"Tales From the Hold 3: Shadows Being Identified"

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About the Talk:

"When not forgotten by history, when not dissolved by the sea, when not strewn by the wind, the « revenants » return". My experimental documentary series project Tales From the Hold poses and holds this question: What remains of the Africans swallowed up in the belly of the Atlantic Sea, and in the nothingness of the colonial plantations? How can I find their traces through time and space? How to rescue them from oblivion and bring them back to us? As I began filming the third episode of my collection, titled “The Last Slave Ship,” in Benin, West Africa, I take a break to present my current work and look back to the genesis of my project.