The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) and Hampton Roads, Virginia ASALH Branch Invite You to Join Us In Commemorating

# 400 Years of Perseverance

Friday, August 23, 2019
6 pm – 8 pm
Hampton University Memorial Chapel
Hampton, Virginia

#### OUR STORY, OUR NARRATIVE

In commemorating 400 years since the arrival of Africans in the first permanent English Colony in North America, we honor African American perseverance, in this land of the Indigenous people, from 1619 to the present. The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) views commemorating our foreparents' 400 years of horrific struggles and astonishing triumphs as an event of historic significance to people of African descent, and all people. Each year ASALH establishes a Black History Month Theme. This commemoration speaks directly to ASALH's selected annual Black History theme for 2019 – "Black Migrations."

#### OUR REMEMBRANCE

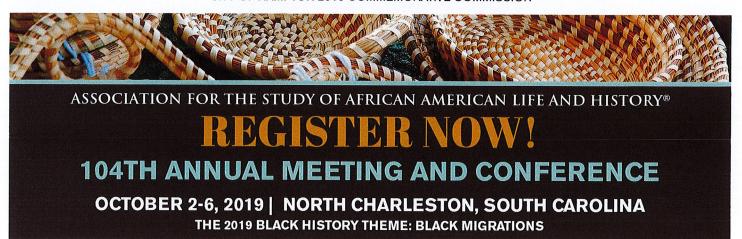
ASALH's 400th Commemoration Committee and the ASALH Hampton Roads, Virginia Branch seek to educate America and the global community about the arrival of Africans in the Virginia Colony and tell the story of the resilience of the African American family, their contributions to America, and most of all, African American perseverance over four centuries. To that end, a panel of ASALH scholars will shed light on the past, present and future of our people—those who perished, those who survived, today's fortunate ones who are thriving and those struggling in poverty, for whom we stand.

#### WHO WE ARE

Established on September 9, 1915 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, we are the Founders of Black History Month and carry forth the work of our founder, the Father of Black History. We continue his legacy of speaking a fundamental truth to the world—that Africans and peoples of African descent are makers of history and co-workers in what W. E. B. Du Bois called, "The Kingdom of Culture." ASALH's mission is to create and disseminate knowledge about Black History, to be, in short, the nexus between the Ivory Tower and the global public. We labor in the service of Blacks and all humanity. We are a tax-exempt 501 (c)(3) organization and encourage like-minded individuals to join. For more information go to asalh.org or call 202-238-5910.

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#### Notes

## Association for the Study of African American Life & History 400 Years of Perseverance Commemoration

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### **PROGRAM**

#### **Master of Ceremonies**

Ms. Sylvia Y. Cyrus, Executive Director ASALH

#### Libations

Professor Robert Watson

#### **Drumming**

Dylan Pritchett & Dimitric Clawson

#### "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Ms. Brenda Doretha Tucker, Descendant of First Recorded Africans in English Colonies

#### **Prayer**

Rev. Debra Haggins, Hampton University Chaplin

#### **Opening Remarks**

Prof. Gloria J. Browne-Marshall, Chair, 400th Commemoration Committee of ASALH

#### **Greetings and Recognitions**

Ms. Audrey Williams, President, ASALH Hampton Roads Branch

#### Welcome

Dr. Linda Malone-Colon, Dean, Hampton University School of Liberal Arts and Education

#### Inspiration

Ms. Susan Taylor, Editor-in-Chief Emerita and Founder, National Cares Mentoring Movement

#### Poem

Mr. Khephra K. Burns, Author and Producer

#### **Panel Presentations**

DR. DERRICK P. ALRIDGE, Historian, Professor of Education, University of Virginia, Director of Teachers in the Movement Project and Director of the Center for Race and Public Education in the South. TOPIC: "The Narratives of Black Teachers: Pedagogies of Freedom, Democracy, and Equality"

PROF. GLORIA J. BROWNE-MARSHALL, Author, Playwright and Professor of Constitutional Law, John Jay College (CUNY). Chair, ASALH Executive Council 400th Commemoration Committee. TOPIC: "Race, Law and American Society: The Changing Legal Status of Africans in the Virginia Colony and Continued Mis-use of Criminal Law for Racial Oppression and African-American Use of Law for Liberation"

DR. COLITA NICHOLS FAIRFAX, Professor, Social Scientist, Historiographer, Honors College Senior Faculty Fellow, Norfolk State University, Co-Chair, City of Hampton 2019 Commemorative Commission, and the African Arrival Committee of the State 2019 Evolution Commemoration Commission. TOPIC: "The African-American Family and Post-Traumatic Slave Disorder"

DR. SHEILA FLEMMING-HUNTER, Founder and President, Black Rose Foundation for Children, Adjunct Professor and Associate Editor, Phylon: The Clark Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture and ASALH Executive Council 400th Commemoration Committee Member. TOPIC: "From Slavery to Freedom: The State of Black Children in America and Our Responsibility to Our Young People"

DR. CASSANDRA NEWBY-ALEXANDER, Professor of History and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Norfolk State University; ASALH Executive Council 400th Commemoration Committee and 2019 American Evolution. TOPIC: "The 1619 African Arrival and the African Presence in Colonial Virginia"

**PROF. ROBERT WATSON, MODERATOR**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and History, Hampton University.

#### **Closing Remarks**

Prof. Gloria J. Browne-Marshall, Chair, 400th Commemoration Committee of ASALH

#### **Book Signing**

### LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING

#### BY JAMES WELDON JOHNSON

Lift ev'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring,

Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;

Let our rejoicing rise

High as the list'ning skies,

Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,

Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,

Bitter the chast'ning rod,

Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;

Yet with a steady beat,

Have not our weary feet

Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,

We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,

Out from the gloomy past,

Till now we stand at last

Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,

God of our silent tears,

Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;

Thou who has by Thy might,

Led us into the light,

Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,

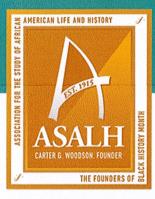
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;

Shadowed beneath Thy hand,

May we forever stand.

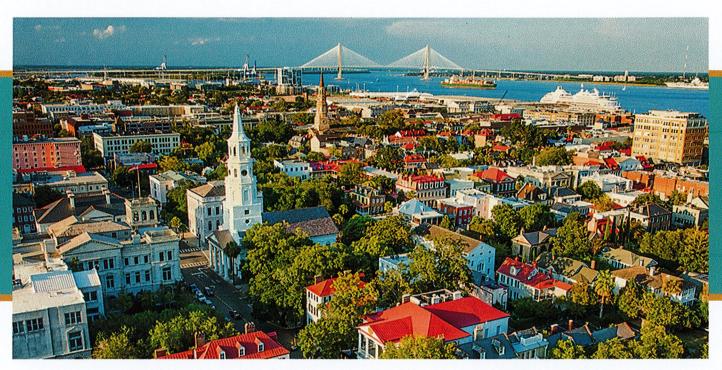
True to our God,

True to our native land.



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