

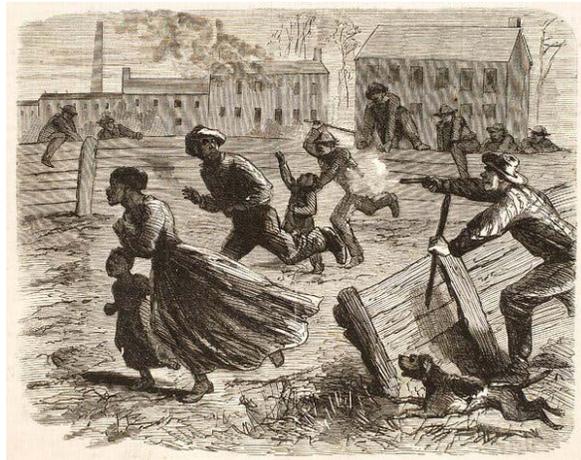
All faculty and staff are invited to the
Loyola University Chicago Retiree Association
Third Thursday Presentation

Thursday, January 20, 2022
Zoom Presentation
4:00-5:00 pm (CST)*

**Bringing African-American Stories and Perspectives
into
Public History and Museum Narratives**

**Patricia Mooney-Melvin, Loyola University Chicago and
Lauren O'Brien, Rutgers University**

Dr. Mooney-Melvin and Ms. O'Brien will discuss doing history in public and the challenges and opportunities in shaping the history that gets presented. Pat will sketch the nature of public history and community engagement and Lauren will talk more specifically about her work with the Tenement Museum and work bringing African American experiences into the narratives provided by museums and other historic sites.



Patricia Mooney-Melvin is Associate Professor of History at Loyola University Chicago and a member of the public history faculty group in the History Department. Over the last forty years, she has helped shape the contours of public history's curricular structure, trained numerous public historians, and worked with numerous community groups and institutions.

Lauren C. O'Brien is an educator, curator, and public historian interested in preserving stories that explore the relationship between Black placemaking, public memory, and geographies of displacement. Most recently, Lauren served as the primary research consultant for the Tenement Museum's first permanent exhibition and walking tour documenting the history of African Americans on the Lower East Side. Ms. O'Brien is a graduate of Loyola's public history graduate program and currently finishing her PhD at Rutgers University.

More on the Lauren O'Brien's work developing the "Reclaiming Black Spaces" exhibit for the Tenement Museum in New York City is available in the *New York Times*:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/09/arts/design/tenement-museum-black-history.html>

Please RSVP to Ale Fernandez: afernandez8@luc.edu

Join via Zoom: <https://luc.zoom.us/j/87972329059>

*For regular attendees of Third Thursday presentations, please note the slightly later event time, starting at 4:00 pm CST.