**Conference Schedule Updated as of October 4, 2021**

2021 Lapidus Center Conference
*Pandemic Legacies: Health, Healing, and Medicine in the Age of Slavery and Beyond*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021**

**Wednesday, October 6, 2021: Welcome and Opening Plenary**

6-6:30 pm: Welcome from Michelle D. Commander, Associate Director and Curator of the Lapidus Center for the Historical Analysis of Transatlantic Slavery and Joy Bivins, Director of the Schomburg Center

6:30-8 pm: “Covid-19 and the Ghosts of Eugenics Past”

William Horne, Villanova University
Kathleen Brian, Western Washington University
Ayah Nuriddin, Princeton University

Moderator: Rana A. Hogarth, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021**

**8:30-10:00 AM: SESSIONS 1 AND 2**

1. **Slavery, Race, and Medicine in Cuba**


   Madhuvanti Mukherjee, Independent Scholar, To Heal or to Harm? Examining Medical Dimensions of the Slave Trade in Early Nineteenth Century Cuba”


   Moderator: Kristen Block, University of Tennessee

2. **Health and Healing in Literary Imaginings of Slavery**

   Michele S. Frank, Independent Scholar, “Topographies of Healing in *Beloved* and *Mama Day*”
Tatiana Konrad, University of Vienna (Austria), “Graphic Storytelling: Visualizing Health, Progress, and Race”

Jennifer Leetsch, University of Bonn (Germany), “Mary Seacole’s Many Medicines: Black Atlantic Botanical Knowledges in Wonderful Adventures of Mrs. Seacole in Many Lands” (1857)”

Moderator: Michelle D. Commander, Associate Director and Curator of the Lapidus Center

10:30 AM-11:00 AM: BREAK

11:00 AM-12:30 PM: SESSIONS 3 AND 4

3. Producing Healing and Medical Knowledge in the Age of Slavery

Mary Hicks, University of Chicago, “Blood and Hair: Barbers, Sangradores and the West African Corporeal Imagination in Salvador da Bahia, 1793-1843”

Leslie A. Schwalm, University of Iowa, “Black Bodies, Medical Science, and the Age of Emancipation”

Chelsea Berry, Randolph College, “Poisoned Relations: Medical Choices and Poison Accusations within Enslaved Communities”

Moderator: Christopher D.E. Willoughby, The Huntington Library and Harvard University

4. Conceptualizing Healing through the African American Experience of Historical Trauma

Zuleka R. Henderson, The Center for Black Well-Being at Graymatters Medical Practice
Tricia Stephens, Hunter College
Anna Ortega-Williams, Hunter College
Quenette L. Walton, University of Houston

Moderator: Barrye Brown, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

12:30-1:00 PM BREAK
1:00-2:30 PM: KEYNOTE PANEL

Roots

Jim Downs, Gettysburg College
Sharla Fett, Occidental College
Rana A. Hogarth, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Moderator: Michelle D. Commander, Associate Director and Curator of the Lapidus Center

2:30-3:00 PM: BREAK

3:00-4:30 PM: SESSIONS 5 AND 6

5. Maternal Health

Lorena Telles, UNICAMP (Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Brazil), “Enslaved Women and Childbirth Amid Doctors and Masters in Rio de Janeiro”

Katherine Bankole-Medina, Coppin State University, “The Scholarly Reckoning upon Us: The Racist and Sexist Medical Exploitation of Enslaved Black Women and Girls and the Contemporary Discourse on Pandemic Racism and Wellness”

Tânia Salgado Pimenta, Casa de Oswaldo Cruz - Fundação Oswaldo Cruz (Brazil), “Midwifery and Childbirth among Enslaved and Freed Women in Rio de Janeiro in the First Half of the Nineteenth Century”

Moderator: Patrícia M. Marcos, University of California, San Diego

6. Slavery, Race, and the Climate

Suman Seth, Cornell University, “‘That Pliability of Functions by Which Man is Rendered a Cosmopolite’: Race, Slavery, and Disability in the Nineteenth Century British Empire”

Ian Read, Soka University of America, “Racial Fevers: Yellow Fever, Race, and Climate in Brazilian History”

Sean Morey Smith, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture (Lapidus Center Fellow), “The Rush to Race: Benjamin Rush and Climatic-Racial Arguments against Slavery”

