

Dear all,

the BCDSS in cooperation with the Amerikahaus NRW, Cologne, hosts the Juneteenth Lecture.

**"Revisiting Black Radical Histories Across the Atlantic"**  
with

**Dr. Tiffany N. Florvil, Associate Professor of History at the University of New Mexico**

**Thursday, June 22, 2023 | 6.15 p.m.**

**Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies | University of Bonn  
Conference Room | Niebuhrstr. 5 | 53113 Bonn**

**About the lecture:** Throughout modern history, Black writers and activists – George Padmore, Shirley Graham Du Bois, and May Ayim – have pursued radical projects pointing out the lack of basic human rights of marginalized communities. In this talk, Tiffany N. Florvil argues that these individuals and others have drawn upon their cross-cultural experiences to highlight how the intersecting oppressions of racism, classism, sexism, homophobia, and ableism have persisted throughout the twentieth century. Traversing geographical and aesthetic boundaries, these activists and intellectuals advocated for civil, social, and political change in their respective countries and beyond, advancing a cosmopolitan ethos that allowed them to offer new forms of knowledge and instigate change.

**About our speaker:** Tiffany N. Florvil is an associate professor of history at the University of New Mexico who focuses on social movements, gender and sexuality, emotions, and the African diaspora in modern Europe. She received her BA from Florida State University, MA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and PhD from the University of South Carolina. Her book *Mobilizing Black Germany: Women and the Making of a Transnational Movement* (Illinois, 2020) explores the emergence of the Black German movement of the 1980s and 1990s and traces the evolution of a Black German activist tradition inspired by Caribbean-American feminist poet Audre Lorde. Her work has been supported by the American Council on Germany, German Academic Exchange Service, and German Historical Institute, among others. She is a fellow of the American Academy in Berlin (class of spring 2023).

**About Juneteenth:** Juneteenth is a holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans; it is observed annually on June 19. The date marks the anniversary of the proclamation of freedom for slaves in Texas in 1865. The name Juneteenth is the blending of the words "June" and "nineteenth". It was first recognized as a federal holiday in 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law.

We cordially invite you to join us for a reception after the lecture and discussion.

**Please register at:** [info@amerikahaus-nrw.de](mailto:info@amerikahaus-nrw.de)

**Livestream:** This event will also be streamed live via Zoom. If you would like to join online, please send us an email and we will get back to you with the link.

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