

**GLASTONBURY MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMUNITY INITIATIVE**

**Presents a Free Online Conversation via Zoom**

# **Our Forgotten History**

**If “History is Written by the Victors,” who has been left out?**

**Four scholars of history look at the forgotten heroes of our American past: women, people of color, the misrepresented, the unfairly maligned. A new perspective on their stories.**

**Thursday, December 3, 2020 • 7:00 pm**





## Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative

The Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative (GMLKCI) is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that was formed in 2001. Since then, the GMLKCI has sponsored up to three Community Conversations per year. GMLKCI works to increase Glastonbury residents' knowledge and understanding of the philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and to provide leadership and active engagement to build an inclusive community.

GMLKCI strives to bring people together to discuss social justice issues that are as important to us today as individuals, and as members of our community, as they were to Dr. King. As Dr. King noted, *"...whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly..."* and *"...the quality of a community is determined by how members of the community relate to one another."*

The goal of Community Conversations is to inform and inspire Glastonbury residents to become actively involved in social justice issues by discussing, in an open and congenial manner, subjects which may divide or bind us.

The issues discussed during today's Community Conversation are addressed in light of Dr. King's principles.

***"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."***

***"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter."***

## **Program**

Welcome and Program Introduction

**Robyn Guimont**

### CONVERSATION

#### OUR SPEAKERS

**Dr. Edward Guimont — Moderator**

**Dr. Dexter Gabriel**

**Dr. Manisha Sinha**

**Dr. Julian Madison**

**Diane Hoover**

Questions and Answers

Closing Remarks and Appreciation

**Robyn Guimont**

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programming and fundraising efforts.

## Dr. Dexter Gabriel

**Dr. Dexter Gabriel** earned his B.A. in history from Texas State University/San Marcos, an M.A. in history also from Texas State University/San Marcos, and his PhD. in history from Stony Brook University/New York. His research interests include the history of human bondage, resistance, and freedom in the Black Atlantic, as well as interdisciplinary approaches to slavery within popular culture and media. His current research explores British emancipation in the Anglo-Caribbean and its impact on abolitionist strategies in nineteenth-century North America. His work has been translated into the social arena through panel discussions, lectures, articles, and interviews as diverse as the Federal Reserve Bank of Virginia to Voice of America, BBC America, and elsewhere. He is jointly-appointed faculty with the Africana Studies Institute.

## Dr. Manisha Sinha

**Dr. Manisha Sinha** is the Draper Chair in American History at UCONN and the Mellon Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the American Antiquarian Society for the current academic year. She received her PhD from Columbia University where her dissertation was nominated for the Bancroft prize. She taught at UMASS for over twenty years where she was awarded the Chancellor's Medal, the highest honor bestowed on faculty. She is the author of *The Counterrevolution of Slavery: Politics and Ideology in Antebellum South Carolina*, which was named one of the ten best books on slavery in Politic in 2015 and featured in The New York Times 1619 Project recently. Her second book, the multiple-award winning *The Slave's Cause: A History of Abolition* was long listed for the National Book Award for Non Fiction. She is the author and editor of numerous books and articles. She has lectured all over the world and written widely for the mainstream press including The New York Times, The Washington Post, and The Wall Street Journal and has been interviewed by the national and international press. A historian of the nineteenth century, her research interests lie specifically in the transnational histories of slavery, abolition, and feminism and the history and legacy of the Civil War and Reconstruction. She is currently writing a book on the Reconstruction of American democracy after the Civil War.

## Dr. Julian Madison

**Dr. Julian Madison** is a native of Cleveland, Ohio and is a professor of History at Southern Connecticut State University.

His teaching interests include:

US History  
US Black History  
US History through Film  
US Foreign Policy  
Immigration

His research interests include:

Race and Ethnicity  
Jazz Age  
Civil Rights  
Culture

## Diane Hoover

**Diane Hoover** is native of Glastonbury and a product of the Glastonbury School System. She has a Masters Degree in History Education from SCSU and taught History and Social Sciences in middle schools for 41 years and was honored as the 1990 Teacher of the Year. After retiring, Diane became the Education Director for the Historical Society of Glastonbury and continues to teach history to people of all ages. She maintains a close connection with Glastonbury students and works with all fifth and eighth grade students each year to share lessons on Glastonbury history. Recently, she has developed virtual lessons and videos to meet student and teacher needs during the pandemic. One focus of her study and research are the Smith sisters. She has extensively researched these remarkable women from Glastonbury and has shared that information in talks, presentations and online activities.

## Dr. Edward Guimont

**Dr. Edward Guimont** received his PhD in history from the University of Connecticut. His dissertation was on the role of mythic history in settler colonial politics, using legends around the ruins of Great Zimbabwe as a case study. He is presently an adjunct professor at several universities across Southern New England.



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This project was accomplished by a handful of committed community members. Please consider joining as a volunteer; there is an opportunity to express interest on the electronic survey.

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