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SPEAKERS



LORNA BRACEWELL | FLAGLER COLLEGE

**'THIS IS A WORK FOR THE MOTHERS':
STRATEGIC MATERNALISM AGAINST THE FAR RIGHT**

A recent uptick in the politicization of “moms” presents a challenge for feminists who have long been divided over political strategies centered on motherhood. Bracewell revives these debates to urge feminists to undertake a strategic reclamation of motherhood to counter the mom-led campaigns of the far-right.



MAURO J. CARACCIOLI | VIRGINIA TECH

**'SAVAGE PASTS, BAROQUE FUTURES': RACIAL
HIERARCHY AND THE POLITICAL THEOLOGY
OF SPANISH EMPIRE**

Weaving together two central threads behind the disempowerment of Black and Indigenous peoples in the Americas: racial hierarchy and whitewashed historiographies. An important piece to a larger historical puzzle emerges: how did enslaved peoples navigate political oppression across distinct geographic spaces?



MANU SAMNOTRA | UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

**'TURNING OPERATIONS?': NOTES TOWARD
A GANDHIAN POLITICS OF DIGNITY**

Gandhi's approach inverts some of the fundamental assumptions that guide prominent theoretical approaches to dignity, thereby potentially avoiding the pitfalls that these approaches inevitably face. Samnotra proposes encounters between Gandhi and prominent approaches to dignity (neo-Roman; “liberal”; Black Marxist) to map out an alternative politics of dignity.

PANEL

Professionalization panel that offers a unique opportunity for attendees to listen to first-hand accounts of what it's like to navigate the academic job market as a UF student.

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