

Thavolia Glymph, Duke University

Jason McGraw, Indiana University, Bloomington

Sarah L.H. Gronningstater, University of Pennsylvania

Response by Yesenia Barragan, Rutgers University

SESSION 5: 4:00pm-5:15pm (Keynote)

**Daina Ramey Berry & Kiese Laymon

Moderator: Tiffany Florvil, University of New Mexico

SESSION 1: 9:30am-10:45am EST (Concurrent Panels)

7. International Reckonings with Racial Violence

Moderator: Paul Joseph López Oro, Smith College

Charmane Perry, University of Alabama, Birmingham

Silencing a Genocide: Reconsidering the Parsley "Massacre" as historical silencing and erasure

Maya Doig-Acuna, Harvard University

"They Used to Call Us Chombo": Troubling Memory of El 9 de Enero and Anticolonial Nationalism in Panama

Renata Siqueira, University of São Paulo

Geraldo Filme and the Making of São Paulo's Black Urban Memory

Jordie Davies, Johns Hopkins University

The Uses and Reuses of Monuments: Blackwashing and Liberatory Memory Work

8. Contested Public Memory

Moderator: Hilary Green, University of Alabama

Adam Thomas, Western Carolina University

The Memory Keepers of Southampton: The Contest to Define Nat Turner's Death, 1831-1969

Peter Cole, Western Illinois University

Doing Antiracist Public History: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919 Commemoration Project

Allison Mitchell, University of Virginia

Combating Disorder: The Struggle Over the Memory of Civil Rights Movement Protests in Florida

Kristan McCullum, University of Virginia

Reconstructing Spaces of Memory Through Oral History

SESSION 2: 11:30am-12:45pm EST (Concurrent Panels)

9. <u>Author Meets Engaged Readers: Roundtable on Abdul</u> Alkalimat's The History of Black Studies

Moderator: Amanda Joyce Hall, Northwestern University

Charisse Burden-Stelly, Carleton College

Kimberly Monroe, Trinity Washington University

Pero Dagbovie, Michigan State University

Response by Abdul Alkalimat, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

10. Visual and Aural Memory Making

Moderator: Claudrena Harold, University of Virginia

Elizabeth Hamilton, Fort Valley State University

Artists as Guardians of Memory

Mari Crabtree, College of Charleston

Photography, the Ephemerality of Memory, and the Perils of Historical Reconstruction

Jennifer Williams, Loyola Marymount University

Elijah McClain's Violin: Digital Vulnerability in Social Media Protest Art

James Fisher, Ohio University

Aural History: Musical Memorialization & Alternative Pedagogies in the Atlantic World

SESSION 3: 1:30pm-2:45pm EST (Concurrent Panels)

11. A Roundtable on Black Las Vegas

Moderator: Claytee White, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Javon Johnson, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Kendra Gage, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Su Kim Chung, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Randolph Fiedler, Capital Habeas Unit, District of Nevada

12. <u>Historicizing the Monument Wars</u>

Moderator: Ashleigh Lawrence-Sanders, University of Colorado, Boulder

Jacob Walters, Cornell University

Minorizing Monuments: W.E.B. Du Bois, Perfect Imperfection, and the Comic Critique of Monumentality

Aaron Hall, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Erected Under Protest: "The undersigned Colored Citizens" of New Bedford & the Statue of Daniel Webster in Antebellum Boston

Hannah Jeffery, University of Edinburgh

Knowing Your Name Only After You're Gone: Murals and Black Lives Matter

Dana Miranda, Muhlenberg College

Destructuring Monuments

SESSION 4: 3:30pm-4:45pm EST (Concurrent Panels)

13. <u>Author Meets Engaged Readers: Roundtable on Tamika</u> Nunley's *At the Threshold of Liberty*

Moderator: Tyler D. Parry, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Mycah Conner, Pennsylvania State University

Justene Hill Edwards, University of Virginia

William Thomas, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Response by Tamika Nunley, Cornell University

14. Repositioning Black Spaces

Moderator: Robert Greene II, Claflin University

Kyera Singleton, Harvard University

A Museum Slavery Built: Changing Interpretations of the Royall House and Slave Quarters

Jay Cephas, Princeton University

Out of Place, Out of Time: Architecture, Race, and the Geographies of Memory

Jason Martin, University of Texas, El Paso

Consider the Source: Downplaying Racism and Controlling the Narrative of the East St. Louis Massacre of 1917

Michelle Moyd, Indiana University

Fighting for Citizenship: Indiana's Black Military Histories

SESSION 5: 5:30pm-6:45pm (Concurrent Panels)

