(anti)Blackness in the American Metropolis
Tentative Schedule/Program
November 2-3, 2018

Day One: Friday, November 2, 2018
Host Venue: Baltimore Impact Hub & Red Emma’s Bookstore

-- Coffee/Pastries: 9:00am – 9:15am --

-- Introduction: 9:15am – 9:30am --
Yousuf Al-Bulushi (UC-Irvine), Adam Bledsoe (Florida State), Willie J. Wright (Florida State)

1. (Dis)placement and (Dis)possession (9:30am-11:00am)
   - Dominic Moulden (ONE-DC)
     “Radical Cartographers and Radical Organizing: Mapping Black Resistance to Displacement, Disposability, and Dispossession”
   - Akira Rodriguez (Univ of Pennsylvania – School of Design)
     “The Limits of Black Feminist Representation in the Neoliberal Politics of Public Housing”
   - Brandi Summers (Virginia Commonwealth Univ – African American Studies)
     “The Corner: Spatial Aesthetics and Black Bodies in Place”

   -- Break: 11:00am – 11:15am --

2. Traversing, Laboring and Surviving in the City (11:15am-12:45pm)
   - Kafui Attoh (CUNY – Urban Studies)
     “Uber’s Racial Strategy and Our Own”
   - Katie Wells (Georgetown Univ – Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor)
     “From Entrepreneurialism to Uberization: Urban Governance in the Age of Apps”

   -- Lunch Break: 12:45pm – 2:00pm --

3. The Carceral Continuum and “Returning Urban Citizens” (2:00pm-3:30pm)
   - Orisanmi Burton (American University – Anthropology)
     “‘The Relation of Symbiosis’: A Radical Genealogy of the Carceral Continuum Framework”
   - Eddie Conway (Formerly incarcerated member of the Baltimore Black Panther Party, The Real News Network Executive Producer)
     “Extending the Prison Industrial Complex into Poor Communities”

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Jackie Wang (Harvard University – African and African American Studies)
“Racial Capitalism’s Carceral Temporalities: On the Weaponization of Time”

-- Break: 3:30pm – 3:45pm --

4. Screening: “OAKLEAD” by Alex J. Bledsoe || Trailer: https://vimeo.com/230388100
-- 3:45pm – 4:45pm --

-- Closing Comments: 4:45pm-5:00pm --

Keynote Speaker: Ananya Roy – Professor of Urban Planning, Social Welfare and Geography and inaugural Director of The Institute on Inequality and Democracy at UCLA Luskin.
“Racial Banishment: A Postcolonial Critique of the Urban Condition in America”

-- 5:30pm – 7:00pm || Red Emma’s Bookstore --

Day Two: Saturday November 3, 2018
Host Venues: Baltimore Impact Hub

-- Coffee/Pastries: 9:30am – 9:45am --

-- Introduction: 9:45am – 10:00am --
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1. Global Capitalism, Local Cooperatives (10:00am-11:30am)
   John Duda (Red Emma’s & The Democracy Collaborative)
   “The Limits to Bootstraps”

   Dorcas Gilmore (George Washington Univ – Law & Baltimore Black Worker Center)
   “Black Worker Organizing: Vital to Achieving Economic Democracy in the 21st Century”

   Sage Ponder (Univ of Minnesota – Geography)
   “Anti-Blackness in the Municipal Bond Market”

-- Break: 11:30am – 11:45am --

2. Municipal Movements and Public Policy (11:45am-1:15pm)
   Akil Bukari (MXGM-Jackson) Title TBA

   Noel Didla (City of Jackson) Title TBA

   Arekia Bennett (Executive Director, Mississippi Votes) Title TBA

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-- Lunch Break: 1:15pm – 2:45pm --

3. Urban Political Ecology (2:45pm-4:15pm)
   Dawn Biehler (UMBC – Geography) & Yinka Bode-George (Maryland Environmental Health Network)
   “Claiming ‘wasted’ Neighborhoods: Promoting Health and Black Representation in Sustainability Efforts after Disinvestment”

   Ashanté Reese (Spelman College – Anthropology)
   “Between a Corner Store and a Safeway: Constraint and Possibility in an Anti-Black Food System”

   Aaron Mallory (Univ of Minnesota – Geography)
   “Urban Public Health: Antiblackness, Heteronormativity & the Uneven Geographies of Purity”

-- Panel Break: 4:15pm – 4:30pm --

4. Screening: “A Day in The Tr3” by Oyadare Iletunji & Brian Ellison
   -- 4:30pm – 5:00pm --

-- Recap and Close of Symposium: 5:00pm –5:30pm --

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