Africana ‘Work:’
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Scholars in the study of religion have wrestled over the centuries with how to define the terminology and technologies of Africana religions. The mystical and esoteric practices of Africana traditions have long defied the categorical lexicons of religious studies. Illuminating the spiritual ministries of two nineteenth-century healers from the southern Caribbean to the southern U.S., this presentation will explore innovative approaches to the archives, as well as the study of the numinous, naming, and narrative-based healing in Africana religious studies.