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The HistoryMakers Digital Archive Innovation and Pedagogy Conference Emory Conference Center, Atlanta, Georgia Sunday, February 25, 2024 – Monday, February 26, 2024 Meeting Agenda/Minutes

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Hotel: Emory Conference Center and Hotel (1615 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329) Check-in 4:00 PM FST

Meeting Location: Emory Conference Center and Hotel – Lullwater Ballroom (1615 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329)

6:00 p.m. EST Dinner & Opening Program - Lullwater Ballroom

- Welcoming Statement
 - Sharion Brown, Education Coordinator, The HistoryMakers
- Introduction of Atlanta HistoryMakers
 - Larry Crowe, Lead Interviewer, The HistoryMakers
- o The History Makers on 60 Minutes | Video
- o Introducing The HistoryMakers Digital Archive
 - Julieanna Richardson, Founder & President, The HistoryMakers
- Welcome to Emory University
 - Jennifer Gunter King, Director, Rose Library, Emory University
- o Introducing the HBCU Digital Library TRUST
 - Loretta Parham, CEO & Library Director, Robert W. Woodruff Library, Atlanta University Center Consortium

7:00 p.m. EST Dinner Presentations

- The HistoryMakers K-12 Educators' Cohort
 - Earl "Tre" Johnson III, 2023-2024 K-12 Cohort Member, Social Studies Teacher, Brooklyn Preparatory High School
- o The History Makers in Higher Ed
 - Shively TJ Smith, Assistant Professor, New Testament; Inaugural Director of PhD Program, Boston University
 - Greg Carr, Associate Professor of Afro-American Studies, Howard University
- The State of AP African American Studies
 - Brandi Waters, Senior Director of AP African American Studies, College Board
- Closing Remarks
 - Toni Cook Bush, Board Member, The HistoryMakers

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Alabama A&M University University of Alabama Tuskegee University Troy University

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Berkeley
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Mississippi Valley State University Missouri A.T. Still University Southeast Missouri State University Washington University in St. Louis

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Dartmouth College

New Jersey

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New York

Bard College Binghamton University Columbia University Cornell University **CUNY - Lehman College New York University** Pratt Institute Skidmore College Stony Brook University University of Rochester Vassar College Wagner College

Tennessee

Fisk University Tennessee State University Vanderbilt University

Texas

Prairie View A&M University Rice University Southern Methodist University Texas Southern University University of North Texas University of Texas at Austin Wiley College

Virginia

Blue Ridge Community College Central Virginia Community College Christopher Newport University Dabney S. Lancaster Community College Danville Community College Eastern Shore Community College George Mason University Germanna Community College Hampton University J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College James Madison University

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Piedmont Virginia Community
College

Radford University
Rappahannock Community
College

Richard Bland College (not part of the VCCS) Southside Virginia Community College

> Southwest Virginia Community College

Thomas Nelson Community
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Virginia Western Community
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Wytheville Community
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Public Museum

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Library

Martinsburg-Berkeley Public Library Miami-Dade Public Library New York Public Library New Orleans Public Library Saint Paul Public Library Shreve Memorial Library

Educational and Research Institutions

American Ancestors/NEHGS
Institute for Advanced
Learning and Research
Roanoke Higher Education
Center
Southwest Virginia Higher
Education Center

K12 School

Conestoga High School
Holy Redeemer Christian
Academy
Matteson School District 162
Niles North High School
NYCPS: Brooklyn
Preparatory Academy
NYCPS: The Shirley Tanyhill
School
NYCPS: West Preparatory
Academy
Ralph H Metcalfe School
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

Meeting Location:

- Azalea Room (Breakfast, Lunch) Garden Level
- Poplar Room (Office Staff & Volunteers) Garden Level
- Emory Amphitheatre (Presentations, Group Discussion, Working Group #1) Garden Level
- Mountain Laurel Room (Working Group #2) Garden Level
- Hickory Room (Working Group #3) Garden Level
- Dogwood Room (Working Group #4) Garden Level

7:15 a.m. EST Attendees meet in lobby of Emory Conference Center and Hotel and proceed to Azalea Room for breakfast. **Please bring your luggage with you. Check-out is 12:00 p.m. EST. The Emory Amphitheatre will be supervised throughout the day.

7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. EST Breakfast is served AZALEA ROOM

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. EST

EMORY AMPHITHEATRE

The HistoryMakers 2023-2024 Faculty Innovations in Pedagogy and Teaching Fellows - Case Studies

- Michael Gerard Mason, Special Advisor on Wellbeing & Staff Psychotherapist, University of Virginia
- George Daniels, Associate Professor, Journalism & Creative Media, University of Alabama
- Jana Duckett, Assistant Professor, Strategic Communication, Morgan State University
- Deborwah Faulk, Assistant Professor, Sociology and Africana Studies, University of Richmond
- Robert Hanserd, Assistant Professor, History, Columbia College Chicago
- Alexa Harris, Assistant Professor, Interdisciplinary Studies, Norfolk State University
- Nafeesa Muhammad, Assistant Professor, History, Spelman College
- Anna Kaplan, Professional Lecturer, History, American University

9:30 a.m. - 9:35 a.m. EST Move to Break Out Rooms

9:35 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. EST Break Out #1 - Faculty Presentations

