

CALL FOR PAPERS

“African Americans and the Movements for Reparations”

The Journal of African American History is planning a Special Issue on “African Americans and the Movements for Reparations.” Recent studies have offered new evidence that historically African Americans have organized movements to obtain reparations for the unpaid labor under the state-sponsored institution of slavery; that state governments and private corporations benefited substantially from the labor exploitation of African Americans through the convict-lease system and chain gangs; that state educational agencies misappropriated federal and other funds designated to support black public education during the era of “separate and unequal” schooling; and that state and local government officials participated in policies of “racial cleansing” that resulted in the expulsion and confiscation of the land and property of thousands of African Americans.

The Special Issue will include reviews and evaluations of the documentation and findings in recent works on the topic, including Randall Robinson, *The Debt: What America Owes to Blacks* (2000); Raymond Winbush, ed., *Should America Pay? Slavery and the Raging Debate on Reparations* (2003); Mary Frances Berry, *My Face Is Black Is True: Callie House and the Struggle for Ex-Slave Reparations* (2005); James W. Loewen, *Sundown Towns: A Hidden Dimension of American Racism* (2005); Elliott Jaspin, *Buried in the Bitter Waters: The Hidden History of Racial Cleansing in America* (2007); David M.P. Freund, *Colored Property: State Policy and White Racial Politics in Suburban America* (2007); Michael T. Martin, Michael T. and Marilyn Yaquinto, eds., *Redress for Historical Injustices in the United States: On Reparations for Slavery, Jim Crow, and their Legacies* (2007); Douglas A. Blackmon’s *Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II* (2008); and other works. Scholarly essays on the history of the reparations movement and on the groups and organizations involved in campaigns to obtain reparations for African Americans are particularly welcome. Scholars interested in possibly contributing in other ways to the Special Issue should contact the JAAH Editorial Office: vpf1019@aol.com.

Essays should be no more than 35 typed, double-spaced pages (12 point font), including endnotes. The JAAH uses the *Chicago Manual of Style*, 15th Edition (Chicago, 2003) for citations. Guidelines for manuscript submission are available in *The Journal of African American History*; and on the JAAH website: <http://www.jaah.org/>

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