

The Sankofa Lecture Series presents

“Bordeaux, Forgotten Black Metropolis”

Dr. Lorelle Semley’s talk discusses the role of Black people in the making of Bordeaux, France. Known for its wine and historic architecture, the port city’s expansion since the eighteenth century was tied to the forced and free migration, artisanal labor, and intellectual work of African and Caribbean women, men, and children. Current citizenship debates in France and elsewhere must address this longer history that we all share.



Lorelle Semley is Professor of History at College of the Holy Cross where she teaches courses in African history. She is the author of *To Be Free and French: Citizenship in France’s Atlantic Empire* (2016) and *Mother is Gold, Father is Glass: Gender and Colonialism in a Yoruba Town* (2011). Her talk draws from her next book project titled “Bordeaux, Forgotten Black Metropolis” which is supported by ACLS and NEH Fellowships.



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on Zoom. Link to join the meeting:
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