

James Weldon Johnson Park and Local Black History

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Place: Anderson-Price Building, 42 North Beach Street, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Presented By: Felicia Bevel

Event Type: In-Person

Free Admission: (Open to the Public)



This presentation will explore James Weldon Johnson Park in Jacksonville, Florida as a site of contested memory, specifically of racial violence and Black resistance. It will also discuss this public space as a lens to understand Black history in Florida and important activists such as A. Philip Randolph, Mary McLeod Bethune, Eartha White, and Rodney Hurst.

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