

CHAT: Plantation Dispossession and the Futures of Black Embodiment

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Our topic today is "Plantation Dispossession and the Futures of Black Embodiment"
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Professor Manjapra of Tufts introduces the speakers and the theme as very relevant to the current cultural moment. #chatblackfutures

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Weheliye. The future of black embodiment is its past. How the plantation appears in spaces which are non-black by defn. #chatblackfutures

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Cites Bambara on blackhood, selfhood, and ungendering. Works tufts.worldcat.org/search?q=toni+... #chatblackfutures

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Cites Jim Crow and the Moynihan Report, and others, on genital policing of black lives. theatlantic.com/politics/archi... #chatblackfutures

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Cites Henrietta Lack's story, an unwitting donor influential in human DNA research. en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henrietta... #chatblackfutures

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Cites Heidegger on dasein, a core concept to his philosophy and his thinking on death. seop.illc.uva.nl/entries/heideg... #chatblackfutures

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Weheliye cites June Jordan on the erasure of black vernacular English. #chatblackfutures

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McKittrick "Rogue Interdisciplinarity". Honest black studies need to be outside accepted scholarly frames. #chatblackfutures

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Disciplines founded on making data of black life can claim progressiveness while not being open to black thought. [#chatblackfutures](#)

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Works of Audre Lorde: tufts.worldcat.org/search?q=audre... [#chatblackfutures](#) [#chatblackfutures](#)

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Projects on black bodies get funded before those on black lives. It is built into how scholarship operates. [#chatblackfutures](#)

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Second reference to Frantz Fanon on freedom and liberation. iep.utm.edu/fanon/ [#chatblackfutures](#)

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Works of Sylvia Wynter noted repeatedly. tufts.worldcat.org/search?q=sylvi... [#chatblackfutures](#)

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Foucault's Order of Things. tufts.worldcat.org/oclc/112096 [#chatblackfutures](#)

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Tufts primary source collection on early American colonialism and age of exploration.
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Works of much-elected Massachusetts colonial Governor John Winthrop at Tufts.
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Discusses John Locke's definition of property rights as excluding the non-European.
gutenberg.org/files/7370/737... #chatblackfutures

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Eric Williams, Capitalism and Slavery. tufts.worldcat.org/oclc/220890 #chatblackfutures

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Beckert, Empire of Cotton: A Global History. tufts.worldcat.org/oclc/875554374 #chatblackfutures

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Weheliye notes Moses Finley on ancient slavery and the idea that free labor is the exception.
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McKittrick: there is a physical and emotional cost to doing black studies in the academy.

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Tufts primary source archive of material on slavery, the slave trade, and abolition.

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Naomi Klein on climate and capitalism. tufts.worldcat.org/oclc/881875853 [#chatblackfutures](#)



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Weheliye: Black life is the ontological limit of humanist construction of Man, its negative fleshly foil [@AWeheliye](#) [#chatblackfutures](#)



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McKittrick [@demonicground](#) Black Studies as rogue interdisciplinarity, relational practices to undo black objectification [#chatblackfutures](#)



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McKittrick on Glissant, Wynter, relationality may produce radical anti-colonial knowledge
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Manjapra [@kmanjapra](https://twitter.com/kmanjapra) Existing ways of knowing see deadly practices as 'life' & misrecognize black being as 'death' [#chatblackfutures](https://twitter.com/chatblackfutures)

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Eudell: To remake the world organized by apotheosis of homo economicus, we must rethink the social. [#chatblackfutures](https://twitter.com/chatblackfutures)

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