Memory Making, Resistance and Identity in Print, Visual and Digital Media

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Moderator: Ben Railton, Fitchburg State University

Hettie V. Williams, Monmouth University

Work of the Soul: Resistance and Identity Making in Black Art and Commemorative Practices from Meta Warrick Fuller to the Present

Adam Cilli, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

Joel A. Rogers, the Black Press, and the Work of "Memory Making" in Interwar America

Su'ad Abdul Khabeer, University of Michigan

Umi's Archive: Citing Black Women's Lives

Melissa Ziobro, Monmouth University and Kay Harris, Asbury Park Museum

Paradoxical Paradise Combs Archives and Memories to Document and Interpret the Untold Past

16. <u>Author Meets Engaged Readers: Roundtable on Kira</u> Thurman's Singing Like Germans

Moderator: Tiffany Florvil, University of New Mexico

Daphne Brooks, Yale University

Lucy Caplan, Harvard University

Response by Kira Thurman, University of Michigan

7:00pm-8:00pm: Closing session/award ceremony

All conference attendees are welcome to attend the awards ceremony and the social hour that will immediately follow.

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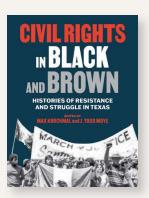
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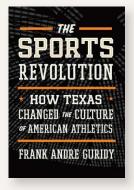
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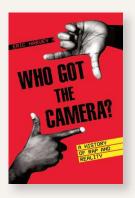


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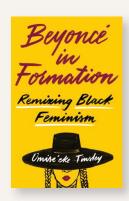


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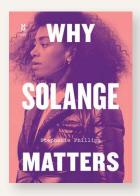
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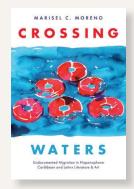
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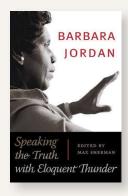
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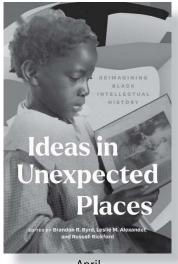
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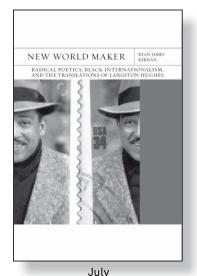
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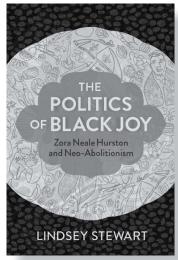
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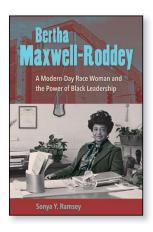
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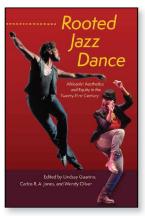
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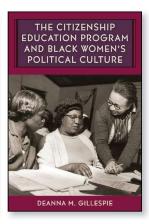




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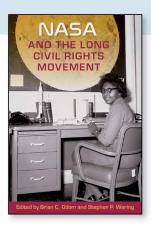
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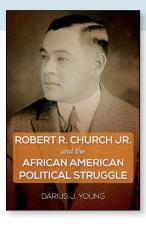
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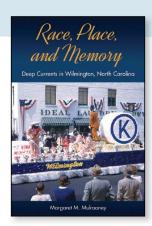
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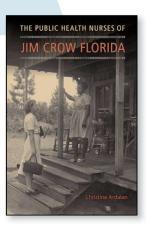
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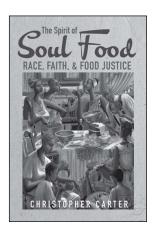






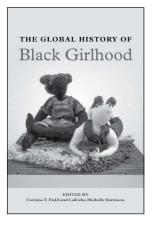
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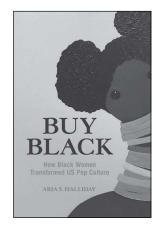
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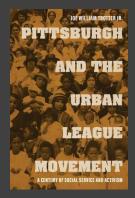
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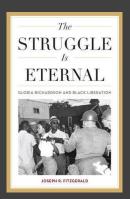
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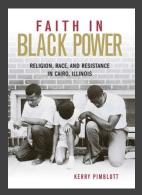
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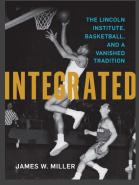
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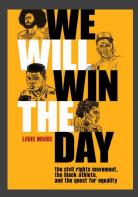
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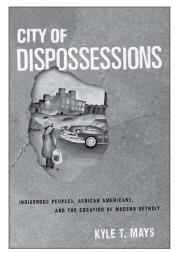
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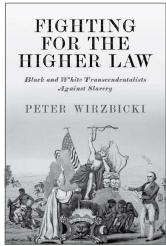
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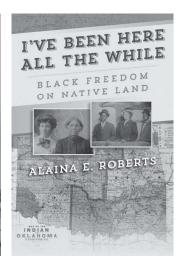
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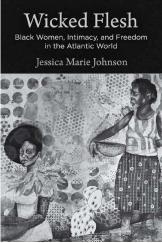