Working Group #1 EMORY AMPHITHEATRE PRESENTERS

- Steven Keener, Assistant Professor, Criminology; Director of the Center for Crime, Equity, and Justice Research and Policy, Christopher Newport University
- Michael Gerard Mason, Associate Dean, Office of African American Affairs; Staff Psychotherapist, University of Virginia
- Authens Oppong Wadie, Adjunct Professor, History, African/Black Pedagogy & Black Studies,
 DePaul University
- Joanna Soderberg, Assistant Project Manager, Forging Future Pathways Forward, Franklin Library, Fisk University

Working Group #2
MOUNTAIN LAUREL ROOM



PRESENTERS

- Caree Ann Marie Banton, Department Chair and Professor, History, University of Arkansas
- Liseli A. Fitzpatrick, Lecturer, Africana Studies, Wellesley College
- Chateé Omísadé Richardson, Assistant Professor, Education, Spelman College
 - o Delaiah Sneed, Student, Spelman College
 - o Blair Martin, Student, Spelman College
- Brian N. Williams, Associate Professor, Public Policy, University of Virginia

Working Group #3

HICKORY ROOM

PRESENTERS

- Greg Carr, Associate Professor of Afro-American Studies, Howard University
- Danielle N. Gray-Singh, Professor, Biological Sciences, Clark Atlanta University
- Abdul Salau, Assistant Professor, History, Tuskegee University

Working Group #4

DOGWOOD ROOM

PRESENTERS

- Anastasia Bailey, Assistant Professor, Management and Global Business, Rutgers University
- Tomiko Meeks-Henderson, Professor of History, Texas Southern University
- Zebulon Miletsky, Associate Professor of Africana Studies, Stony Brook University

11:00 a.m. - 11:10 a.m. EST Break

11:10 a.m. - 11:55 p.m. EST Break Out #2 - K-12 Cohort Presentations

Working Group #1

EMORY AMPHITHEATRE

PRESENTERS

- Nikhe Braimah, 2023-2024 Student Ambassador, Yale University
- Nicole Feliciano, 2023-2024 K-12 Cohort Member, Academic Facilitator, West Preparatory Academy

Working Group #2

MOUNTAIN LAUREL ROOM

PRESENTERS

- Treanna Bryant, 2023-2024 K-12 Cohort Member, College & Career Readiness Coordinator,
 Brooklyn Preparatory High School
- Evonda Haith, 2023-2024 K-12 Cohort Member, Teacher, Southwest Guilford High School

Working Group #3

HICKORY ROOM

PRESENTERS

- Earl "Tre" Johnson III, 2023-2024 K-12 Cohort Member, Social Studies Teacher, Brooklyn Preparatory High School
- Garnetta Penn, 2023-2024 K-12 Cohort Member, Teacher, Benjamin E. Mays High School

Working Group #4 DOGWOOD ROOM PRESENTERS



 Tamara Spears, 2023-2024 K-12 Cohort Member, Social Studies Teacher, Shirley Tanyhill School

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. EST Lunch & Luncheon Presentation AZALEA ROOM

The HistoryMakers Usage and Growth Report

Sharion Brown, The HistoryMakers Education Coordinator

Innovation With The HistoryMakers Digital Archive in Public Library Spaces

- John O'Connor, Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room Leader, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library
- Jack Li, Librarian, Los Angeles Public Library Virtual Presentation

The HistoryMakers Digital Library

Dan Johnson, Consulting Archivist, The HistoryMakers – Virtual Presentation

Closing Remarks and HistoryMaker Self-Introductions

• Julieanna Richardson, Founder & President, The HistoryMakers

1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. EST Break and Return to Break Out Rooms

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. EST Break Out #3 - Team Idea - What are Your Ideas?

We are in an unprecedented time when the teaching of Black history is under attack and history and the humanities are being de-emphasized on some college campuses. We want each team to serve as a brain trust and develop a plan of how to expand usage of *The HistoryMakers Digital Archive* in our K-12 schools, communities, libraries, and universities. Each team's plan should be:

- 1) Creative;
- 2) Easy to implement;
- 3) Engaging larger community;
- 4) Expansive in reach and impact (Each One Teach One).

We want each breakout room to develop a plan for us and to choose two members to present it to the group. Put your best presenters in charge. Go, Team, Go!

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. EST Break

2:45 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. EST Group Presentations & Discussion EMORY AMPHITHEATRE

3:40 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. EST Next Steps & Wrap Up

4:45 p.m. EST Meeting Adjourned



I. INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION SUMMARY

The following outlines the presentations made by 2023-2024 Faculty Innovation in Pedagogy Fellows, former Fellows, other subscribing university faculty, and K-12 cohort members, based on their usage of the archive in their classrooms.

a. Opening Morning Session: 2023-2024 Faculty Innovation in Pedagogy Fellows

George Daniels	Associate Professor of Journalism and Creative Media, University of Alabama	
	 Student projects include the integration of THMDA with Digital Humanities tools, like StoryMaps and digital timelines adding a new dimension to their learning. At a remembrance event of the integration of the University of Alabama, students presented relevant clips from the archive to a larger audience, and allowed other faculty (including the librarian who bought THMDA license in the first place) to see how THMDA was being utilized. THMDA presents an incredibly importance resource now, with Alabama passing an anti-DEI bill, for students to be able to access the points of view that HistoryMakers hold that might be difficult to teach otherwise under these bills. 	

