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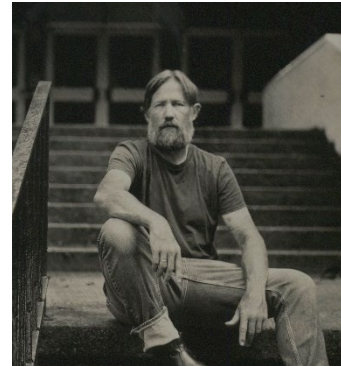
COLLOQUIUM SERIES

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Monday, February 28: 12:00 – 1:00 pm ET

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The Longue Durée of Abolition: Abolishing Hunger and Racial Terror in New Orleans and Beyond

This paper is about the ongoing struggle for anti-hunger politics in the face of the racial terror that it produces in New Orleans. Thinking through the Black Geographic logics of diasporic connection and solidarity, I will explore abolition geography as a way to sketch historical connections, starting with the Haitian Revolution, that brought abolition to the Western Hemisphere. Using these connections as a base, I will continue to think about the ways that struggles for abolition are still present today in New Orleans. As a way in, I will invoke the figure of John Brown and think out loud about how a politics of menace offer white folks an inroad to abolitionist geographies.

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