## The Sankofa Lecture Series presents

## **Black Cosmopolitans in the Early Modern South Atlantic**

**Dr. Mary Hicks'** talk details the seafaring activities of enslaved Africans and Atlantic creoles who redefined the nature of transatlantic commerce. Their exceptional physical mobility made them the Portuguese empire's most innovative historical agents. These men navigated the rise and fall of



South Atlantic slavery by crafting greater personal autonomy for themselves, while serving as crucial vectors of African material culture, knowledge and community building in the New World.

Professor Hicks is an Assistant Professor of Black Studies and History at



Amherst College. She is currently writing a book entitled Captivity's Commerce: Black Mariners and the World of South Atlantic Slavery, and has been published in the Journal of Global History. She has served as a Jefferson, Ford and Hutchins Fellow at Harvard University.



Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 11am-12pm in Hebert Auditorium