

Tuesday, October 17, 7:00 p.m.

RESISTANCE and PERSISTENCE

Enslaved Women in Prince William County



In October, we acknowledge the contributions of women in Virginia history. Professor Sheri Huerta will examine the seldom-recognized contributions of enslaved African American women to Virginia's history. Even though opportunities to wield power were limited, some women took extraordinary measures to challenge the rights of slave owners and change their conditions. Enslaved women ran away, sued for their freedom, and resisted enslavement in a variety of ways, even though they risked terrible punishments. This presentation highlights the courageous actions of enslaved women in Prince William County that emboldened future generations of women. Dr. Huerta's interests include the antebellum South, slavery, legal history and social culture.

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