



THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE: Critical Issues in History, Literature and World Culture

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Workshop Agenda

Questions for the day: What was the Harlem Renaissance? What were the social, cultural, economic, political and historical factors that led to its emergence? Who were the key players of the period? What were the hopes and dreams of African Americans during this time period? Which dreams were shattered, which realized? Of what relevance is the Harlem Renaissance to our understanding of race, class, gender and ethnicity in today's society?

9:30 a.m. **Dr. Heather Russell, Graduate Director, African and African Diaspora Studies, and Associate Professor of English, Florida International University,** provides an overview of the period and contextualizes the Harlem Renaissance historically, culturally, socially, and politically.

Location: Lake Nona Room

11:00 a.m. **Break**

11:15 a.m. **Chautauqua actors/scholars present: Voices of the Harlem Renaissance, portrayals of Zora Neale Hurston, and Langston Hughes.**

Location: Lake Nona Room

12:00 noon **Chautauqua scholars Phyllis McEwen and Bob Devin Jones, joined by Dr. Russell, return to the stage to discuss roles Hurston and Hughes played in the Harlem Renaissance.**

Location: Lake Nona Room

12:30 p.m. **Lunch on your own**

1:45 p.m. **Art of the Harlem Renaissance - The Florida Connection: Professor Karl "Jerry" Craig** will lead us on an exploration of some of the outstanding artists of the Harlem Renaissance, including insights based on personal correspondence with Jacob Lawrence.

Location: Lake George B Room

3:00 p.m. **Music of the Harlem Renaissance: Dr. Russell** will assess what we already know and provide context to inform our knowledge of the musical outpouring of the period.

Location: Lake George B Room

4:00 p.m. **Dr. Russell will lead us in a wrap-up discussion about what we have learned today**

Location: Lake George B Room

4:15 p.m. **Post-test and evaluations**

Location: Lake George B Room

4:30 p.m. **Departure**
