

New Petition Alert



Where Is My Land is supporting Constance White, daughter of Silas White, and her cousin, Milana Davis, with their family's battle to obtain full reparations, reclamation, and restitution for the city of Santa Monica's theft of "Ebony Beach Club," the former Elks Club building on Ocean Avenue. The White Family is owed exponentially for the unjust seizure of their property. Silas White's dream of Ebony Beach Club should be thriving, but it is now the site of the Viceroy Santa Monica Hotel and a small parking lot, on land valued at over a million. **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to get justice for Silas White and his descendants! Sign the petition here and share it with your community:

<https://change.org/ebonybeachclub>

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We are proud to partner with Liberation Ventures and excited to see their work, as well as the work of their incredible movement partners, become more visible out in the world! Check out their new website. Click here.

DREISEN HEATH JOINS WIML AS ADVOCACY & POLICY LEAD



Dreisen Heath is a Tulsa-born reparations activist, compassionate collaborator, conscious facilitator, relentless organizer, and nimble strategist, with expertise in reparatory justice. As a reparative justice expert and consultant, Dreisen seeks to mobilize and support individuals impacted by systemic racism to enact transformative and structural change through movement and coalition building. She is a graduate of Wesleyan University.

Before joining Where Is My Land, Dreisen led Human Rights Watch (HRW)'s racial justice and reparations work as a researcher and advocate in HRW's United States Program. She has worked as the Special Assistant to the Director and Counsel of the Brennan Center for Justice's Washington DC Office and was a researcher at the Center for Research in Education and Social Policy (CRESP) at the University of Delaware examining emerging community health and education policy, with a particular focus on access to food in segregated communities.

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Litigating Reparations Claims for Theft of Black Land



Where Is My Land partnered with **Loyola Marymount University, Loyola Law School** to host a 2-part panel discussion centering the devastating experiences of families whose land and property theft claims we are supporting.

Part 1 highlighted California Family Cases and was held on February 20, 2023, at Loyola Law School. Watch here: <https://youtu.be/LuyN3Cmfezs?t=1> This session featured the experiences of the **San Bernardino Mountain Family**, owner of property in Crestline, CA, who are being pressured to abandon their property by a local water company; **Milana Davis, niece of Silas White, owner of Ebony Beach Club**, a safe haven for Black beachgoers, that was stolen by eminent domain for use of a large parking lot that was never built; **Beverly Moore**, representing the Moore Family, displaced from Richmond City by eminent domain for a drainage system for the Richmond Parkway Freeway that was never built; and **Marian and Michael Johnson** whose family was displaced from Russell City, which was effectively wiped off the map.

Part 2 focused on National Family Cases and was held on February 27, 2023, at Loyola Law School. Watch here: <https://youtu.be/cm7Xi88KxhQ?t=1> This session featured the experiences of the **Hansberry Family** from Chicago, IL (the family of playwright Lorraine Hansberry) whose properties were stolen by the city under "urban removal" policies; the **Jones Family** from Huntsville, AL whose land and well had been in their family since the 1870s and was taken by eminent domain; the **Keen Family** from St. Charles, MO whose land was unlawfully stolen due to Missouri laws around interracial marriage; and **Mr. Roosevelt Dye** from Desha County, AR who had his land unlawfully taken by a racist timber company and judicial corruption.

All of these families are in dire need of support and legal representation. Please help us help them get reparations, restore their lives, and realize their family's opportunity for prosperity.

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