Moderator: Bridgett Pride, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

4:30-5:00 PM: BREAK
5:00-6:30: SESSIONS 7 AND 8

7. Traditional Healing


Aldair Rodrigues, UNICAMP - State University of Campinas (Brazil), “Body Modification as Healing Practice Utilized by West Africans in Colonial Brazil”

Junia Furtado, “Quigila: An African Disease in the Context of the Brazilian Atlantic Slave Trade”

Moderator: Sharla Fett, Occidental College

8. Disability as a Critical Category of Historical Analysis: A Roundtable Discussion of Jenifer L. Barclay’s The Mark of Slavery

Author: Jenifer L. Barclay, University at Buffalo

Discussants:

Christopher D. E. Willoughby, The Huntington Library and Harvard University
Vanessa M. Holden, University of Kentucky
Wangui Muigai, Brandeis University

Moderator: Christopher D.E. Willoughby, The Huntington Library and Harvard University

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021

10:00-11:30 AM: SESSIONS 9 AND 10


Manuel Barcia, University of Leeds, “Yellow Fever Epidemics in West and West Central Africa, 1823-1837”

Oscar de la Torre, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, “‘Consciously Breaking the Cordon Sanitaire’: Smallpox Epidemics and the Carcerial Regime of Slavery in Matanzas, Cuba, 1850-1898”
Danielle Terrazas Williams, University of Leeds (UK), “‘[W]e want to avoid the heat and the continuous plague of mosquitos’: Black Geographies and Disease in Seventeenth-Century Veracruz”

Michael D. Thompson, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, “Slavery, Race, and Yellow Fever Work in Antebellum New Orleans”

Moderator: Rana A. Hogarth, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

10. Psychiatry and Mental Health in the Shadow of the Plantation

Kylie M. Smith, Emory University, “‘He was running it like a plantation’: Disability, psychiatry, and Civil Rights in Southern Asylums”

Jonathan Jones, Virginia Military Institute, “Black Civil War Veterans, Opioids, and Addiction”


Moderator: Eric Herschthal, University of Utah

11:30 AM-12:00 PM: BREAK

12:00 PM-1:30 PM: SESSIONS 11 AND 12

11. Reading Slavery through the Archives of Healing

Lauren (Robin) Derby, University of California-Los Angeles, “From Zemis to Zombies: Amerindian Healing Legacies on Hispaniola”

Brandi M. Waters, College Board, “Medicalizing Manumission: Slavery, Disability, and Medical Testimony in Late Colonial Colombia”

Moderator: Sean Morey Smith, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture (Lapidus Center Fellow)

12. A Roundtable Discussion of The Science Of Abolition: How Slaveholders Became The Enemies Of Progress

Author: Eric Herschthal, University of Utah
Discussants:

Jim Downs, Gettysburg College
Sasha Turner, Johns Hopkins University

Moderator: Kadiatou Tubman, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

1:30 PM-2:00 PM: BREAK

2:00-3:30 PM: SESSIONS 13 AND 14

13. Displaying Race and Difference in Slavery's Popular and Medical Museums

Lívia Maria Tiéde, Rice University/UNICAMP - Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Brazil), “From Jacinta to Raymunda: The Public Display of a Black Mummy in the Age of Emancipation in Brazil (1900-1929) and Its Consequences for the Public Memory of Slavery”

Christopher D.E. Willoughby, The Huntington Library and Harvard University, “Collected without Consent: European Colonialism and American Medical Education in the Age of Slavery”

Moderator: Ian Read, Soka University of America

14. Disability and Enslaved Labor in the Caribbean and U.S. South

Linsey McMillan, The University of Edinburgh (UK), “‘Working in the Weakly Gang’: Health, Disability, and Labour in Trinidad and British Guiana, 1823-1834”

Stefanie Hunt-Kennedy, University of New Brunswick (Canada), ‘To wander about and become burthensome to others’: Disability and Amelioration in the British Caribbean”

William D. Jones, Rice University, “Disease, Death, and the United States Domestic Slave Trade to the Lower Mississippi River Valley”

Moderator: Jenifer L. Barclay, University at Buffalo

3:30-4:00 PM: BREAK
4:00-5:30 PM: KEYNOTE PANEL

Legacies

Deirdre Cooper Owens, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
Harriet Washington, Writer and Medical Ethicist

Moderator: Michelle D. Commander, Associate Director and Curator of the Lapidus Center

5:30-6:00 PM: CONFERENCE WRAP-UP