Sporting Congregations: The Foundations of Black College Football

Commonwealth Honors College, in partnership with the Mark H. McCormack Department of Sport Management, will welcome Derrick E. White, PhD, visiting associate professor of African and African American Studies at Dartmouth College, to UMass Amherst. Professor White will discuss his work involving Historically Black Colleges and Universities’ (HBCUs) college football and athletics and their impact on black cultural and communal attraction.

Born and raised in Lexington, Kentucky, Derrick White earned his PhD in history from The Ohio State University. He was a dissertation fellow at the University of California-Santa Barbara Black Studies Department and was awarded the inaugural Julian Pleasants Visiting Scholar Grant at the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at the University of Florida.