

**Reworking Freedom: Graduate Student Workshop on Re-Centering
the Enslaved in Histories of the Americas**

Friday, October 17, 2014
Institute for Research in African-American Studies, Columbia University
8:30 am - 7:00 pm

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The Reworking Freedom Committee is pleased to share the final schedule for our daylong workshop:

8:30-9:00: Breakfast

9:00-10:30: Panel 1: State Institutions and Slavery

Commentator: Sibylle Fischer (NYU)

- Alice Baumgartner (Yale), “‘Freedom to All Slaves who Step on its Territory’: An Intellectual History of Mexico’s Free Soil Doctrine, 1829-60”
- Westenley Alcenat (Columbia), “Searching for Zion: Black Emigration to Haiti and the Ever-Elusive Quest for American Citizenship, 1816-1865”
- Jonathan Square (NYU), “Neither Free, Nor Enslaved: *Africanos livres* in the Early Years of the Casa De Correção, 1834-1864”
- Marie Stango (Michigan), “‘Situated as I Am’: Women’s Voices in Nineteenth Century Liberia”

10:30-10:40: Coffee Break

10:40-12:10: Panel 2: Spirituality, Death and Dying

Commentator: Herman Bennett (CUNY Graduate Center)

- StaLynn Davis (University of Illinois, Springfield), “‘Alas! The sunny face of the slave is not always an indication of sunshine in the heart’: 19th Century Enslaved Women and Religion”
- Yesenia Barragan (Columbia), “‘Justo was buried, but not the crime’: Death, Slavery, and Spiritual Justice on the Colombian Black Pacific”
- Brandi M. Waters (Yale), “Recent Questions in the Historiography of Slave Suicide and Melancholy in Latin America”
- Kimberly Hursh (University of Virginia), “Savaged Bodies and Enslaved Souls: Alonso de Sandoval’s Ethic of Salvation in Seventeenth Century Cartagena”

12:10-1:00: Lunch

1:00-2:30: Panel 3: Marronage and Self-Emancipation

Commentator: Yuko Miki (Fordham)

- Michael Becker (Duke), “Revolution at the Crossroads: Re-framing the Haitian Revolution from the Heights of Platons”
- Isaac Curtis (Pittsburgh), “The Significance of Maritime Marronage in the Eastern Caribbean, 1635-1815”

- Samanthis Smalls (Duke), “‘Git to the Workhouse’: Enslaved Peoples Understandings of Antebellum Penal Spaces”
- Shauna Sweeney (NYU), “A Free Enterprise: Women Runaways, Urban Markets, and Cartographies of Freedom in Jamaica, 1815-1834”

2:30-2:40: *Break*

2:40-4:10: *Panel 4: Slavery and the Production of Knowledge*

Commentator: Rebecca Goetz (NYU)

- Eric Herschthal (Columbia), “The Strange Science of Dr. Benjamin Rush: The Entangled Histories of Antislavery, Medicine and the Age of Revolution, 1770-1810”
- Mary Hicks (University of Virginia), “African Healers, the Bahian Slave Trade and the Circulation of African-Derived Medicinal Knowledge in the Atlantic World”
- Ava Purkiss (University of Texas at Austin), “‘A Healthy Careful Negroe Wench for a Wet Nurse’: The Reproductive, Labor, and Sexual Politics of Enslaved Wet Nursing”
- James Shinn (Yale), “Lavinia’s Worlds: Slavery, Movement, and Identity in the Nineteenth-Century Greater Caribbean”

4:10-4:30: *Break*

4:30-6:00: *Roundtable Table Discussion with Saidiya Hartman (Columbia)*

6:00-7:00: *Reception*

This workshop is sponsored by the History Department, the Institute for Research in African-American Studies, and the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race at Columbia University.

For more information, see: <https://reworkingfreedom.wordpress.com>.