Jana Duckett	Assistant Professor of Strategic Communications, Morgan State University	
	Presentation	
	 Structuring the course such that assignments slowly increase and build in complexity to ensure that students understand what is going on and become comfortable using the archive before executing more complex analysis and projects. 	
	• Students categorized and coded data pulled from THMDA stories into spreadsheets to focus their analysis and draw meaningful insights from the stories in the larger context of what they were studying.	
	• She learned that organizing students into groups to explore the archive may not have been the best action; researching the archive is deeply personal work, and working individually allows students to explore when they find clips that strike them personally.	
	• Is presenting at (Eastern Communication Association) ECA - "Great Ideas for Teaching Students" session, bringing and presenting THMDA to that audience.	



Next Steps: Presentation at **Eastern Communication Association**

Deborwah Faulk	

Robert Hanserd	Associate Professor of History, Columbia College Chicago	
Robert Hanserd	 Presentation Students engaged with the archive to study lived experiences of HistoryMakers while completing artistic projects around stories, topics, and events discussed in HistoryMaker interviews. Columbia College Chicago faculty have been on strike in the recent term for a variety of reasons. 	
	 Showed a few examples of powerful student art, including a painting of Emmett Till and a digital artwork entitled "Options" showing a young Black man trying to stay focused. In the future, will make sure students have the opportunity to create art (complete assignments) throughout the course's usage of the archive, not just as a final project, to increase creative and spontaneous engagement with the material. 	
	 Once the CCC strike is over, plan is to share student artistic projects in an online showcase that would be available to the public. 	



Next Steps: Make the students' artistic projects publicly available online.

Alexa Harris	Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies
	 Taught non-History majors and non-traditional students - "meeting students where they are," co-creating assignments based on career interests. Students engaged best in "Unplugged Story Times" where they put devices away and explored stories in the Digital Archive as a group. Students engaged with the archive to learn stories of entrepreneurship, discuss thoughts and key takeaways from the stories with each other, shared notes and wrote journal entries. Included two videos of student feedback thanking THMDA for the unique perspectives they engaged with.

Nafeesa Muhammad	Assistant Professor of History, Spelman College
Presenta	ition
• 3	300-level Course: Islam in United States History
• ;	Students completed keyword assignments, searching the archive for
,	words, names, or phrases from their assigned reading. Had to give
1	background of the HistoryMaker, a summary of their narrative including
	quotes, and an explanation of how the story related to and enhanced
1	understanding of the reading.
•]	Research paper/presentation including 10-15 THMDA clips for research
	and the strongest one for the presentation.
• '	"Gutting" the story, using THMDA stories to provide terms and concepts
1	for contextual research of historical events and trends.
•]	In the future, will record student presentations and THMDA activities.
• 7	Will improve the integration of THMDA materials with course readings.
• '	Will hire a research assistant to help with her usage of THMDA in her
	academic research.
Next Steps: Revise sylla	bus and hire a research assistant.

Anna Kaplan	Professorial Lecturer in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, American University	
	Presentation	
	Gen-ed course with a range of students: freshmen-seniors, majors and	
	non-majors.	



Revised Finding Yourself in the Archive to specifically target connections with women in the archive.
One student connected with a THMDA story in a special way while researching father-daughter relationships; the clips didn't say what she expected them to say, but left a powerful impression on her. Using the archive to teach certain concepts can be more effective than just lecturing, because it allows students to follow their interests and learn collaboratively rather than having information spoon fed to them. Students created visual projects to present the themes they studied in the archive.
All students found themselves and their cultures reflected in the archive, but especially those minoritized at American and in academia historically.
Will replace readings and lectures with THMDA clips & recommend as primary sources for research in other classes, since she saw how students engage independently with the immediacy of the history in the archive.

Next Steps: Revise course syllabus and extend to other course syllabi.

b. Morning Breakout Session 1: Former Faculty Fellows and other University Faculty

i. Working Group 1 – Oak Amphitheatre

Steven Keener	Assistant Professor in Sociology, Social Work, and Anthropology, Christopher Newport University	
	 CNU is currently and actively grappling with its history of being built on land stolen from AA communities using eminent domain; now would be a great time to push THMDA throughout the university. The state legislature is considering a bill to force all state universities to do similar interrogations of their history, so it's an opportunity to push engagement to many VA universities. Use of the archive in the class: (1) assigned weekly "curated playlists" of digital archive clips (2) students were assigned short blog activities 	
	 based upon the playlist (3) critical analysis papers of class topics w/ HistoryMakers clips (4) final project was to reimagine the carceral system with a focus on policy-based solutions Implement THMDA into more courses, especially introductory ones - THMDA allowed students to view many different perspectives on 	



incarceration, including his own blind spots, and would be very valuable in other contexts.

- Increase utilization of THMDA in research projects
- A teaching-focused panel at Southern Sociological Society Conference (April 2024). Current and former fellows are participants on the panel.

Next Steps: Incorporate THMDA in additional course syllabi; add THMDA usage to research project expectations; prepare for SSSC panel.

