

## Call for Papers

### The Fourth Meeting of the **Critical Genealogies Workshop**

University of Richmond (Richmond, Virginia, U.S.A.)

October 23-24, 2020 (full days of sessions both Fri & Sat plus a reception on Oct 22)

The *Critical Genealogies Workshop* offers a venue for presenting, discussing, and engaging genealogical work in progress. Workshop goals include thematizing and reflecting on larger questions of research design, strategy, and structure as well as practical questions about conducting genealogical research. We seek submissions from scholars doing genealogical work investigating problematizations of the contemporary as well as from scholars investigating questions of methodology involved in their own genealogies or those of others. A unifying aim of the workshop is our shared interest in taking up genealogy as method for interrogating the history of our present, a present that differs in important ways from the present examined by genealogists like Nietzsche, Foucault, Williams, and others.

The workshop is a pre-read event. Participants are expected to share their papers by September 15, 2020, and serve as commentators for two other participants. Instead of following the standard conference format of presentation and Q&A, sessions will begin with two sets of comments on a paper, followed by 35 minutes of open discussion. Each day begins and ends with a plenary workshop or roundtable, with concurrent paper sessions being held throughout the rest of each day.

Please send an abstract of no more than 750 words in “.doc/.docx” or “.pdf” format to [criticalgenealogies@gmail.com](mailto:criticalgenealogies@gmail.com) by April 15, 2020. Indicate “Critical Genealogies Workshop submission” in the subject line. Program decisions will be announced by May 15, 2020. (Those needing an earlier decision in order to secure institutional funding should email the organizers.)

For further information see our website: [criticalgenealogies.weebly.com](http://criticalgenealogies.weebly.com) or contact the workshop organizers Verena Erlenbusch-Anderson ([verlenbu@syr.edu](mailto:verlenbu@syr.edu)) and Colin Koopman ([koopman@uoregon.edu](mailto:koopman@uoregon.edu)) or local host Ladelle McWhorter ([lmcwhort@richmond.edu](mailto:lmcwhort@richmond.edu)).