

Rutgers University, Newark
Newark History Society

Revolution to Reparations: The Black Experience in New Jersey

History Symposium at Rutgers University, Newark

May 1-2, 2025

Free and open to the public, but registration is required.
Register at: <https://forms.gle/2fkQNOsqc7vDMkyB7>

Thursday, May 1, 2025: EXPRESS NEWARK

54 Halsey St. 2nd floor, Newark (in Hahne's Building)

9:30-10:15am: Coffee, pastries

10:15am: Welcome

Linda Caldwell Epps, Newark History Society, *Chancellor Jeffrey Robinson*, Rutgers University, and *President Jonathan Holloway*, Rutgers University

10:30am-12pm:

PANEL 1: Recovering and Preserving New Jersey's Black History

Panel Chair: John Johnson, Jr., St. Peter's University

Panelist: Guy Weston, Timbuctoo Village, Westampton

Panelist: Gilda Rogers, Thomas Fortune House, Red Bank

Panelist: Breanna Moore, University of Pennsylvania

12-1:30pm: **Lunch and Plenary Speaker:**

Melissa Cooper, Rutgers University, Newark: "*Marion Thompson Wright's Search for New Jersey's Black Past*"

1:30-1:45pm: Break

1:45-3pm:

PANEL 2: Sources and Resources for Black History in New Jersey

Panel Chair: Gary B. Crosby, president, St. Elizabeth University

Panelist: James Amemasor, Rutgers, Newark and New Jersey Historical Society

Panelist: Dale Colston, Newark Public Library

Panelist: Marjorie Crawford, Rutgers University Law School

Panelist, Teresa Vega, Independent Scholar

3-3:15pm: Break, Coffee, cookies

3:15-4:45pm:

PANEL 3: Presenting Diverse Voices at New Jersey Historic Houses

Panel Chair: Noelle Lorraine Williams, New Jersey Historical Commission

Panelist: Elizabeth Allan, Morven, Princeton

Panelist: Amy Simon Hopwood, Ballantine House, Newark Museum of Art

Panelist: Samuel Stephens, Trent House, Trenton

Panelist: Joe Zemla, Bernadette Rogoff, Marlpit Hall, Middletown

Friday, May 2, 2025: PAUL ROBESON CAMPUS CENTER, Essex Room

350 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Newark

9:30-10am: Coffee, pastries

10-11:30am:

PANEL 4: Legacy Projects

Panel Chair: Howard Dodson, Howard University

Panelist: S. Kendall Hall, Ubuntu Cultural Pavilion

Panelist: R. Isabela Morales, The Princeton and Slavery Project

11:30-11:45am: Break

11:45am-1:15pm: **Lunch and Plenary Speaker:**

Ryan Haygood, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice: “*The Only Way Forward is Reparations*”

1:15-1:30pm: Break

1:30-3pm:

PANEL 5: Art and Material Culture

A conversation between **Nell Irvin Painter**, Princeton University and **Wendel A. White**, Stockton University about White’s recent exhibit and book, *Manifest/Thirteen Colonies*, which documents African American material culture.

3-3:15pm: Coffee and cookies

3:15-4:45pm:

PANEL 6: Reparations and Social Justice

Panel Chair: Mark Krasovic, Rutgers University, Newark

Panelist: Jean-Pierre Brutus, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice

Panelist: Dionne Ford, New Jersey Reparations Council

Panelist: Taja-Nia Henderson, Rutgers University Law School

4:45-5:45pm: Reception



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