



The Department of History

HISTORY WORKSHOP

TUESDAYS 12:30-1:30 ON ZOOM

SPEAKS-WARNOCK LECTURE



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BLACK FREEDOM ON NATIVE LAND

In this presentation, Dr. Alaina E. Roberts explores the actions and rhetoric of Black and Native people in Indian Territory (modern-day Oklahoma) in the nineteenth century. She argues that in this time and space, these people used an exploitative process (what she calls the settler colonial process) to unite their nations and realize freedom and opportunity for themselves. This presentation will make you question the ideas you have about victims and victimizers, oppressed people and oppressors.

SPEAKER BIO

Alaina E. Roberts is an Assistant Professor of History at the University of Pittsburgh.

In addition to her first book, *I've Been Here All the While: Black Freedom on Native Land* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2021), and multiple academic articles, her writing has appeared in the *Washington Post* and *TIME* magazine and her work has been profiled by *CNN* and the *Boston Globe*.