
Other speakers will discuss current environmental issues threatening our land and communities. Did you know that climate change and sea level rise are likely to trigger a new wave of gentrification in our area? How can we come together to recognize the value of our land and our heritage? How can history and culture help us defend our place in Miami?

Dr. Fields-Black will be signing copies of her book

Living with Nature in the African Diaspora:
A LECTURE AND COMMUNITY CONVERSATION AT THE HISTORIC HAMPTON HOUSE
SATURDAY MAY 21, 9:30am-1:00pm
Historic Hampton House | 4240 NW 27th Avenue | Miami FL 33142
Free and open to the public, but registration is requested at http://bit.ly/DeepRootsMiami or call 305-638-5800 to RSVP

9:30am  Registration and Coffee
9:45am  Opening Remarks and Welcome  Dr. Hilary Jones, Associate Professor, Department of History and African & African Diaspora Studies Program, FIU
10:00-11:00  The Work of Our Hands: Rice and Rice Farmers in West Africa’s Upper Guinea Coast, Lecture by Dr. Edda L. Fields-Black
Go on a journey to West Africa’s Upper Guinea Coast to learn about one of Africa’s best kept secrets, agricultural technology that made the Upper Guinea Coast West Africa’s “bread basket” hundreds of years before the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

11:00-11:15  Coffee Break
11:15-12:15  What is Our Land Worth? Brief Presentations and Small Group Discussions
Hear about the threats from sea level rise in Miami-Dade and how it is likely to affect property values and residential patterns. Discuss strategies to organize and prioritize.

12:15-12:30  Closing Discussion and Wrap-Up
12:30-1:00  Book Signing with Dr. Fields-Black