



Griot (n): *a member of a class of traveling poets, musicians, and storytellers who maintain a tradition of oral history in parts of West Africa*

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## ---News from The Griot---

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### Quotes to Reflect Upon

“It is not the English language that hurts me, but what the oppressors do with it.”

--bell hooks, Chapter 10 of *Teaching to Transgress*

“Different, more radical subject matter does not create a liberatory pedagogy.”

--bell hooks, Chapter 11 of *Teaching to Transgress*

“Silencing enforced by bourgeois values is sanctioned in the classroom by everyone.”

--bell hooks, Chapter 12 of *Teaching to Transgress*

bell hooks, in a dialogue with philosopher, professor, and friend Ron Scapp, that simply using radical material in the classroom does not create a liberatory learning environment. In discussing how educators bring in radical texts and teach them as if they are not different from any other traditional text, hooks and Scapp invite us to rethink methods, approaches, and objectives in our teaching. They critique how educators teach content using practices that perpetuate bourgeois & middle-class values as universal and normative. The expectation being that all must adhere to these ways of doing.

- 1) [Griot Institute Webpage](#)
  - 2) [The Griot Institute Intern Blog](#)
  - 2) [Race, Racism, and Resistance Resources](#)
  - 3) [Bucknell's Anti-Racism Resources](#)
  - 4) The Griot Institute offices are on the 2nd floor of Hildreth-Mirza. The hours are M-F, 8-2. Other hours are available by appointment.
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  - 7) [Link to subscribe to the Griot Institute Public Event Calendar](#)
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## Coming Spring 2024



## MLK Week 2024: Sustaining Social Movements

This January the MLK Week Committee invites the Bucknell community to gather to ponder not only the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., but also those around him who collectively made a sustained movement possible. Drawing connections between King's movement and various social movements of his era as well as those that followed, the MLK Week Committee at Bucknell has created several forums for the community to discuss the commitment necessary for individuals and societies to aspire to social justice in the context of pervasive injustice.

**The 2024 Keynote Speaker will be**

Actor, Writer, Producer & Activist

Gbenga Akinragbe '00!

The keynote will be on Monday, January 22 at 7 pm.

### [Akinragbe's Bio](#)

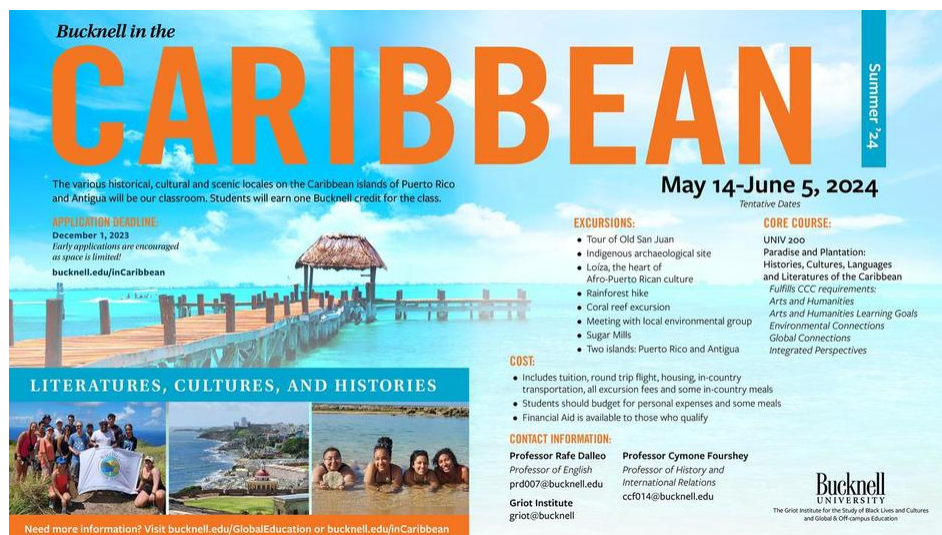
MLK Week 2024 will involve events from January 15 -26. For the most current schedule, please visit [www.bucknell.edu/mlkweek](http://www.bucknell.edu/mlkweek). Many details will be added over the coming weeks! If you have any questions regarding MLK Week events, please email [mlkweek@bucknell.edu](mailto:mlkweek@bucknell.edu).

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## Bucknell in the Caribbean 2024

### [Application link](#)

**\*The application deadline is December 1, 2023.\***



**Bucknell in the CARIBBEAN** Summer '24

May 14-June 5, 2024  
*Tentative Dates*

The various historical, cultural and scenic locales on the Caribbean islands of Puerto Rico and Antigua will be our classroom. Students will earn one Bucknell credit for the class.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
December 1, 2023  
Early applications are encouraged as space is limited!  
[bucknell.edu/inCaribbean](http://bucknell.edu/inCaribbean)

**EXCURSIONS:**

- Tour of Old San Juan
- Indigenous archaeological site
- Loiza, the heart of Afro-Puerto Rican culture
- Rainforest hike
- Coral reef excursion
- Meeting with local environmental group
- Sugar Mills
- Two islands: Puerto Rico and Antigua

**CORE COURSE:**  
UNIV 200  
Paradise and Plantation:  
Histories, Cultures, Languages  
and Literatures of the Caribbean  
Fulfills CCC requirements:  
Arts and Humanities  
Arts and Humanities Learning Goals  
Environmental Connections  
Global Connections  
Integrated Perspectives

**COST:**

- Includes tuition, round trip flight, housing, in-country transportation, all excursion fees and some in-country meals
- Students should budget for personal expenses and some meals
- Financial Aid is available to those who qualify

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## The Griot Intern Blog

Check the blog throughout the academic year for updates and reports on what is happening around campus in connection to Black lives and culture!



New Blog Posts:

[African Girlhoods Project](#) by Holiness Kerandi

[Civil Right Project Presentation](#) by Holiness Kerandi

[The Innocence Files: Alfred Dewayne Brown](#) by Ryleigh Roberts

[“Black Joy: Stories of Resistance, Resilience, and Restoration” Book Group](#) by Ninah Jackson

[Interview with Wendy Liz Martinez](#) by Ninah Jackson

[Drumming Event with NSBE/BMES](#) by Jeremiah Charles

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The Griot Institute is planning a  
podcast series!

Do you have ideas for podcasts  
relevant to Black lives and cultures?

Please share your ideas here:

<https://forms.gle/2HFWJLf3WwHUQTi56>

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Student Organized Global Engagement



There is also a box for donations outside of the  
Griot Institute offices on the 2nd floor of Hildreth-Mirza!

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