

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019**

**Session One - GRADUATE ROUNDTABLE: AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND ACADEMIC POSITIONALITY**

203 Mitchell Hall
3:00 PM-5:00 PM

**Commentator:** Heather McNamee, Univ of Memphis (GAAAH member)

- Damarious Harris, Univ of Memphis: *The Challenge to “the Way of Life”: Class and Civilization in Mississippi during the Reconstruction Era*
- Jeremy Montgomery, Mississippi State Univ: *From Hot Summers to the Cool Intellect*
- Christy Davenport, Mississippi State Univ: *Research, Teaching, and Directions in the Field: Teaching and Researching Enslavement, Marronage, and Resistance Communities*

4:45 PM – 5:30 PM RECEPTION

Lobby, 2nd floor Mitchell Hall

**GUEST LECTURE**

200 Mitchell Hall, Auditorium
5:30-6:30 PM

Dr. Andre Johnson, Univ of Memphis, Department of Communication

“Hell is an Improvement as far as the Negro is Concerned”: The Prophetic Pessimism of Bishop Henry McNeal Turner

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019**

**Session Two – BLACKNESS IN MOTION: THE DEPARTURE OF BLACK IDENTITIES**

363 UC, Beale Room
9:00 AM-11:00 AM

**Moderator:** Brianna Harrison, Univ of Memphis

- Dorian Brown, Saint Louis Univ: *From Senegal to St. Louis: West African Cultural Artistic Expression and Black Cultural Nationalism in the Metro-East*
- Katherine Stovall, Univ of Alabama: *Mary Ann Shadd and Black-Canadian Emigration, 1850-1865*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019**

**Session Five – ANTEBELLUM BLACK AMERICA**

338 UC, Iris Room
8:30 AM – 10:30 PM

**Moderator:** Damarious Harris, Univ of Memphis

- Mikala Stokes, Northwestern Univ: *“Enticed away”: Enslaved Youth and Fugitive Slave Advertisements*
- Montia Gardner, Univ of Maryland, Baltimore Co: *A Righteous Realm of Resistance: Resistance Practices of Enslaved Women on the TV Series Underground*
- Latoya Teague, Univ of Texas at Austin: *Herstory: The Unfathomable Truths from Ex-Enslaved Black Women in Texas*

**Commentator:** Dr. Catherine Arnold, Univ of Memphis
Session Six – BLACK RESISTANCE AND SURVIVAL
338 UC, Iris Room
10:45 AM – 12:45 PM

Moderator: Evelyn Jackson, Univ of Memphis
- Tammy Blue, Univ of Alabama at Birmingham: Surviving Rough Justice
- Desmond Fonseca, Tufts Univ: Looking for Moses: Angola in the Black Radical Imagination

Commentator: Dr. Andrea Ringer, Tennessee St Univ (GAAAH alum)

Pizza Talk/Memphis State 8 Paper Prize
338 UC, Iris Room
1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

Guest Speaker: Dr. Aram Goudsouzian, Univ of Memphis, Dept of History
Politics, Protest, and Paradox: The Black Freedom Struggle in Memphis

Session Seven – BLACK WORDSMITHS: COMMUNICATING BLACKNESS
338 UC, Iris Room
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Moderator: Marvin Byrd, Univ of Memphis
- Damariye Smith, Univ of Memphis: Victory Lap: An Exploration of Nipsey Hussle’s Entrepreneurial Rhetoric
- Thomas Fuerst, Univ of Memphis: Identification, Insurrection, and Imitatio Christi in The Confessions of Nat Turner
- Laura Sullivan, Univ of Memphis: “This Land’s Been Paid For...Over and Over Again”: Representations of Black Southern Agrarianism in Queen Sugar

Commentator: Dr. Andre Johnson, Univ of Memphis

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Keynote Address
Thursday, October 24, 2019
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