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"Blackness & Breath-taking"

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Blackness & Breath-taking will explore the ways that Claudia Rankine's *Citizen: An American Lyric* and artist Shaun Leonardo's "I Can't Breathe" community workshops and "The Breath of Empty Space" installation engage the question at the center of Christina Sharpe's concept wake work, "what [does it take], in the midst of the singularity, the virulent antiblackness everywhere and always remotivated, to keep breath in the Black body." I consider the ways that these artists imagine radical acts of self-care and self-preservation through moments of intentional breath-taking as resistance and resuscitation.

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via Zoom

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