

The African American Freedom Trail Symposium at Tufts University: The Past, Present, and Future of Black Boston

The African American Freedom Trail Symposium marks the launch of a city-wide network and community-based archive, housed at Tufts University. Inspired by the scholarship of the late Tufts Professor Gerald R. Gill (1948-2007) on civil rights and the history of Black Boston, and driven by faculty and student research, the project maps African American public history sites, while developing collaborative, community-based public history projects across greater Boston. The African American Freedom Trail Project will place present-day struggles for racial justice in the context of historical movements for social change that originated, and found expression in greater Boston's African American and Black Native communities.

Symposium Schedule

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM

Opening Remarks

President Tony Monaco & Dr. Bernard Harleston
Profs. Pearl Robinson, Kendra Field, Kerri Greenidge, & Katrina Moore

Celebration of The Gerald R. Gill Papers

Dean James Glaser, Dean of Arts and Sciences
Prof. Jeanne Penvenne & Daniel Santamaria

1:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Black and Native Histories of Greater Boston

Craig Steven Wilder (MIT), Kerri Greenidge (Tufts), Steven Cohen (Tufts),
Patrick Sylvain (Brandeis), Seth Markle (Trinity College)

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

African American Public History & the Politics of the Present

Marita Rivero, Museum of African American History; Penny Outlaw, the Royall House & Slave Quarters; Terry Carter, West Medford Community Center; Maria Madison and Elon Cook, the Robbins House; Mary McNeil, Harvard University; Charles Yancey, Former Boston City Councillor

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Dinner Reception and Archival Exhibit

Friday March 31, 2017

1 PM – 6 PM Symposium

Breed Memorial Hall
51 Winthrop Street
Medford, MA 02155

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