

University at Albany Department of History

Annual Janice D. and Theodore H. Fossieck Lecture

“Planting Slavery in Nova Scotia’s
Promised Land, 1759-1783”

Between 1759 and 1783, 2,000 New England Planter families migrated to Nova Scotia and what is now New Brunswick. Many were closely related to families who migrated to upstate New York in the same period. The New England Planters brought with them enslaved African Americans to help restore farms, fisheries and orchards left behind after the displacement of the French Acadians. Their skills, talents and creativity were important to the building of Maritime Canada. Yet even their names have been forgotten. This lecture highlights the multiple contributions made by these African Americans who became African Canadians in the years immediately before the Revolutionary War.

presentation by

Karolyn Smardz Frost

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Standish Room

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Karolyn Smardz Frost is an archaeologist, historian, educator and award-winning author who specializes in the study of African American/Canadian transnationalism. She holds a BA in Archaeology, a Master's in Classical Studies and a PhD in the History of Race, Slavery and Imperialism. She is the Senior Research Fellow for York University's Harriet Tubman Institute. Karolyn was appointed the Canadian Bicentennial Visiting Professor at Yale University for the 2012-2013 academic year, and currently holds a Harrison McCain Visiting Professorship at Acadia University in Nova Scotia, Canada (2013-2014).

Karolyn's co-edited textbook *The Archaeology Education Handbook: Sharing the Past With Kids* (2000) is in use on four continents. She also co-edited the first book on Toronto's African Canadian history, *The Underground Railroad: Next Stop, Toronto!* (2002) and more recently *Ontario's African Canadian Past: Collected writings by Fred Landon, 1918-1967* (2009). Her landmark biography of fugitive slaves Thornton and Lucie Blackburn, *I've Got a Home in Glory Land: A Lost Tale of the Underground Railroad* (2007), won numerous prizes, including the Canada's top literary prize, Governor General's Award for Non-Fiction. She is presently co-editing a new volume, *A Fluid Frontier: Slavery, Resistance and the Underground Railroad along the Detroit River* (Wayne State University Press & the Dundurn Group).

Karolyn Smardz Frost is completing the dual biography of a fugitive slave woman and her former Kentucky mistress. Tracing the lives and travels of the two women, who shared a lifelong, if unequal, friendship, through Niagara, Toronto, Rochester, Washington DC, Europe, and Kentucky, it is entitled *Steal Away Home: Letters to a Fugitive Slave* and will be published by HarperCollins Canada in 2015.