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## BROWN BAG PRESENTATION

**Dr. Arica L. Coleman and Chief Lynette P. Allston**

**TUESDAY, April 10, 2012, 3:30-5:00pm, in 319 Willard Hall**



**“Beyond Black and White: African Americans and Native Americans in the Age of Jim Crow”**

**Presenters:** **Dr. Arica L. Coleman**, Assistant Professor, Black American Studies, University of Delaware. Dr. Coleman’s research focuses on the historical and contemporary intersections between African Americans and American Indians in the southeastern United States. **Chief Lynette P. Allston**, The Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia. Chief Allston holds a B.A. in History from Duke University and is a well-respected and much sought after independent scholar whose lectures focus on the triumphs and continued struggles of American Indian communities.

**Abstract:** During the Jim Crow era, American Indians struggled to maintain a separate identity as southern aborigines. While some tribal communities chose to mimic the segregation policies of the south by denying African American familial ties and refusing to attend black schools and churches, others rejected the notion that anti-black racism was a prerequisite to maintaining American Indian identity. “Beyond Black and White” will highlight the ways in which African Americans and Native Americans have struggled to maintain their own communities as independent, self-defining peoples. It will also highlight the complex realities of intermarriage, conflict and shared histories that simultaneously helped to foster animosities as well as alliances between the two groups.