

2025 Programs

- **March 22, 2025 – Maps as Storytellers.** A presentation by Fowota Mortoo, PhD student in geography at the University of North Carolina. She has created a 12-square-foot map of the UNC campus layered with images of the people who built the buildings, focusing on four Black Chapel Hill families - Barbee, Blacknell, Jones, and Johnson. Mortoo saw an opportunity to unsettle traditional mapping practices while highlighting the stories of the Black individuals who helped design and construct the University's buildings, rock walls, and brick pathways. Ms. Mortoo is joined by Dr. Kathryn Wall, co-director of public history at the Marian Cheek Jackson Center, who shares resources on www.fromtherockwall.org and discusses community efforts to honor Black builders and masons with a physical monument. You can view a recording of this presentation at <https://youtu.be/tKNLlssmhe8>