

# Global Crossings

## An International Workshop on Incorporating the Indian Ocean and Asia into SlaveVoyages.org

Moody Center for the Arts & Fondren Library  
Rice University

September 29th and 30th, 2022

Rice University is pleased to host *Global Currents: An International Workshop on Incorporating the Indian Ocean and Asia into SlaveVoyages.org*. This is an in-person event to take place at the Moody Center for the Arts and Fondren Library, both located at Rice's campus, in Houston, TX, on September 29th and 30th, 2022. The workshop will feature a keynote address by Richard Allen followed by five roundtable discussions with nearly twenty scholars based in the United States, Africa, and Asia, whose expertise range from education, history, and anthropology, to the digital humanities. Each roundtable is scheduled for approximately 90 minutes and will focus on topics and issues relevant to the development of a database of slaving voyages across the Indian Ocean and parts of Asia as an integral component of the renowned SlaveVoyages website. This event is free and open to the public. Comments and observations are welcomed from all participants.

### Program

Thursday, September 29

**Moody Center for the Arts, Room 205**

**09:00-10:00 Keynote and Opening Remarks**

*Richard B. Allen, Framingham State University*

*Daniel B. Domingues da Silva, Rice University & SlaveVoyages*

**10:30-12:00 Assessing Current Knowledge about the Traffic**

*Moderator: Richard B. Allen, Framingham State University*

**Fondren Library, Woodson Center**

**13:15-13:30 Visit to the SlaveVoyages Archives**

**Fondren Library, Kyle Morrow Room**

**14:00-15:30 Conceptualizing the Geography of the Region**

*Moderator: Mathew S. Hopper, California Polytechnic State University*

**16:00-17:30 Problems and Issues in Reconstructing the Traffic**  
*Moderator: Jane Hooper, George Mason University & SlaveVoyages*

Friday, September 30

**Fondren Library, Kyle Morrow Room**

**09:00-10:00 The Practicalities of Creating a Database of Voyages**  
*Moderator: Daniel B. Domingues da Silva, Rice University & SlaveVoyages*

**10:30-12:00 Integrating the Database into Humanistic and Public Discourses**  
*Moderator: Nafees M. Khan, SlaveVoyages*

## Discussants

- Richard B. Allen, Framingham State University
- Edward A. Alpers, University of California, Los Angeles
- James Armstrong, Library of Congress
- Klara Boyer-Rossol, International Center for Slavery Research, France
- Daniel B. Domingues da Silva, Rice University & SlaveVoyages
- Jane Hooper, George Mason University & SlaveVoyages
- Matthew S. Hopper, California Polytechnic State University
- Nafees M. Khan, SlaveVoyages
- Pedro Machado, Indiana University, Bloomington
- Michael Reidy, Independent, United Kingdom
- Christopher Saunders, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- Dominique Somda, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- Hydiaki Suzuki, National Museum of Ethnology, Japan
- Chaplain Toto, University of Toamasina, Madagascar
- Kerry Ward, Rice University
- Wendy Wilson-Fall, Lafayette College
- Nigel Worden, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- Benigna Zimba, Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique

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