I CHOOSE JOY!:
CONTEMPORARY EXPRESSIONS
OF BLACK JOY AND RESILIENCE

Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center
Grand Hall
April 16th, 2022
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Networking and Breakfast

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Welcome
Dr. Jakobi Williams,
Chair Department of African American & African Diaspora Studies

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Ritual Cools the Head: An Interactive Exchange
Nia I'man Smith, Doctoral Student, Department of Folklore and Ethnomusicology

15TH ANNUAL HERMAN C. HUDSON SYMPOSIUM
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Embodying Agency
Panelists: Brandon Stokes Doctoral Candidate, Department of African American & African Diaspora Studies, Jasmine Frison Doctoral Student, Department of African American & African Diaspora Studies, Corryn Anderson Doctoral Student, Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies

Session Chair: Madison Clark, Doctoral Student, Department of African American & African Diaspora Studies

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Keynote
Dr. Maria Hamilton Abegunde, Assistant Professor, Department of African American & African Diaspora Studies

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

Lunch

1:45 PM - 2:45 PM

Artist Roundtable
Panelists: Baba Stafford C. Berry Jr., Professor of Practice, Department of African American & African Diaspora Studies, Robert Burden, Visiting Assistant Professor Department of Theater, Drama, and Contemporary Dance, Tislam Swift, Doctoral Student, Jacobs School of Music

Session Chair: Taylor Ajewole Duckett
2:45 PM - 4:00 PM

See Me: The Invisibility of Black Women in Intersectional Spaces

Panelists: Taylor Ajewole Duckett, Doctoral Candidate, Department of African American & African American Studies, Samantha Horton, Doctoral Candidate, Department of African American & African Diaspora Studies, Nya Anthony, MA/MPA Student, Department of African American & African Diaspora Studies & O’Neill SPEA, Alexus Hunt, MA/MLS Students Departments of African American & African Diaspora Studies & Information & Library Sciences

Session Chair: Oluwanifemi Ologunorisa, Doctoral Student, African American & African Diaspora Studies

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Poets Roundtable

Panelists: Bernardo Wade, MA/MFA Student, Departments of African American & African Diaspora Studies and English, El Williams, MA/MFA Departments of African American & African Diaspora Studies and English

Session Chair: Ashley Hayes, Doctoral Student, Department of African American & African Diaspora Studies

5:00 PM

Closing Remarks

Taylor Ajewole Duckett, President AAADS Graduate Society