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Environmental Justice Webinar - Oregon's History of African American and Japanese Timber Workers

African American and Japanese communities played an important role in helping to build the Oregon timber industry

EUGENE, OR. – Beyond Toxics and the NAACP Eugene/Springfield will be hosting the next Environmental Justice Webinar: ***Oregon's History of African American & Japanese Timber Workers***. This is the eighth and final webinar in the EJ Webinar Series, initially launched in May 2020.

"MHIC is thrilled to share this first opportunity to bring African American and Japanese contributing narratives that built and helped to shape the historical culture of timber in Oregon. A strong effort through collaboration, cooperation and passion brings hidden history to light. Many thanks to Beyond Toxics for hosting this generous educational event." - Gwendolyn Trice, Founder & Executive Director of Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center

"African Americans and Japanese immigrants worked long hours under grueling conditions to help build Oregon's timber industry in the early days of Oregon's statehood. The Japanese American Museum of Oregon is happy to collaborate with Beyond Toxics and Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center to tell this unknown American story." - Linda Tamura, Professor Emerita of Education at Willamette University and a co-editor-in-chief of The Oregon Encyclopedia

Our panelists:

Gwendolyn Trice, Founder & Executive Director of the Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center

Linda Tamura, Professor Emerita of Education at Willamette University and a co-editor-in-chief of The Oregon Encyclopedia

This event will be **moderated by Lisa Arkin, Executive Director of Beyond Toxics.**

The EJP Webinar Series will end with our Environmental Justice Pathways Summit on April 9th -10th, 2021. More information can be found at www.ejpsummit.org

Beyond Toxics is a statewide environmental justice organization advancing policies that ensure meaningful participation and cultivating grassroots leadership from Oregon's frontline and impacted communities. Established in 2001, we are a multicultural, inter-generational team dedicated to centering community leaders and building out the true diversity of our state's vibrant Environmental Justice movement.