

COLLOQUIUM

“The Vital Poetics of Zora Neale Hurston and Luisa Moreno: Settler Extraction and Florida’s Black Women Conifer Workers.”

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This talk will discuss Florida's Jim Crow extractive conifer industry through interdisciplinary anthropological and historical methods. I draw on the



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ethnographic, archival, and literary materials of Zora Neale Hurston and labor activist Luisa Moreno to show how Black women workers braided their reproductive labor with their knowledge of the swamp forest ecology to counter regimes of settler extraction. The talk provides an interdisciplinary map for articulating

how Florida's conifer economy was premised on the labor and life of Black women workers.

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