**Radical Libraries, Archives + Museums**

**(RadLAM) Network Gathering**

**Stewarding Memory, Culture and Knowledge for Collective Liberation**

**July 23-25, 2020**

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How can memory and knowledge keepers of color decolonize and transform the ways we think and practice? How can we support collective liberation for our communities? What can we do where we are? This network gathering will bring together BIPOC (black, indigenous & people of color) who preserve, protect, and facilitate access to intergenerational knowledge, memory, and culture. This includes librarians, archivists, museum curators, oral historians, artists, healers, and community workers — regardless of professional credentials. We will share skills and stories, expand our vision of cultural stewardship, and explore the nature of exclusion in libraries, archives, and museums. Centered in a healing justice, anti-oppression and decolonization framework, we will create space to unpack and express the intersections of our lived experiences. Participants will leave this gathering with a deeper connection to a network, new visions of their role as knowledge keepers, and inspired to plant seeds in their own communities.

**Coordinators:** Celeste Â-Re, MSLIS, PhD, Sine Hwang Jensen, Bekezela Mguni, and Veronica Leigh Milliner

**ASL interpretation, Spanish interpretation and captioning offered. E-mail** **radicallams@gmail.com** **for more information or any questions.**

**SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE**

**Thursday July 23**

**Decoloniality: Free Your Mind So Your Acts Will Follow**

1pm-3pm EST / 10am-12pm PDT

**Rememorying the Deep: Dreams, Imagination & Alternative ARKives**

6pm-9pm EST / 3pm-6pm PDT

**Friday July 24**

**Cultural Space Keeping & Tactical Activation with BOOM! Concepts**

6pm-8pm EST / 3pm-5pm PDT

**Saturday July 25**

**Abolishing the Police in Our Head: Dismantling Carceral Culture in Libraries, Archives and Museums**

1pm-3pm EST / 10am-12pm PDT

**RadLAM Community Meetup & Skillshare**

7:30pm-9pm EST / 4:30pm-6pm PDT

**FULL SCHEDULE**

**Thursday July 23, 2020**

**Decoloniality: Free Your Mind So Your Acts Will Follow**

**1pm-3pm EST / 10am-12pm PDT**

**Session capacity: 60**

**Facilitators:** Anthony Dunbar, PhD and Gwendolyn Winston, MPA

For BIPOC information, culture, and memory workers seeking to move toward decolonized cultural stewardship. This interactive session will encourage group and break-out discussion about decoloniality, collective transformation, and self-protection.

Participants will explore how to activate decoloniality through a reality check addressing the following:

* + - What is decoloniality?
		- How do you activate/practice decoloniality?
		- What are you willing or not willing to do?
		- Where are you scared or stuck?
		- What do you want to be a part of?
		- What do you need to show up and be your whole self?
		- How much do you want it?
		- How do you protect and maintain individual and collective transformation?

**Rememorying the Deep: Dreams, Imagination & Alternative ARKives**

**6pm-9pm EST / 3pm-6pm PDT**

**Session Capacity: 100 participants**

**Facilitator:** Almah LaVon Rice

What kind of writing and storytelling is possible when your libraries have been burned to the ground? Your griots genocided? When you've had to swim away from your family of origin and never look back? In many cultures the ocean is the repository of dreams, imagination, and unfathomable mysteries; in this workshop we'll dive into this aquatic archive and sift through the flotsam and jetsam of familial and cultural memories as well as your own dreamworlds, speculations, and hunches to build an ARKive after apocalypse. We will engage Toni Morrison, Elissa Washuta, Susan Lieu, and more to spark creative nonfiction in the key of sankofa.

**FRIDAY July 24, 2020**

**Cultural Space Keeping & Tactical Activation with BOOM! Concepts**

**6pm-8pm EST / 3pm-5pm PDT**

**Session Capacity:** 100 participants

**Facilitators:** Shey Rivera, Benjamin Lundberg Torres Sancez, K. Funmilayo Aileru, Darrell Kinsel, Vatic Kuumba

What are the necessary tools, skills, strategies and tactics creative entrepreneurs need in order to build and grow sustainable, community-based spaces, galleries, and artistic hubs?

We will explore and strengthen connections and relationships between people and institutions doing creative work across geographies to share information, best practices, and resources that allow us to nurture vibrant and healthy communities by uplifting art as a necessary practice that contributes to the quality of our lives while acknowledging the preexisting creative practices of our communities.

We will present/ facilitate a space focused on leadership growth and field building through peer to peer learning that re-energizes and affirms leaders. Participants will be provided space to learn, experience, and critique different strategies for connecting with community while owning assets, creating value, or operating spaces with intention in that community.

**Saturday July 25, 2020**

**Abolishing the Police in Your Head: Dismantling Carceral Culture in Libraries, Archives, and Museums**

**1P-3P EST / 10am-12pm PDT**

**Session Capacity:** TBD

**Facilitators: bean yogi, Sunny Kim, Nathaniel Moore, Sine Hwang Jensen**

Libraries, archives, and museums are institutions rooted in colonial, white supremacist, and carceral culture -- where surveillance, control, punishment, and criminalization are everyday, normalized occurrences. To create spaces that are truly liberatory, we must not only work to detach police from our idea of safety but also oppressive ideas of control and surveillance. We can all play a role in disrupting and transforming carceral culture. As BIPOC workers, we can both internalize and perpetuate oppression, and face threats in and from our institutions. How do we organize for change? What are strategies and skills we need in order to practice abolition in our work? How can we build transformative and liberatory spaces and cultures where we can share intergenerational knowledge and memory? In this workshop, we will create space to learn about a prison abolition framework, share strategies to dismantle carceral culture in our institutions, reflect and strategize together about transforming libraries, archives, and museums.

**RadLAM Community Meetup and Skillshare**

**7:30pm-9pm EST / 4:30pm-6pm PDT**

**Session Capacity:** TBD

**Facilitators: RadLAM Crew: Bekezela Mguni, Celeste Â-Re, Veronica Milliner, Sine Hwang Jensen**

Join the RadLAM coordinators for a kick-back! Connect with other BIPOC memory and culture workers and engage in some skill-sharing and community-building. More information soon!