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Contesting Black Citizenship from the American Revolution to the Present

11-13 December 2024

Roosevelt Institute for American Studies
Hofplein 16
4331 CK Middelburg

Conference Program

Program

Per speaker 15 minutes presentation; 35 minutes discussion and 10 minutes break

Wednesday, 11 December 2024

20:00-21:00 **Arrival & Evening Drinks Reception**
Hotel De Nieuwe Doelen, Loskade 5, Middelburg

Thursday, 12 December 2024

09:00-09:30 **Welcome & Introduction** by Damian Pargas (RIAS & Leiden University)

09:30-10:30 Natalie Joy (Northern Illinois University)
'Of an Unconstitutional and Sinful Color': Black Abolitionists, Native American Ancestry, and US Citizenship in the Early 19th Century

10:30-11:30 Oran Kennedy (Leiden University)
'The People of Color in Ohio Speaking Out': Black Resistance to Racial Exclusion Laws in Antebellum Ohio

11:30-12:30 Zach Sell (University of Notre Dame)
Exclusion through Removal, Citizenship through Whiteness: Rethinking Colonization and Black Resistance in the US Midwest

12:30-13:30 **Lunch**

13:30-14:30 Michael A. Schoeppner (University of Maine)
Charles Lyon's Citizenship: Race, Migration, and the Origins of American Immigration Law

14:30-15:30 Andrew Diemer (Towson University)
Grappling with the Dred Scott Decision: The Election of 1858 and Black Citizenship Rights

15:30-16:30 Michael Dickinson (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Can I Endure Such Agony? Black Agency, Kinship, and Forced Separation in Urban Antebellum America

16:30-17:00 **Break**

17:00-18:00 **Keynote Lecture**
Manisha Sinha (University of Connecticut)
The Rise and Fall of the Second American Republic: Reconstruction, 1860-1920

18:15 **Dinner**
(location tba)

Friday, 13 December 2024

09:30-10:30 David Silkenat (University of Florida)
Race, Citizenship, and Immigration at the 1868 Constitutional Conventions

10:30-11:30 Adam Dombey (Auburn University)
The Forgotten Sailors: How the Federal Bureaucrats Undermined Black Citizenship Claims and Enabled the Rise of Jim Crow

11:30-12:30 Edith Ritt-Coulter (University of Central Oklahoma)
Black Citizenship in a Contested Territory: An Examination of the African American Experience in Early Oklahoma

12:30-13:30 **Lunch**

13:30-14:30 Morgan P. Vickers (University of California, Berkeley)
Black Dam/Nation: The Material and Social Submersion of Black Life in New Deal South Carolina

14:30-15:30 Marlene Gaynair (Washington State University)
The Jamaican Progressive League and the Redefinition of Black Citizenship: Advocacy, Immigration, and Policy Reform in the United States (1936-1965)

15:30-16:30 Laura Warren Hill (Binghamton University)
In a Fight for Her Life: Betty Tyson and the Citizenship Crisis in the Policing of Black Women

16:30-17:00 **Break**

17:00-18:00 **Presentation Racial Democracy Project**
Damian Pargas, Manar Ellethy, Christine Mertens, Marcella Schute

18:00 **Reception**

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