

In Celebration of African American History Month  
The African and Middle Eastern Division, and the Rare Book & Special Collection  
Library of Congress invites you to  
**“Omar Ibn Said at the Library of Congress”**  
Tuesday February 5, 2019, 10:00 – 3:00pm, LJ-119

10:00am-10:15am

Welcoming Remarks: **Dr. Carla Hayden**, the Librarian of Congress

10:15am-10:30am

In Memoriam: **Marieta Harper**, Africa Area Specialist, AMED, “Derrick Beard and the Omar ibn Said Manuscript”

10:30am- 12:00pm

**Panel I: The Significance of the Omar ibn Said Collection**

Introduction: **Dr. Mary-Jane Deeb**, Chief African and Middle Eastern Division  
**Dr. Ala Alryyes**, Visiting Associate Professor of English, Queens College, CUNY, “*On Contextualizing and Translating the Life of Omar Ibn Said from Arabic.*”

**Dr. Sylviane A. Diouf**, Visiting Professor, Brown University, “*Omar ibn Said and Islamic Reformists in 19<sup>th</sup> Century West Africa.*”

**Dr. Adam Rothman**, Professor of History, Georgetown University, “*Transcribing the Theodore Dwight Document Collection.*”

Moderator: **Dr. Eugene Flanagan**, General and International Collections Director

12:00 – 1:30pm

**Lunch and Film Screenings:** Library of Congress Preservation of the Omar Ibn Said Collection, and Documentary Films by students from Montgomery Blair High School and Richard Wright Public Charter School for Journalism and Media Arts.

Introduction: **Lee Ann Potter**: Director of Learning and Innovation Office

1:30 – 3:00pm

**Panel II: Role of the Library in Acquiring, Preserving, Digitizing, Cataloging, and Making Accessible the Omar ibn Said Collection**

Introduction: **Dr. Anchi Hoh**, Program Specialist, AMED

**Film Screening:** *Library of Congress Omar Ibn Said Collection* by Shawn Miller, Library of Congress Photographer

**Shelly Smith**, Head, Book Conservation Section, & **Sylvia Albro** Conservation Curator: “*Preservation Efforts, and the Making of a Facsimile of the Said Ms.*”

**Domenico Sergi**, Supervisory Digital Imaging Specialist, & **Sam Manivong**, Digital Library Specialist “*Digitizing the Omar ibn Said Collections*”

**Christa Maher**, Digital Projects Coordinator, & **David Reser**, Metadata Librarian, “*Digital Presentation of the Omar ibn Said Collections & the Metadata Behind*”

Moderator: **Beacher Wiggins**, Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access Director

3:00 – 4:00pm

**Display of the Omar Ibn Said Collection**, Rosenwald Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Jefferson Building, across from the Rare Book & Special Collections Reading Room, LJ-239