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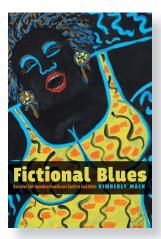
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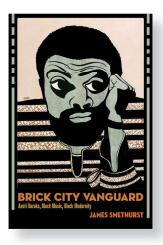
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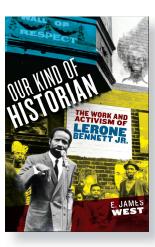
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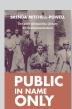
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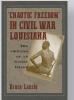
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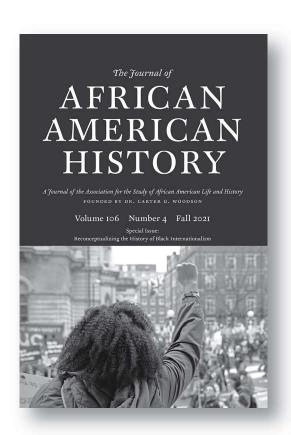


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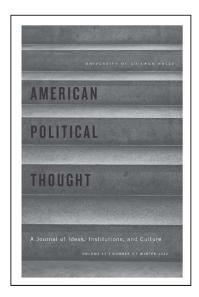
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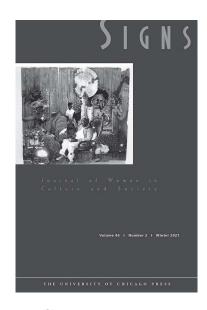
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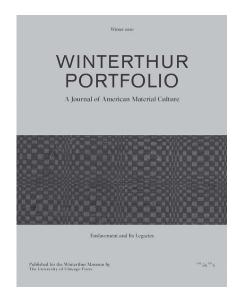
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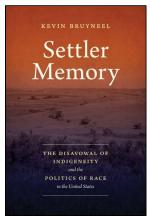
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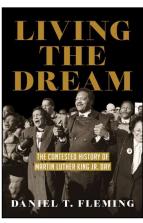
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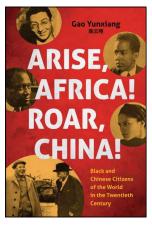


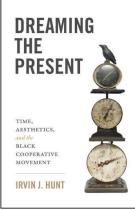
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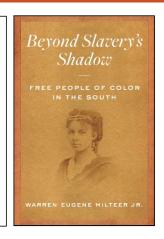
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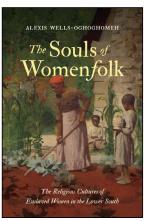
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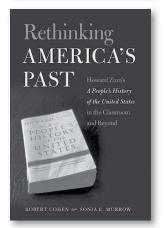
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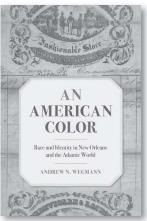


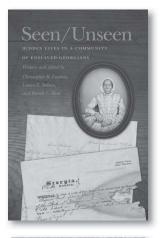


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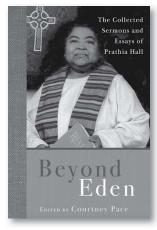


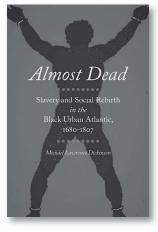












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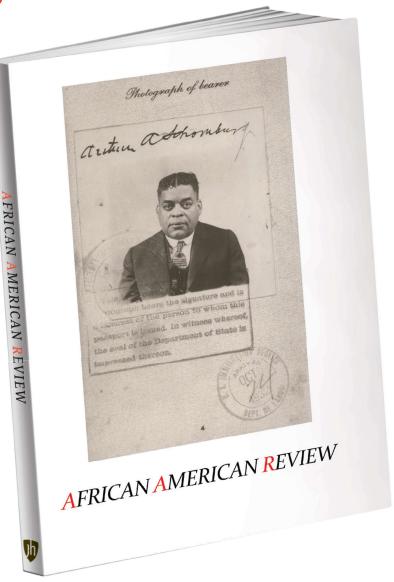
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