Michael Gerard Mason Special Advisor on Wellbeing & Staff Psychotherapist, University of Virginia Presentation Has students rate their comfortability with a number of scenarios (e.g., "Your dentist is HIV positive"). Insight: it is easy to be "comfortable" from a distance—it gets harder when you must directly engage with it in your life. THMDA helps bridge that gap. THMDA is a good resource for developing intercultural empathy by encouraging students to hear lived experiences and historical realities that they are used to distancing themselves from. Found ways for students to engage with full interviews, rather than just clips ('no grazing') to increase connection between students and the HistoryMakers they study.

Authens Asantewaa Oppong Wadie		Adjunct Professor of History, DePaul University
	Presentation	
	Campus climate for AA Studies/h	was positive, but a work-in-progress in terms of support istory.
	 searching course Found that the ar (i.e., shows roots In developing he search THMDA 	reflect, discuss" assignments with the THMDA included keywords, writing up findings, and discussing in class. chive can help destabilize traditional historical narratives Pan-Africanism before World War II) r History of Chicago course, wants to have her students for course-specific terms and for their midterm and final, and context for a particular place in "Black Chicago."
	ply for 2024-2025 Faculty	Innovations in Pedagogy Fellowship and rework course
syllabus.		



Joanna Soderberg	Assistant Project Manager: Forging Future Pathways Forward, Franklin Library, Fisk University	
	 Presentation Rosenwald collections in John Hope and Aurelia E. Franklin Library at Fisk University. Her team is digitizing and increasing access to Rosenwald collections, using THMDA for contextual research and metadata on the materials being digitized. Using the HistoryMakers not only helps the team with their research and digitization efforts, but also helps students explore their own history. Organizations digitizing African American historical materials can 	
	use THMDA to build context around the materials they are digitizing; this is what her team at Fisk's library has done.	

ii. Working Group 2 - Mountain Laurel Room

Caree Banton	Associate Professor of History; Director of African and African American Studies, University of Arkansas
	 Presentation Elected Chair of African and African American Studies during covid. University of Arkansas is a hostile environment for DEI and AA studies. Arkansas banned AP African American Studies, critical race studies are banned on campus, DEI office was dissolved. THMDA provides a primary source approach to DEI content that can subvert such hostile environments and get around "banned history." Students studied THMDA to learn concepts of aesthetic, humane, and ethical sensibilities embodied in the humanities, as well as develop familiarity with concepts of diversity in the United States. THMDA showed African/African American cultural crossover, influence of Black power movement, redlining, and other "banned Arkansas history"



Liseli Fitzpatrick	Lecturer of Africana Studies, Wellesley College
Prese	Western Education as oxymoronic for African/a studies; African oral histories like THMDA fill provide a spoken word resource of elder wisdom to communicate history through the lens of African cosmologies, pedagogies, and ontologies. Emphasizing the importance of Oral tradition in human culture/education. THMDA: Yvonne Seon, trust spoken word over written word. THMDA enriched pedagogy. Life is not b/w but in color, database adds texture, volume of experience.

 Presentation She asks permission from elders to speak. The goal of her African Diaspora course is to resituate African
 people and their stories in history with African diaspora as the center of analytical inquiry. Multicultural education course guides the students through challenging biases and beliefs around "isms". Students had to do a field experience in a cultural community radically different from their own (homeless shelter, volunteer program, etc.) using THMDA for contextual background research. HBCUs present a ripe environment for use of THMDA; some of her students use the archive on their own without prompting, connecting with a history they cannot find anywhere else. Students Blair Martin and Delaiah Sneed share their THMDA projects and speak about the knowledge within THMDA that they could not acquire anywhere else.



Associate Professor of Public Policy, University of Virginia
 Reminded today is anniversary of Trayvon Martin's death. Leveraging the Opportunity to look back, to look around, and to look head Students identified 15 HistoryMakers who "illuminated a historic harm that negatively impacted a policy domain." Wrote a paper exploring those policies and their impacts; then created a curriculum and assessment which included a curated THMDA playlist. THMDA Environmental Justice Student Projects: Create a playlist, fill out a vignette problem tree (roots/cause, trunk/problem, branches/consequences) using the archival story THMDA is a vantage point that allows for an appreciation of the past, an understanding of the present surroundings, and provides an outlook towards the future. Make his THMDA environmental history vignette lesson plan available to K-12 teachers.

Next Steps: Create and distribute a THMDA lesson plan based on the vignette problem tree assignment.

iii. Working Group 3 - Hickory Room

Greg Carr	Associate Professor of Afro-American Studies, Howard University
	 Presentation Focusing the study of Africana from "who are Africans to others?" to "Who are Africans to each other?" Centering Africana Studies in Africana perspectives Learning as organic, collective, through relationship to "Shemsw" (companion in Ancient Egyptian), like the ancestral authority within THMDA. Considering the authority of interviewer as well as interviewee, of the students themselves, of the teacher. Classroom as a "convening ritual" What about the Black experience is unique? How do we destroy systems of inequity to free us up? Unique perspectives on the human experience can free all of us. How do we find our voice without reducing our collective voice to a response to oppression?



Danielle Gray-Singh	Professor of Biological Sciences, Clark Atlanta University
	 Studying endocrine stress responses with VR and THMDA. Feel how bodies are responding to an environment. Situated THMDA clips and artifacts within a VR environment "providing a highly sensory introduction to THMDA," amplifying the impact of historical narratives in the study of medical history and contextualizing study of human biological responses to survival situations. Used THMDA to contextualize first-hand experiences of Hurricane Katrina alongside a VR experience of the hurricane. "I want my students to feel how we felt as the waters were rising due to the breach of the levee system." Heard clips from HMs who experienced the hurricane, including Soledad O'Brien, to provide that first-hand context. Looking a person within the archive, you see pain. Does that give you pause?

