

# THE 2019 STEPHANIE M.H. CAMP LECTURE

## MAKING SENSE: EXAMINING THE HAPTIC IN SLAVERY AND MEDICINE



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**MAY 22, 2019**  
**3:30 – 5:00 PM**  
**Ethnic Cultural Center Theater**

Free and open to the public. Reception to follow.

**Deirdre Cooper Owens** is an Associate Professor of History at Queens College, CUNY, the director of the Program in African American History at the Library Company of Philadelphia, and an Organization of American Historians (OAH) Distinguished Lecturer. Cooper Owens's numerous awards and honors include serving as an American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology Fellow in Washington, D.C., and being the inaugural recipient of the Zora Neale Hurston Award from the Black Feminist Project. Recently, she worked with Teaching Tolerance and the Southern Poverty Law Center on a podcast series about how to teach about U.S. slavery and was listed as an "acclaimed expert" on U.S. history by Time magazine. Her first book, *Medical Bondage: Race, Gender and the Origins of American Gynecology* (UGA Press, 2017) won the 2018 Darlene Clark Hine Book Award from the OAH. Currently, she is working on a book that examines mental illness during the era of United States slavery and a popular biography of Harriet Tubman that examines her through the lens of disability.

This lecture was established to honor the memory of our beloved colleague, Stephanie M.H. Camp, who was the Donald W. Logan Family Endowed Chair in American History, and the author of the award-winning book *Closer to Freedom: Enslaved Women and Everyday Resistance in the Plantation South* (2004). Before her untimely death in 2014, Professor Camp was writing a book about race and beauty. Her work remains a powerful influence on the fields of race, gender, and slavery in and beyond American history. This lecture is made possible by the generous contributions to the Stephanie Camp Lecture Fund for the History of Race and Gender.

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