

*Black Women, Territory and Peace-Building in the Twenty-First Century Symposium
April 5 and 6, 2016 at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

Speakers:

Dr. **Keisha-Khan Perry**, Brown University, author of “*Black Women Against the Land Grab in Brazil*” (2013) Winner of the 2014 National Women’s Association Gloria Anzaldúa Book Prize

Dr. **Christen Smith**, University of Texas-Austin, author of “*Afro-Paradise: The Black Body, Violence and Performance in Brazil*” (Forthcoming 2016)

Dr. **Tianna Paschel**, University of Illinois, (Book Forthcoming 2016)

Dr. **Monica White**, University of Wisconsin, author of “*Agricultural Resistance and the Black Freedom Movement*” (In-Review)

Kanchan Dawn Hunter, Spiral Gardens Community Food Security Project Oakland, California;

TBD Detroit Black Community Food Security Network
Detroit, Michigan

From Colombia:

Dr. **Piedad Cordoba Ruiz** is well known as a Black feminist lawyer and Colombian's politician who since 1990s has been working on the defense of Black communities rights and sexuality rights for LGBTQ in Colombia and Latin America. Dr. Córdoba promoted the Law 70 of 1993 or Ley de Comunidades Negras (Black Communities Law), promoting peace-building and human rights in conflict zones that led her to be nominated for the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize, and considered Latin America’s most influential intellectual by Foreign Policy magazine, in 2012. Dr. Cordoba is Poder Ciudadano’s and Marcha Patriótica’s spokesperson.

Francia Marquez, Black Women’s Movement in Defense of Life and the Ancestral Territories, member of the Proceso de Comunidades Negras - PCN and the Consejo Nacional de Paz Afrocolombiano

Roslih Martinez Sinisterra, Afro-Colombian woman activist member of the African-feminist organization Colectiva Matamba Acción Afrodiaspórica, and part of an intellectual feminist group called La Tremenda Revoltosa Batucada Feminista, where anti-colonial, anti-militarist, anti-racist and anti-patriarchal political actions are performed,

Aiden Salgado Cassiani, Black activist of the Afrocolombian Social movement, expert in Afro-Colombian’s Legislation; an advocate for Afrocolombian’s rights and for Affirmative Action in Higher Education. Mr. Salgado is the national coordinators of the Afro-Colombian-CONAFRO National Council, and from UMass Amherst

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Castriela Hernandez, Ph.D. Student of Anthropology, an Afro-Colombian feminist intellectual and activist of the Afro-Colombian Social movement

Dr. **Agustín Lao-Montes**, Associate Professor Sociology Department