 Presentation Speaking about the migration of humanity out of Africa to the rest of the world and the phenotypic adaptations that created what we now call different races.
 His Nigerian education did not prepare him for the U.S. education system. "I didn't even know I was Black, I didn't even know my people were enslaved."
• Researched in libraries to figure out what it meant to be Black in America and be able to explain it to his mother – "why are some people excited to meet me, and some want to, literally, take my head off?"
 Used THMDA to contextualize debates about the construction of race in Ancient Egypt, and will expand usage of the archive in a similar way throughout the rest of his course. Will apply for the faculty fellowship and look to restructure/build a new course centering THMDA.



iv. Working Group 4 - Dogwood Room

Anastasia Bailey	Assistant Professor of Entrepreneurship, Rutgers University
	 THMDA was a potent resource during the pandemic; its full-online accessibility made it perfect during lockdown, and its content and searchability made it critically important during a time of racial turmoil and institutional commitment to culture changes. Course used THMDA to explore: where do entrepreneurial ideas come from? How do entrepreneurs enhance venture survival? Hear from Isobel Neal and Cheryl Mayberry McKissack HM interviews Structuring THMDA assignments such that they incorporate a learning curve for using the tool, and then build on themselves over time encouraging deeper usage, understanding, and excitement. Request provost and school administration to share how-to guides for THMDA and spread the archive to more faculty and students.

Tomiko Meeks	Teaching Professor of History, Texas Southern University
	 Students were not history majors; required to write a capstone research portfolio using sources including THMDA. THMDA was used to teach students how to use archives and oral history specifically, students included THMDA clips in their research bibliographies, created playlists, and incorporated THMDA research in final papers. Students took a digital tour of the archive, learning its features and thinking about their upcoming research project. Students had to learn/understand what metadata is and how it would figure into their research project later. Usage increased from 200 in 2021 to 1,600 in 2023.



Zebulon Miletsky	Associate Professor of Africana Studies, Stony Brook University
	 Presentation Courses: The Black Power Movement, Recent African American History, Intro to Africana Studies, Civil Rights Movement. Using THMDA to learn about historical activism in Boston - students need to learn about activists experience to define it for themselves, which THMDA enables. THMDA stories gave experiences of a variety of historical events in Boston from a variety of perspectives, allowing students to engage in rich and multi-layered study. Used many THMDA interviews in writing his book "Before Busing: A History of Boston's Long Black Freedom Struggle" that were also incorporated in his course.

guides for THMDA.

c. Morning Breakout Session 2: K-12 Cohort

i. Working Group 1 – Oak Amphitheatre

Nicole Feliciano	Social Studies Teacher, West Prep Academy (NYPS)
	 Led Black History Month programming at West prep, using The HistoryMakers as the core of her work. Students learned what an archive was, how to use THMDA, and then researched the archive using stories to create lessons/projects. Used a choice board for students to choose the media of their project. Most chose to design social media posts on Canva to display quotes from the digital archive. One chose to "Plan the Day" for the White House's 2024 Black History Month event using content and individuals from the Digital Archive. Chooses HistoryMakers materials that allow students to explore their personal lives and connect their interests to the archive.
Next Steps: Spread	THMDA to other social studies classes, other grades, and beyond.



Presentation A junior at Yale, majoring in History studying social change and social movements. At Yale, 61% of courses focused on American or European history. Only 2 U.S. History courses focused explicitly on Black American history. Black faculty made 10% of departures but only 7% of new hires. THMDA utilization at Yale is among the lowest across peer universities. THMDA can diversify the perspectives centered in Yale's history education and provide resources to students looking to deepen understanding of African American history. Three strategic initiatives to increase usage ○ Collaborate with the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library to offer online video tours of the library's oral history archives (including THMDA) ○ Work with Yale's Director of Undergraduate Studies for the History major to offer professor-led workshops on accessing and utilizing THMDA. ○ Create shareable presentations on the value and importance of the black digital archives like the HistoryMakers for professors to share with students.	Nikhe Braimah	The HistoryMakers Digital Archive Student Ambassador, Yale University
share with students.	• A n n e A 2 B T e e u	A junior at Yale, majoring in History studying social change and social novements. At Yale, 61% of courses focused on American or European history. Only U.S. History courses focused explicitly on Black American history. Black faculty made 10% of departures but only 7% of new hires. THMDA utilization at Yale is among the lowest across peer universities. THMDA can diversify the perspectives centered in Yale's history ducation and provide resources to students looking to deepen inderstanding of African American history. Three strategic initiatives to increase usage Collaborate with the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library to offer online video tours of the library's oral history archives (including THMDA) Work with Yale's Director of Undergraduate Studies for the History major to offer professor-led workshops on accessing and utilizing THMDA. Create shareable presentations on the value and importance of the
Next Steps: Continue the implementation of the strategic initiatives.		

ii. Working Group 2 - Mountain Laurel Room

Treanna Bryant	Teacher, Brooklyn Prep High School
	Presentation
	• Students used THMDA to research cultural features of the Caribbean, as well as exploring the impact of creativity on culture and community through looking up different forms of art and artistic expression in the archive.
	• Students created presentations about their favorite kind of art, its influence on their own creativity, and its cultural/community impact using clips from THMDA.
	 They then developed discussion questions and engaged in discussion around their clips from THMDA through their knowledge of social psychology.
	 Her school just got access to THMDA in January; she will look to implement much that she has learned at the conference.



