Figures of Liminality: Women, Portraiture and Enslavement at the Thresholds of Emancipation

Monday, November 8, 4:30 AM-5:50 PM | ZOOM

Agnes Lugo-Ortiz, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Latin American Literature, University of Chicago - Through a visual counterpoint, this talk will address the only two extant oil portraits of enslaved women produced during the periods of emancipation in the French- and Spanish-speaking Caribbean. By underscoring the conflictive political and ideological forces, affective dynamics, and aesthetic principles at work in their composition, it will focus on the conditions that made possible the visual configuration of black people as subjects of freedom and on the problematic re-articulation of the boundaries between the human and the animal that structure the images. For more information, contact Alejandra Aguilar, Ph.D., at maguilardornelle@fau.edu

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