



BMRC Community Symposium

Regenstein Library, University of Chicago, JRL 122

11:30 to 2:00 pm | Free and Open to the Public | [Online registration](#)

PROGRAM

- 11:30-11:35** **Welcome – Dr. Torsten Reimer**, University Librarian & Dean of the University Library (University of Chicago)
- 11:35 to 11:40** **Welcome - Steven Adams**, BMRC Board Chair and Librarian for Graduate and Postdoctoral Initiatives at Northwestern University
- 11:40: 11:50** **BMRC Executive Director Address, Dr. Sumayya Ahmed**
- 11:50 – 12:15** **“A Movie Camera in Bronzeville: The “Newsreel-ettes” of the Ramon Williams Collection”**
Saroop Singh, Assistant Director, South Side Home Movie Project
- 12: 15 – 12:35** **“The Chicago Covenants Project: Identifying Mechanisms of Racist Exclusion”**
Maura Fennelly, Chicago Research Director for the Chicago Covenants Project, PhD Candidate Northwestern University
- 12:35-12:40** **BREAK**
- 12:40 – 1:05** **“Rebuilding a Black Information Mecca: Preserving Black heritage through the restoration of the Johnson Publishing Company Library”**
Heather Hummons, MS, MLIS, Special Collection Librarian, Rebuild Foundation at the Stony Island Arts Bank and Karl Bullock, MS, PhD Student, Northwestern University, BMRC / BMGA Fellow, 2023-2024
- 1:05 – 1:45** **KEYNOTE: “Resurrecting the Black Body: Race and the Digital Afterlife”**
Dr. Tonia Sutherland, Associate Professor of Information Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles, UCLA
- 1:45 - 2:00** **Concluding Questions and Remarks**