Next Steps: Incorporate pedagogical approaches learned at the conference in future lesson plans.

Evonda Haith	Teacher, Southwest Guilford High School
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iii. Working Group 3 - Hickory Room

Teacher, Benjamin Mays High School
Presentation
 Loss to Thriving curriculum used THMDA to help students who experienced loss, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, find resilience through relatable stories in the archive. The curriculum has spread from her classroom to the entire social studies department at her school, and could spread further. Use of THMDA in non-history/black studies courses: Uses it in music theory, and it allows students to express themselves despite the material not aligning at all – it is an incredible contextual resource. Archive-based prompts resulted in rich classroom discussion.

Tre Johnson	Teacher, Brooklyn Prep High School
	Presentation
	 Students used the archive to explore aspects of their own
	interests and identity while learning research skills and gaining
	historical knowledge.



iv. Working Group 4 - Dogwood Room

Tamara Spears	Social Studies Teacher, The Shirley Tanyhill School
	Presentation
	Students used the archive to explore the connection of people across time based on place. Focused on Coney Island, viewed HM
	interviews of Kenneth Standard, Bertha Hope, and Louis Gossett Jr. to create a walking tour and content for BHM morning announcements.
	 This year, doing a student oral history project where students use THMDA throughout the year to develop possible questions and gauge how to conduct an oral history interview, which they will complete by the end of the year. There is also a showcase for the end of year museum project.

d. Lunchtime Sessions: Libraries and Digital Humanities

John O'Connor	Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room Leader, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library
	Presentation
	 Describes his process for creating a digital Google map with pins for every story in THMDA in or around Charlotte, North Carolina. The metadata added to transcripts in THMDA makes the process possible by standardizing locations and making them easily searchable.
	• Charlotte has almost 700 mentions in THMDA; it took about 2 weeks
	of daily work to manually insert them all into the map. Great work



for volunteers or students. Larger cities will have to adapt a higher- tech solution to make the work doable.

Jack Li	Management Assistant, Emerging Technologies Division, Los Angeles Public Library
	 Presentation Took inspiration from John O'Connor's work with the Charlotte, NC map. Los Angeles has over 5,500 mentions in the archive, so a manual approach would be prohibitively expensive in terms of time. Want to model a repeatable approach for other cities/library systems. Also want to map the stories by the closest branch of the LAPL to explore localized demographics. Digital circulation is up 1,500% since 2013, so investment in digital products is in-line with user demand. Using code to pull all THMDA mentions of Los Angeles into a spreadsheet. Then, manually going over each entry to determine the location/address where the pin will go. We're interested in specific places, not just generic mentions of Los Angeles. Then a GPS-coordinate service is used to match addresses to coordinates. Manual checking is still necessary to ensure the correct places are being looked up by the coordinate service. LAPL is currently in the manual checking/data cleaning part of the project, which is slated to be completed Spring 2024. Then, Summer 2024 will see improvement of the map's aesthetics and making edits for clarity and visibility. The plan is to publish the map publicly in Autumn 2024.

Dan Johnson	Consulting Archivist, The HistoryMakers
	Presentation
	 Speaking about <i>The HistoryMakers</i> Digital Library project to digitize and make available the papers and documents of HistoryMakers, separate from the interviews in the Digital Archive. Describes the optical character recognition (OCR) and AI facial recognition capabilities of the Digital Library to make the content searchable. We've digitized at least 40,000 images, with 10,000 images coming from THM interviews and perhaps 50,000 more that haven't yet been
	ported into the Digital Library.



- There are time-based WebVTT transcripts that make audio objects searchable as well.
- We are still in the process of trying to increase the accessibility of our digital resources and making our separate digital products integrated and cross-searchable.

Next Steps: Continue finding ways to make THMDA and THMDL cross-searchable.

II. Breakout Session Brainstorming

Topic for Discussion

Ideas Competition

We are in an unprecedented time when the teaching of Black history is under attack and history and the humanities are being de-emphasized on some college campuses. We want each team to serve as a brain trust and develop a plan of how to expand usage of The HistoryMakers Digital Archive in our K-12 schools, communities, libraries, and universities. Each team's plan should be:

- 1) Creative;
- 2) Easy to implement;
- 3) Engaging larger community;
- 4) Expansive in reach and impact (Each One, Teach One).

We want each breakout room to develop a plan for us and to choose two members to present it to the group. Put your best presenters in charge. Go, Team, Go!

Working Group 1	Oak Amphitheatre
Moderators	Ideas
Nafeesa Muhammad	• Institutional THM chapters: monthly meetings, tutorials on
Anna Kaplan	the archive, hosting regular events, inviting HMs to
	campus. Chapters could organize or support Freedom
Participants	schools, helpful to maintain usage after
Anatasia Bailey	fellows/ambassadors graduate or move. Can help develop
Caree Banton	curricula and provide volunteers for K-12 schools. THM
Greg Carr	could organize orientations for founding chapters. Chapters
Maria Collins	could work inside and outside their institutions, expanding
Liseli Fitzpatrick	to local community organizations. Can facilitate
Danielle Gray-Singh	partnerships with professors teaching relevant topics by
Maurice Hobson	creating templates and showing demonstrative clips.



