The abolition of slavery did not bring an end to anti-Black violence, nor did it foster equality in civil rights, and as a result, Black Delawareans have continued to fight for justice for centuries. Between 1861 and 1903, three documented instances of violent racial terror reshaped Delaware's landscape. These atrocities merit a reexamination of Delaware's Civil War history, its status as a Union state during Reconstruction, and its modern legacy of slavery and social justice. Join our distinguished panelists as they discuss their research on this important topic in Delaware history, and their interest in developing an educational public history venture in the coming months called the Unequal Justice in Delaware project.

Panelists include Dr. James Jones, Dr. Stephanie Lampkin, Savannah Shepherd, Dr. Yohuru Williams, and will conclude with an announcement from Dr. David Young.

Dr. James Jones is the Trustees’ Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Psychological and Brain Sciences and Black American Studies and Director of the Center for the Study of Diversity at the University of Delaware.

Savannah Shepherd is a student at Swarthmore College and a social justice activist. Savannah founded the Delaware Social Justice Remembrance Coalition (DSJRC).

Dr. Yohuru Williams is an education activist, professor of history, and dean at the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota.

Alonna Berry is the Founder and Chairwoman of The Bryan Allen Stevenson School of Excellence. Currently, she is responsible for leading Governor’s Carney’s Executive Order 24 to make Delaware a Trauma-Informed State, supported through the Family Services Cabinet Council.