

## ABOUT OUR PRESENTERS

### Dr. Dena R. Jennings

Dena Jennings, D.O. is a luthier, musician, naturalist, writer, and an Internal Medicine physician. In 2019, she was appointed chairperson of the Virginia Commission for the Arts. In 1996, Dr. Jennings founded *Imani Works*, a human rights advocacy group.

### Gloria R. Simon

Gloria Simon considers herself a life-long educator. She is currently the Assistant Director of Admissions at the University of Lynchburg. Gloria has performed theatrically at Stratford Hall and in the Washington, D.C. Black Theater Festival with JLP Productions.

### Peighton L. Young

Peighton Young is a public historian and a fourth-year Ph.D. student at the College of William & Mary. Specializing in the history of the Black American experience, they work as a historian, genealogist, & researcher for Red Hill. Young also co-chairs the Descendants Council of Greater Richmond.

### Cody M. Youngblood

Cody Youngblood is an architectural historian and museum professional. He holds an M.A. in Historic Building Conservation from the University of York and formerly served as museum director of George C. Marshall's Dodona Manor.



# FROM RESISTANCE TO RESILIENCE

## BLACK VIRGINIA'S PATH TO FREEDOM

RED HILL · APRIL 6, 2024

- 10:15 am **WELCOME**  
Takisha Fowlkes, *Director of Community Engagement & Programming*
- 10:30 am **WALKING TOUR OF RED HILL**  
Cody Youngblood, *Director of Historic Preservation & Collections*
- 12:00 pm **"MAMA CRITTY, I'M BACK"**  
Gloria Simon, *Actress*
- 12:15 pm **LUNCH**  
Eugene B. Casey Education & Event Center
- 1:15 pm **GENEALOGY SEMINAR**  
Peighton Young, *Historian & Genealogist of African American History*
- 2:00 pm **BREAK**
- 2:15 pm **DESCENDANT PANEL**  
**Moderator:** Takisha Fowlkes
- Panelists:**  
Barrington Ross  
Avis Scott  
Elaine Yuille

- 3:00 pm **MUSIC PRESENTATION**  
Dr. Dena Jennings, *Founder, The Thang: The Affrolachian On-Time Music Gathering*
- 4:00 pm **CLOSING**  
Takisha Fowlkes

**JOIN US FOR DAY TWO AT THE  
ROBERT RUSSA MOTON MUSEUM**

**Saturday, April 13  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Tickets at [www.RedHill.org/events](http://www.RedHill.org/events)**

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