

14th Biannual CAAR Conference
"Knowledges in Motion: Black Travels, Belonging, and Transformations"
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 20.-22.03.2025

Conference Program

Thursday, March 20, 2025

- 9 Conference Office Opens (*Room 1066e*)
- 10 **Conference Opening** / Violet Showers Johnson (President of CAAR, Texas A&M University) / Greetings: Dean of the Faculty of Language, Literature and Humanities / Head of the Department of English and American Studies / Executive Director of EOTO (*Senatssaal*)
- 10:45 **Keynote 1: Psyche Williams-Forson** (University of Maryland College Park)
“Pilgrim through this barren land: how Black folk eat our intellectual / physical fill of food while moving through...” (*Senatssaal*)
Introduction: Patricia Williams Dockery (Morgan State University)
- 12:15 Lunch Break (with Coffee)
- 2:00 **Workshops Series 1**
- 4:00 Coffee Break
- 4.30 **Workshops Series 2**
- 4:30 **CAAR Board Meeting** (*Room 1085*)
- 6.30 Break
- 7:00 **A Short History of CAAR (so far)** (*Senatssaal*)
with Paul Spickard, Mar Gallego, Renée Baron and Anne Potjans
- 8:00 Reception

Friday, March 21

- 9.30 **Keynote 2: Shanté P. Smalls** (NYU), “Black Deaths Matter: Place, Dance, and Rebellion in NYC and LA” (*Senatssaal*)
Introduction: Charles I. Nero (Bates College, Maine)
- 11 Coffee Break
- 11:30 **Workshops Series 3**
- 1:30 Lunch Break
- 3:00 **Workshops Series 4**
- 5:00 Coffee

5:30 **“Back Talk”:** Poetry Reading by **Melba Joyce Boyd** (Poet Laureate of Michigan / Wayne State University Detroit) (*Senatssaal*)
Introduction: Violet Showers Johnson (President of CAAR, Texas A&M University)

Saturday, March 22

9.00 **A Conversation with Melody Howse** (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Berlin) and **Nnenna Onuoha** (University of Potsdam/Harvard University) **on Black Art in Berlin**
Hosted by Patricia Williams Dockery (Morgan State University) (*Senatssaal*)

10.30 Coffee Break

11:00 **CAAR Membership Meeting** (*Senatssaal*)

2:00 Lunch Break

3.30 **Artist Talk: Jean-Ulrick Désert**, “Marking W.E.B. Du Bois as a Berliner - Designing the Du Bois Memorial” (*Senatssaal*)
Introduction: Dorothea Löbberrmann (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

4.30 Coffee Break

5:00 **Workshops Series 5**

7:00 **Farewell**