Defining the Color Line: Race, Democracy, and the Enslaved Community at James Madison’s Montpelier

A Transnational Black Citizenship Discovery Theme Pilot Project Field School Experience from Ohio State University

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18**

**11:00 AM** Depart Columbus, Ohio

**5:30 PM** Arrive Montpelier Station, VA, check into rooms (onsite housing)

**6:30 PM** Dinner at Montpelier, Lewis Hall Dining Room (all meals unless otherwise noted are served in Lewis Hall)

**8:00 PM** Campfire orientation in South Yard complex with Dr. Hasan Kwame Jeffries, Christian Cotz, Montpelier Director of Education & Visitor Engagement, & Dr. Matt Reeves, Director of Archaeology & Landscape Restoration

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19**

**8:00 AM-9:00 AM** Breakfast

**9:00 AM-12:00 PM** Montpelier 101: Signature tour through the 1st & 2nd floors of main house (60-90 min) followed by the Enslaved Community tour (60-90 min.) led by Montpelier’s Laura Maddox, House Supervisor.

**12:00 PM-1:00 PM** Lunch discussion at Montpelier “Slavery and the Constitution” led by Dr. Hasan Kwame Jeffries, Christian Cotz, and Laura Maddox

**1:00 PM-4:00 PM** Archaeology 101: Tour Montpelier Archeology Lab, Lecture on archeology at Montpelier, and exploration of dig sites led by Dr. Matthew Reeves, Dr. Terry Brock, Senior Research Archaeologist, and Dr. Mary Furlong-Minkoff, Curator of Archaeological Collections
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM  Tour *The Mere Distinction of Colour* exhibition, led by Christian Cotz and Dr. Elizabeth Chew, Vice President of Museum Programs

7:00 PM-9:00 PM  Dinner and “Connecting the Dots - Slavery and Public History” small group discussions led by Christian Cotz and Dr. Hasan Kwame Jeffries

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20
8:00 AM-9:00 AM  Breakfast
9:00 AM-11:00 AM  Montpelier Property Hike led by Kyle Stetz, Manager of Student & Family Programs
11:00 AM-12:30 PM  Examining Reconstruction & Jim Crow through an exploration of the Gilmore Cabin and Train Depot led by Kyle Stetz
12:30 PM-2:00 PM  Lunch and group discussion on Reconstruction and Jim Crow led by Dr. Hasan Kwame Jeffries
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  Building Relationships with the Descendant Community in Lewis Hall classroom led by Hannah Scruggs, Head of the Montpelier Descendant Project & Niya Bates, Public Historian of Slavery and African American Life, Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello
5:15 PM  Bus to Charlottesville
6:30 PM  Tour of Sites of August 12 – Led by Kendall Bills, Community Member
8:30 PM  Dinner and discussion in Charlottesville with Montpelier’s enslaved community descendants Leontyne Peck, Principal, Leontyne Peck Consulting and Dr. Patrice Grimes, Associate Professor in the Curry School of Education at University of Virginia
11:00 PM  Return to Montpelier

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21
8:00 AM-9:00 AM  Breakfast
9:00 AM-11:00 AM  Group Discussion: From Charlottesville to Wakanda – Race and Racism in the Age of Trump in Lewis Hall classroom led by Dr. Hasan Kwame Jeffries
11:00 AM-12:00 PM  Lunch at Montpelier and Reflections on the weekend
12:00 PM  Depart Montpelier
7:00 PM  Arrive Columbus, Ohio