

# FRAGILE HABITAT

Conversations for Miami's future



## Living with Nature in the African Diaspora:

A LECTURE AND COMMUNITY CONVERSATION AT THE HISTORIC HAMPTON HOUSE

**SATURDAY MAY 21, 9:30am-1:00pm**

Historic Hampton House | 4240 NW 27th Avenue | Miami FL 33142

Free and open to the public, but registration is requested at <http://bit.ly/DeepRootsMiami> or call **305-638-5800** to RSVP



Celebrate "Homegrown Achiever" Dr. Edda L. Fields-Black, Associate Professor of History, Carnegie Mellon University and the author of *Deep Roots: Rice Farmers in West Africa and the African Diaspora (2008)*. Dr. Fields-Black will offer new ways to think about how the environment has shaped Diaspora experience.

Other speakers will discuss current environmental issues threatening our land and communities. Did you know that climate change and sea level rise are likely to trigger a new wave of gentrification in our area? How can we come together to recognize the value of our land and our heritage? How can history and culture help us defend our place in Miami?

Dr. Fields-Black will be signing copies of her book

**9:30am** Registration and Coffee

**9:45am** Opening Remarks and Welcome Dr. Hilary Jones, Associate Professor, Department of History and African & African Diaspora Studies Program, FIU

**10:00-11:00** *The Work of Our Hands: Rice and Rice Farmers in West Africa's Upper Guinea Coast*. Lecture by Dr. Edda L. Fields-Black

Go on a journey to West Africa's Upper Guinea Coast to learn about one of Africa's best kept secrets, agricultural technology that made the Upper Guinea Coast West Africa's "bread basket" hundreds of years before the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

**11:00-11:15** Coffee Break

**11:15-12:15** What is Our Land Worth? Brief Presentations and Small Group Discussions

Hear about the threats from sea level rise in Miami-Dade and how it is likely to affect property values and residential patterns. Discuss strategies to organize and prioritize.

**12:15-12:30** Closing Discussion and Wrap-Up

**12:30-1:00** Book Signing with Dr. Fields-Black

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