

LIVE

HARLEM NIGHTS

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

CONVERSATIONS WITH BELOVED & KINDRED

Engaging the Lived Black Experience via Speculative Fiction

7:00 PM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

The Auburn Avenue Research Library will host Conversations with Beloved & Kindred: Engaging the Lived Black Experience via Speculative Fiction, facilitated by Dr. Grace Gipson, Assistant Professor-Department of African American Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University, and Dr. Kaniqua Robinson, Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Africana Studies at the University of Pittsburgh.

This conversation will explore the classic film Harlem Nights, directed by Eddie Murphy. Nightclub owner Sugar Ray (Richard Pryor) and his son Quick (Eddie Murphy) fight to keep a vicious mobster and a corrupt police force from putting them out of business. Written by Eddie Murphy with an all star supporting cast including Redd Foxx, Della Reese, Arsenio Hall, Jasmine Guy, and Danny Aiello.

Conversations with Beloved & Kindred is a freeform dialogue on creative works of speculative fiction (i.e. literature, film, television, and art) grounded in the Black lived experience. Inspired by the work of two legends, Toni Morrison and Octavia Butler, Dr. Gipson and Dr. Robinson engage the lived Black experience via reimagined speculative Black pasts and presents, giving voice to the silenced narratives.

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