

Time: Tuesdays, Noon–1:00 p.m.  
Location: 124 Sparks Building  
Lunch will be provided.

# The Humanities Institute Presents: The Spring 2024 Faculty Scholars in Residence

## “The Sugar Babies’ Call: Climate Changes, or Marooning the Color Wheel”

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### About the Talk:

Stagings of “marooners’ calls” in artistic engagements as different as Walker’s *A Subtlety*, Haile Gerima’s *Sankofa*, and John Akomfrah’s *Tropikos* revisit the process of sugar’s crystallization: “Thank you for letting me know that sugar is not white,” reads the first intertitle of the “digital sugar baby’s archive” (Walker). This talk will examine sugar’s crystal image as a reflection of the cooling of heated matter (molasse) on which the process of sugar’s crystallization depends. A process that will allow us to address climate change in terms of what Derrida called (in *Cinders*) “the holocaust’s holocaust, the blaze reflected and cooled by the glass, the ice, of the mirror.”

