

Africana Women's History on C-SPAN

As we close out Black History Month, catch some lectures on black women's history and contemporary issue from some of the leading historians and journalists.

Harriet Tubman and the Twenty Dollar Bill

Scholars talked about the historical significance of the decision to replace Andrew Jackson with Harriet Tubman on the front of the twenty dollar bill, as well as the reactions to the announcement. On April 20, 2016, Treasury Secretary Jack Lew announced that abolitionist Harriet Tubman would replace Andrew Jackson on the front of the twenty dollar bill. The Treasury Department planned to unveil the final concept design in 2020.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?416578-1/harriet-tubman-twenty-dollar-bill>

Never Caught Professor Erica Armstrong Dunbar talked about her book *Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge*, in which she recounts the life of Ona Judge, a slave owned by George and Martha Washington, whose escape initiated a manhunt ordered by the first president. In her book, the author reports that Washington was adverse to free his slaves, which, according to Pennsylvania law, was required after six months of residency in the state. Instead, Washington would send his slaves back to Virginia every six months to circumvent the law. Ona Judge remained free until her death in New Hampshire in 1848.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?424019-2/never-caught>

The Meaning of Michelle Veronica Chambers talked about her book *The Meaning of Michelle: 16 Writers on the Iconic First Lady and How Her Journey Inspires Our Own*, in which she looks at the contributions of first lady Michelle Obama.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?421321-2/veronica-chambers-discusses-meaning-michelle>

Pageants, Parlors, and Pretty Women Blain Roberts talked about her book *Pageants, Parlors, and Pretty Women: Race and Beauty in the Twentieth-Century South*, in which she looks at the role of beauty in the racial conflicts in the South during the 1950s and 1960s. Ms. Roberts said Jim Crow era cosmetics companies sold beauty products that emphasized whiteness, and black beauty parlors were key sites of resistance during the Civil Rights movement.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?423500-1/pageants-parlors-pretty-women>

The Price for Their Pound of Flesh Daina Ramey Berry talked about her book *The Price for Their Pound of Flesh: The Value of the Enslaved, from Womb to Grave, in the Building of a Nation*, in which she examines the economic value that was assigned to slaves throughout their life, from infancy to death.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?421244-1/daina-ramey-berry-discusses-price-pound-flesh>

At Mama's Knee April Ryan talked about her book *At Mama's Knee: Mothers and Race in Black and White*, in which she examines the issues surrounding race and police shootings in America from the perspective of African

American mothers.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?423223-2/april-ryan-discusses-mamas-knee>

After Words with Sybrina Fulton and Tracy Martin The parents of Trayvon Martin, Sybrina Fulton and Tracy Martin, talked about their book *Rest in Power: The Enduring Life of Trayvon Martin*, in which they discuss their son's life and death and their experience with the judicial system. They were interviewed by Wesley Lowery.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?421915-2/words-sybrina-fulton-tracy-martin>

Maggie Walker's Life and Legacy Ajena Rogers gave a tour of the home of Maggie Walker, a leader in Richmond, Virginia's African-American community at the turn of the 20th century. Maggie Walker, who began her life as the daughter of a washer woman, became the first female chief executive officer of a U.S. bank. Ms. Walker's home is located in the heart of historic Jackson Ward and is operated by the National Park Service.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?424162-1/maggie-walkers-life-legacy>

Some other African American History-related lectures:

The Blood of Emmett Till Timothy Tyson talked about his book *The Blood of Emmett Till*, in which he recalls the life and death of Emmett Till, a fourteen-year old African-American, who was tortured and killed in Mississippi in 1955.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?422642-2/blood-emmett-till>

World War II and Civil Rights Professor Charles McKinney talked about early civil rights efforts during the World War II era. He described movements to end segregation and court cases challenging "separate but equal" education opportunities.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?417459-2/world-war-ii-civil-rights>

