

North Norway, 1789

Gloria Naylor and Her Archives, Modern and Medieval

This one-day conference takes the occasion of digitizing Gloria Naylor's archives at Lehigh University to examine some of the questions this resource and this unique project raises: Naylor's significance and her contribution to the African American tradition; African American tradition and the problem of the archive; and Naylor's striking and abiding interest in the Middle Ages.

Friday, January 31, 10 am-3 pm
Academic Building West, Room 6051
15 Seminary Place
New Brunswick

Suzanne Edwards, (Lehigh University) "Medieval Myth-Making in Gloria Naylor's *Sapphira Wade*"

Shaundra Myers, (University of Pittsburgh) "Black Women's Identity Travels"

Erica Edwards, (Rutgers) "Paranoid Black Femininity and the Postwar Writerscape: On Naylor's *1996*"

Larry Scanlon, (Rutgers) "*Bailey's Café* and the Matter of the Name"

Lunch will be served

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