



Embodied Blackness in Artistic and Ritualistic Performances

A lecture by Dr. Gustavo Melo Cerqueira



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This lecture is hosted by Dr. Daniela Gomes's class, AFRAS 300: Afro-Brazilian Community, Culture, and Identity.

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