

The African American Struggle for Justice and the Challenge of Slavery in the 21st Century

On March 6,7,and 8, 2017 Tougaloo will host a path-breaking conference in collaboration with Historians Against Slavery and funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

This conference brings together highly accomplished academicians, serious activists, and highly engaged student leaders for three days of deliberation designed to establish Tougaloo College's Institute of Modern Slavery and Antislavery Studies

This Institute is charged with developing innovative programs of research, teaching, and community engagement that address the closely-linked challenges of the "new" global slavery and the oppressive practices passed onto us by the legacies of the "old" plantation slavery. The task at hand is problem solving and agenda setting that designs and initiates the development of the institute.

The strategy is to develop effective responses to 21st century enslavement in all its forms through our historical and contemporary knowledge of the African American struggle for freedom, justice, and equality.

The goal is to design an Institute of Modern Antislavery Studies that enhances Tougaloo's mission in liberal arts education, gives 21st century meaning to the college's deep roots in the African American struggle, and makes it a major center of antislavery scholarship, pedagogy, and public policy.

PLEASE CONTACT srozman@tougaloo.edu ASAP to get information about the conference program and hotel reservations.

MARCH 6 MON	<p>Social Justice, the Humanities and the Fine Art: <u>HBCU Campus Cultures as Learning and Activism</u></p> <p>Opening Remarks: President Beverly Hogan Tougaloo College Dr. Asoka Srinivasan, Provost Tougaloo College Dr, Stephen Rozman, Dean of Social Sciences Division Tougaloo College Introduction: Dr. Andrea Montgomery, Dean of Humanities Division Tougaloo College Keynote Presentation: Lisa Roberts (Ethno-Musicology and Music as an Agent of Social Change) Commentators: Zoe Trodd (Nottingham University), Johnnie Mae Maberry, Andrea Montgomery, Brenda Wilder (Tougaloo College), Tougaloo Undergraduate and Community Artists and Performers</p>	10:00 am- 11:30 am	Bennie G. Thompson Auditorium
	<p>Modern Slavery and HBCUs: <u>Huge Problem and Small Under-Resourced Colleges</u></p> <p>Introductory Remarks: James Brewer Stewart (Historians Against Slavery) Keynote Speaker: Kevin Bales (Nottingham University) "A Global Introduction to Modern Slavery and Antislavery" Responders: Elizabeth Swanson (Historians Against Slavery), Robert Blaine (Tougaloo College), Steve Willis (Bennett College), Robert Wright (Historians Against Slavery)</p>	12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Bennie G. Thompson Auditorium
	<p>HBCUS and Modern Slavery: <u>What Shared Mission? What Pitfalls and What Unique Challenges?</u></p> <p>Panel Discussion: Nikki Taylor (Howard University), Tougaloo College Faculty, Bennett College Faculty</p>	1:45 pm - 2:45 pm	Bennie G. Thompson Auditorium
	<p>Slavery's Legacies, Structural Racism and HBCU Curriculum <u>What Courses? How to Develop Them? How to Teach Them? How to Support Them?</u></p> <p>Panel Discussion: Talitha LeFlouria (University of Virginia), Tougaloo College faculty; Bennett College faculty</p>	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Bennie G. Thompson Auditorium
	<p>Teaching About International Forms of Slavery: <u>What are New Courses? How Develop Them? How to Teach them? How to Support Them?</u></p> <p>Panel Discussion: Kevin Bales (Nottingham University), Steve Rozman, Shaila Kahn, Meherun Lajju, Brenda Wilder, Gwendolyn Bookman (Bennett)</p>	4:15 pm - 5:15 pm	Bennie G. Thompson Auditorium
MARCH 7 TUE	<p>Antislavery Leadership and Undergraduate Activism: <u>How to Organize? How to Sustain Leadership? How to Have a Positive Impact?</u></p> <p>Panel Discussion: Nailah Tucker and other students (Tougaloo College), Isa Diawara (Brown University student), Shamere McKenzie, Elizabeth Swanson (Historians Against Slavery), Stacey Robertson (Historians Against Slavery)</p>	8:00 am - 9:30 am	Bennie G. Thompson Auditorium
	<p>Digital Humanities: <u>The New Antislavery Pedagogy for HBCUs? How to Finance and Sustain It? How to Develop Faculty and Student Expertise?</u></p> <p>Panel Discussion: Robert Blaine (Tougaloo College), Jane Landers (Vanderbilt University), Sharon Streeter (Tougaloo College), Rebecca Wingo (Macalester College)</p>	9:45-am 11:15 am	Bennie G. Thompson Auditorium
	<p>Student/Faculty Research Partnerships: <u>How to Enable, Empower Sustain and Evaluate Them?</u></p> <p>Panel Discussion: Arthur McLin/Jeremy Gray (Tougaloo College), Brenda Wilder/Naomi Short (Tougaloo College, LaToya Brooks/Alezaihvia Melendez (Bennett College)</p>	11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Bennie G. Thompson Auditorium
	<p>Today's Slavery and Antislavery in Historical Perspective--Relating "Now" to "Then" and Both to Antislavery Teaching and Learning</p>	12:30 pm- 1:45pm	Bennie G. Thompson Auditorium

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	<p>Presentation: Zoe Trodd (Nottingham University) Comment: Daphne Chamberlain (Tougaloo College), Matt Mason (Historians Against Slavery)</p>		
	<p>Sexual Enslavement, Academic Study and Campus/Community Activism</p> <p>Panel Discussion: Shamere McKenzie, Laura Murphy (Historians Against Slavery), Stacey Robertson (Historians Against Slavery), Helen Brown (Hinds County Sheriff's Department), John Donoghue (Loyola University-Chicago)</p>	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Bennie G. Thompson Auditorium
	<p>Bringing the Community into the Campus and Vice Versa: <u>Best Strategies? Most Effective Tactics? Sustainability?</u></p> <p>Panel Discussion: Laura Murphy (Historians Against Slavery), Sunnetta "Sunny" Slaughter, Consultant on Human Trafficking, Sandy Middleton (The Center for Violence Prevention), Drew Mellon (Hard Places Community), Jeffery Artis (Special Agent, FB I)</p>	3:15 pm - 5:00 pm	Bennie G. Thompson Auditorium
MARCH 8 WED	<p>EXTENDED SESSION Extending HBCU Collaboration: <u>Constructing a Major and Envisioning a Tougaloo Institute</u></p> <p>Conveners and Orchestrators: Nikki Taylor (Historians Against Slavery)</p> <p>8:45am- 10:30am Extended Panel Discussion: Faculty from Tougaloo College and Bennett College</p> <p>9:45 am- 10:15 am Extended Audience Discussion</p> <p>10:15 am-10:30 am Concluding Reflections: Talitha LeFlouria (Historians Against Slavery)</p>	8: 45 am - 10:45 am	Bennie G. Thompson Auditorium
	<p>Mid-Morning Break and Socializing While Session Recommendations are Consolidated for Presentation</p>	10:00 am- 11:00 am	Bennie G. Thompson Auditorium
	<p>Agendas and Responsibilities Going Forward: <u>Consensus Recommendations: Assigning Responsibilities for Action Steps</u></p> <p>AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEW TOUGALOO INSTITUTE (Add and Amend as Recommendations Indicate)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HBCU Consortium Program Building Digital Humanities Development and Collaboration Curriculum and Course Development Student/ Faculty Research Internships/ Community Outreach/ Campus Programming Ongoing Mellon Fellowships and New Sources of Faculty Support 	11:15 am- 12:45 am	Bennie G. Thompson Auditorium

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