Steven Keener
Chateé Omísadé Richardson

Notetaker

Nikhe Braimah

- Saturday Black History Schools are free & public, THMDA can be part of programming
- Facilitating collaborations with Freedom Schools, including Children's Defense Fund (HQ in DC)
- Connecting/linking THMDA to other archives (e.g. paper archives, etc.) to promote that history is innately investigative (and include links to THMDA in those other archives). May need dedicated staff to facilitate these connections.
- Churches, parents' groups as places for community & learning with THMDA materials
- Local history projects with students conducting local interviews in collaboration with THM, potentially using THMDA to facilitate local history research.
- Social media campaign challenging traditional conceptions of Black historical figures (e.g. Rosa Parks) using THMDA.
- Increase accessibility by having a short free trial period for individuals.
- Expansion to the Caribbean (Liseli Fitzpatrick and University of Trinidad/Tobago?) interviewing more HMs from Caribbean origins, collaborating between American and Caribbean schools, as part of THMDA's content expansion to the African diaspora
- How can we be most comprehensive, especially regarding covering Black history from time periods we don't have living access to?
- How can we expand the geographical reach of THMDA? In what ways might we incorporate the broader African diaspora into the archive?

Condensed Next Steps

- Institutional THM chapters. Build off Fellowship/Ambassador relationships
- Connection to Saturday Black History schools and Freedom Schools
- Linking THMDA to other archives and vice versa
- Reaching churches, parents' groups, and other community organizations
- Organize local history projects with students using THMDA to research local history and model their own interviews
- Social media campaign challenging traditional conceptions of Black historical figures
- Free individual trial to THMDA to increase accessibility
- Expand interviews to more Caribbean/Caribbean-born HistoryMakers, collaborate with Caribbean schools



Working Group 2	Mountain Laurel Room
Moderators	Ideas
George Daniels	 Introduce THMDA and other archival resources as early as
Shively Smith	possible in educational path. Opening question for teaching
	people what an archive is: What do you like to collect?
Participants	 THMDA is a great resource for universities that don't have
Erica Bruchko	collections/resources of their own.
Treanna Bryant	• There should be a process for people to propose sessions as an
Toni Cook Bush	access point to join the conference. There should be a student
Jonathan Coulis	panel.
Pearl Dowe	 Promoting AA collections (like Emory's Rose Library or
Andrea Lawrence	THMDA) at library conferences. Utilizing
Michael Mauldin	library/scholar/fellows to promote at such conferences.
Garnetta Penn	• Using THMDA as a lens to teach, utilizing StoryMaps as an
Connie Smith-Lindsey	educational tool, not just for libraries.
Joanna Soderberg	• EBC hired their own intern to protect their archives. THM can
	operate as a partner for historic churches and other underfunded
Notetaker	organizations that have materials to protect but no knowledge
Eve Mangurten	on how to do it properly.
	 Create and share library guides; how to use THMDA well,
	expound on the importance of its use.
	 library guides are an easy way to help potential users over
	technological barriers of using THMDA.
	 How can we connect THMDA materials with the rest of a
	library's collection?
	 Creating digital modules schooled in THMDA.
	 Making research guides for THMDA for student research
	projects, more specified than library guides.
	 Making professional development opportunities - showing
	teachers how THMDA works and what it could/should be used
	for, getting other teachers to buy in
	 Emphasizing professional development for all institutional
	users - librarians, k-12 teachers, faculty, grad students.
	• Conference presenters could show up a day early to share ideas
	in more direct conversation and help structure the conference
	better.
	 Suggests three tiers of institutional outreach/professional
	development: Professional societies, consortia, and target
	communities (public libraries, church communities)
	 Mentions the Wabash Center for Teaching in Research in
	Religion; a repository of syllabi for teaching religion in NA.



Similar models exist in other organizations. Try to get THMDA added to some of these shared syllabi.

- Suggests a biblical conference in November.
- Connecting THMDA with museums, linking our digital collection with artifactual collections in a displayed museum space
- Create an enrichment program that allows students/youth to get service hours learning to use and creating projects with THMDA - a community-based mentoring program. Need to mentor the mentors.
- Connect with estate planners to suggest document preservation or oral history as part of estate planning.

