

BLACK HISTORY MONTH LECTURE

Genealogical Research into
America's Antebellum Past:
The Challenges of Finding
the Enslaved, the Free,
and Enslavers



Guest Speaker

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Sherrri Burr joined the UNM law faculty in 1988, after having received her A.B. (Politics) from Mount Holyoke College, her M.P.A (International Relations) from the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs, and her J.D. from Yale Law School. In 1994 she received tenure and promotion to full professor. During the 2008 – 2009 academic year, she served as Acting Director of the Africana Studies Program in the College of Arts and Sciences. She was honored with the Regents Professor of Law in 2012, the Dickason Chair in Law in 2013, and as a Monticello Fellow in 2015. She became Professor Emerita in 2017 after retiring from full-time teaching to become a full-time author. Her current research focuses on the Free Blacks of Virginia, the hundreds of thousands of African-Americans who were free before the Civil War. Burr’s ancestors were among this group.