

THE AFRICAN PRESENCE IN AMERICA BEFORE 1619: A SYMPOSIUM FOR A NEW NARRATIVE



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The year 2019 has been celebrated as the 400th anniversary of African presence in Virginia, and hence America. However, African people came to what is now the contiguous United States more than a century before 1619. We believe it is vitally important for those who “Enter to Learn and Depart to Serve” to pause, reflect upon, revisit, and reassess Black people’s presence within an historical analysis that is African centered.

The beginning of the African presence in America cannot be fully and adequately recognized unless we begin in Florida where Black people were explorers and conquistadors, free and enslaved, who made enormous contributions that paved the foundation for the greatness of this country. You are invited to join the dialogue as we expand the narrative about people of African descent in America. We will explore such themes as:

- African peoples, origins, cultures, survivals
- Free and enslaved African populations
- Alliances with Indigenous peoples
- Resources for further inquiry, for both public and academic research

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019

1:45 - 4:00 p.m.

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