Condensed Next Steps

- THMDAIPC 2025: Allow presenters to propose sessions/panels, include a student panel.
- THMDAIPC 2025: Have presenters come to conference a day early to have informal discussions and help structure the conference working groups
- Promote THMDA/DL at library conferences utilizing current fellows/associates
- Integrating StoryMaps and other digital humanities projects into lesson plans.
- Develop partnerships with historic churches and community organizations to assist with preservation knowledge
- Create and share library guides
- Create and share guides for student research projects
- Organize professional development opportunities for teachers, faculty, librarians, grad students
- Three-tiered institutional outreach: professional societies, consortia, and target communities (libraries/churches)
- Try to get THMDA lesson plans/syllabi into syllabi repositories (e.g. Wabash Center for Teaching in Research in Religion)
- Connect with museums, linking our digital collection to physical spaces
- Develop service projects where students can get volunteer hours to work with the archive. Potentially include a mentorship component.
- Connect with estate planners to suggest documentary preservation/oral history



Working Group 3	Hickory Room
Moderators	Ideas
Robert Hanserd	Social media is critical to promoting the archive, whether
Deborwah Faulk	Facebook, Instagram, TikTok. Linking the archive directly to
	social media posts (like "shop now" on Instagram/TikTok) to
Participants	encourage usage upon viewing.
Tyrone Brooks	Does social media promotion actually increase usage? There is a
Kevin Cole	difference between seeing THMDA promoted and actually using
Hattie Dorsey	it.
Nicole Feliciano	THM could use professional ambassadors to meet with libraries
Dr. James Gavin	and institutions to promote adoption of the archive.
Evonda Haith	HistoryMakers Advocates as an opportunity to push back against
Tre Johnson	attacks on Black history. While communities and parents fight to
Michael Mason	change public policy, THMDA is something anyone can use
Tomiko Meeks	whenever they want, regardless of the political climate. Always
Abdul Salau	capitalizing on opportunities.
Grant Venerable	 Including HistoryMakers themselves in outreach/ambassadorship.
	 Need pamphlets/brochures that can be distributed beyond
Notetaker/Volunteer	THMDA events/conferences. Social media, if it's used, needs to
Elias Rodriguez	communicate how to join and/or bring THMDA to an institution.
Alice Walker	The behind-the-scenes looks that we got from Julieanna in the
	conference presentations aren't available on the website - that
	would be good information for prospective subscribers.
	How can an outsider connect within my sphere, whether that is
	research or in the field? Developing a repository for prospective
	users to know what resources are available (in terms of projects
	completed using THMDA?)
	• Regional convenings of HMs/THMDA users? Northeast? South?
	Thematic projects/usages of the archive, such as migration from
	the Mississippi Delta and other broad ideas. The issue of isolation
	came out in our previous group. How do we address this as a
	community issue? Using the archive to address intergenerational
	disconnect, new ways of learning. Taking contemporary and
	relatable voices from, say, Mississippi and maybe outside voices,
	like Oprah, BB King. (This may connect with the topic search/AI
	tagging)
	The map of THM stories coverage shows that we can
	communicate and collaborate among various universities. A lot of
	people are moving and leaving, and our young people don't know
	it. And that's a lot of history that may be lost, and we don't want
	history to be repeated. So we wanted to make sure we focused on
	that.



 Does the state of Georgia have a geographic database that digs down into any locale and find economics and historic statistics such as exists in Pennsylvania? Yes. It was used for funding; when I was in appropriations, that data was used for funding, depending on how much political power and who you are, that's your funding.
power and who you are, that's your funding.Mentions integrating Geographical Information Sciences (GIS).

Condensed Next Steps

- Share social media content using interview clips, linking posts straight back to the archive/website
- Recruit professional ambassadors to meet with libraries/institutions and promote adoption of THMDA
- Propose THMDA as a tool for pushing back against attack on Black history
- Include HistoryMakers in outreach/ambassadorship
- Share pamphlets/brochures with fellows/associated faculty to share beyond THMDA events
- Develop a repository of completed projects for prospective users to peruse
- Organize regional convenings of THMDA users (mini-THMDAIPCs)
- Develop plans for broad, thematic projects using THMDA (e.g. Migration from the Mississippi Delta)
- Support digital humanities projects (like CML and LAPL's story maps) to increase the accessibility of the local history stored in the archive.

Working Group 4	Dogwood Room
Moderators	Ideas
Jana Duckett	• What does it take for THMDA to be a resource in public libraries?
Alexa Harris	What is the strategic plan in terms of scaling to more institutions?
	 Using THMDA in tandem with social media platforms, posting
Participants	short, interest grabbing clips to promote clicking through to the
Otis Johnson	archive and not just "grazing". Engaging current social dilemmas
Zebulon Miletsky	or issues, like police brutality, income inequality, etc.
Brian Williams	Freedom Schools program certificates
Yolanda Sapp	Get other organizations involved - invite them to conferences,
Tamara Spears	exhibitions, etc. (e.g. ASALH, association for study of African
Lynne Simpson	American life and history)
	• Engage 3rd-5th grade students through art-based projects utilizing
Notetaker	THMDA and get their communities involved through engagement
Noble Price	and outreach.



- Starting with a children's book or subject (e.g. Bessie Coleman, first AA female pilot), keyword search in THMDA. Bring members of their community who are subjects of that field of study (e.g. pilots).. Each student creates a piece of a mural based on their findings in THMDA.
- Larger community engagement bring students,
 parents/guardians, teachers, and community members to unveil the
 complete mural, getting communities directly involved in their
 youths' projects. Then, digitize murals through a series of
 collections allowing for digital outreach and engagement, also
 utilizing social media throughout the process for outreach and a
 public image.

Condensed Next Steps

- Create social media content using short, attention-grabbing clips to encourage clicking back to the archive. Focus on current social dilemmas.
- Develop partnerships with Freedom Schools
- THMDAIPC 2025: Invite other organizations (e.g. ASALH) to participate/contribute
- Establish a 3rd-5th grade art mural project that incorporates searching of THMDA