



The Department of History

HISTORY WORKSHOP

TUESDAYS 12:30-1:30 PM via ZOOM

SPEAKS-WARNOCK LECTURE



DR. SASHA TURNER

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University*

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Dr. Turner tells the story of Abba, a woman enslaved by Thomas Thistlewood, notorious among scholars of slavery because of his practice of diarizing how he daily tortured the enslaved. Despite Thistlewood's infamous cruelty, he was exceptionally generous to Abba, providing her with material goods to support her family and permitting her to perform outlawed spiritual rituals, to grieve the death of her children. Dr. Turner explores how Abba's displays of feeling mirrored Thistlewood's, and what Abba sought to gain by consistently exhibiting feelings in Thistlewood's presence.

SPEAKER BIO

Sasha Turner is Associate Professor of History at Johns Hopkins University.

She writes widely on topics relating to the social and cultural history of the Caribbean, including

her recent book, *Contested Bodies: Pregnancy, Childrearing and Slavery in Jamaica*.

Her work has appeared in *Slavery and Abolition*, the *Journal of Women's History*, and *Black Perspectives*.

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