



Sons & Daughters of the United States Middle Passage

2021 Annual Conference

Conference Schedule

Friday, May 21, 2021
5:00 P.M. Doors Open

Visit the 2021 Conference website!

Visit Ancestor the Poster Room to hear a presentations about found ancestors
Learn more about our sponsors in their virtual booths
Get Links to the Annual Awards Ceremony and Conference

6:00 P.M. Welcoming Remarks

Ruth Hunt, Charter Member of SDUSMP

Mistress of Ceremony

Adrienne Abiodun, SDUSMP Board Member

Musical Performance

Briana Gilyard, Singer/Songwriter

President's Message

Dr. Evelyn McDowell, President and Chair of Board

SDUSMP Book Award Presentation

Adrienne Abiodun

Historical-Nonfiction Biographies:

A Mulatto Slave, the Events in the Life of Peter Hunt, 1844-1915 by Denise Griggs

Born Missionary: The Islay Walden Story by Margo Lee Williams

Historical Nonfiction-Graphic Novel

Monumental: Oscar Dunn and His Radical Fight in Reconstruction Louisiana
by Brian K. Mitchell

Historical-Family Stories

Gram's Gift by Joyce Mosley

Historical-Era

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson

Historical-Era, Family Stories

I've Been Here All the While: Black Freedom on Native Land (America in the Nineteenth Century) by Alaina E. Roberts

Keynote Address

Nicka Sewell-Smith, Host Black Pro Gen Live, Genealogist and Photographer

SDUSMP Awards Presentation

Janice Gilyard, SDUSMP Charter Member, President New Jersey-AAHGS

Certificate of Special Recognition

Cherekana Feliciano
Representative Sandra Hollins

Elijah Abel Service Award

W. Paul Reeve

Solomon Northup Family Award

Elaine Buck & Beverly Mills

Chairperson's Award

Margo Lee Williams

Richard Allen Leadership Award

Rev. Dr. Wanda Lundy

Ida B. Wells Service Award

Brian Sheffey and Donya Williams

Crispus Attucks Leadership Award

Marvin Tupper Jones

Harriet Tubman Leadership Award

Mélisande Short-Colomb

Frederick Douglass Service Award

Frank Smith, Jr.

Closing Comments

Judge Anita Laster-Mays, SDUSMP Charter Member and Board Member

8:00 P.M. Networking Event (Separate Link—See conference site)

Must register here to get the link

Mixology Session

Chef Keesha O'Galdez, GourmetDiva. Recipe is on the conference website.

Networking Fun & Games related to genealogy and history, in an Afro-centric context.

Scavenger Hunt—Retrieve, Show, and Tell with Charles Ray, Attorney and Lecturer at Rider University

4th Annual Conference, May 22, 2021

May 22, 2021	Session #	Titles	Speaker
8:30am-9:00am		Remembrance Ceremony	Johnathon Sellers
9:00am-9:15am		Welcome	Evelyn McDowell
9:15am-10:00am		Plenary Session	Nicka Sewell-Smith
10:15am-10:30am		Break	
10:30am-11:30am		Breakout Sessions (A)	
	Session 1	Rewriting the Story: Records and Resources to Identify Your Enslaved Ancestors	Rahkia Nance
	Session 2	Applying for SDUSMP (Live)	Evelyn McDowell
	Session 3	Liminal Space: Miles Lassiter, Straddling the Lines Between Slavery and Freedom	Margo Lee Williams
		Lunch	
11:30am-12:30pm	Lunch/Session	Lunch Cook-along--The Food of Our Ancestors	Chef Keesha O'Galdez
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch	An African-American Family in North Carolina: From Slavery to Freedom (Live)	Andre Kearns
1:30pm-2:30pm		Breakout Sessions (B)	
	Session 5	From Georgia to Florida: Following the Lives of Three Gullah Men (Live)	Skip Richardson & Gigi Best-Richardson
	Session 6	Not a Wound Too Deep: A Journey to African Empowerment	Karen Stewart-Ross
	Session 7	Searching for My Enslaved Ancestors	Bernice Bennett
	Session 8	Hiding in Plain Sight: Trilogy of My Family's Resistance	Denise I. Griggs
2:30pm-2:45pm		Break	
2:50pm-3:50pm		Breakout Sessions (C)	
	Session 9	Enslaved at Georgetown Hotel: Three Generations (Live)	Yvette LaGonterie
	Session 10	Walter Takes His Freedom: Slavery & Freedom in the Seward Family	Leah Rogne, Ph.D.
	Session 11	How to Apply to the Society of the First African Families in English America: Submitting a Successful Application (Live)	Ric Murphy
	Session 12	They Had Names: African Americans in Early Liberty County, Georgia Records	Stacy Ashmore Cole
3:50pm-4:10pm	Main Room	Closing Remarks	Robert Burch, Jr.
4:30pm-5:30pm		SDUSMP Business Meeting - Members Only	All Members