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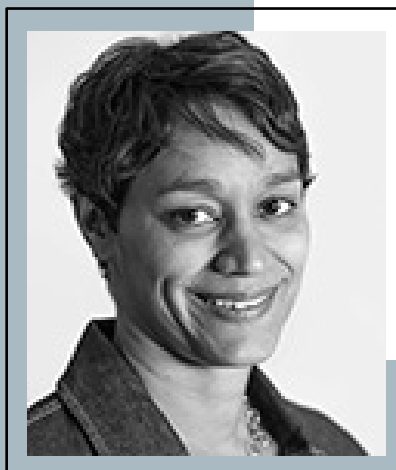
Race, Labor, and Conquest Armies in Africa and the
United States, 1850-1918

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This talk will introduce initial observations on how racial thought and labor paradigms intersected to create nineteenth-century armies of empire in three historical contexts—the United States, German East Africa, and Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. It considers convergences and divergences in practices of empire-building during this period of intense imperial competition and expansion around the world. It will focus particularly on the question of who does the violent work of empire in different historical and contemporary circumstances. Along the way, it seeks to integrate the expansionist history of the United States into a wider trans-imperial history of soldiering.



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