SESSION 3: FELLOWSHIP & REFLECTION

with Danita Mason-Hogans, Simona Goldin, and Nishani Frazier
MGL (Mark Gabriel Little) is a singer-songwriter who performs afrofuturistic soul, original songs of protest, love and life. His work builds on a deep foundation in Negro musical traditions and incorporates distinct Caribbean, African, Indigenous, European, and East Asian elements. Throughout his career, he has balanced live performances either solo as MGL or in bands like Porkpie or Lok’Jaw alongside producing avant-garde compositions for art spaces. Past commissions include choral work for Maura Garcia Dance Company and an experimental soundscape, “All for the Birds,” for the Ackland Art Museum. In his collaborations, MGL bridges the visual and performing arts with an unconventional sound and music vocabulary.
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Think about what you know about your and your family's access to... a doctor, hospital, pharmacist, health care coverage:

Do you have access to preventative care? Do you trust the medical system with your body and life, and with the bodies and lives of those you love?

Sit in this shared space and reflect: What would be changed if your answers were different to these questions?

Are your answers the same as others in this room to these questions? Have you asked this question before?
Think about the businesses you frequent: who owns those businesses? Who is served by them, and who works in them? Reflect on how, and in what ways, you’ve considered these questions before today.

Think about a business in your community: What structures, policies, or incentives/disincentives might have supported its establishment and success? What structures, policies, and incentives/disincentives might have obstructed or challenged their establishment and success?
Opportunities for repair

EDUCATION

Personal Reflection

How have you and your family benefited from or been harmed by this school system?

How have you had access to or had access denied to educational opportunities for you and your family?

What do you believe was lost and what do you believe was gained in our children’s schools post-desegregation?

Do you and your children feel seen and respected in your schools?
Reflect on your own history with the land you live on now and where you and your family and community have lived over time.

What facilitated and/or obstructed that relationship and access or lack of access (i.e.: bank loans, zoning, wealth or access to wealth, etc.)?

What does your access to that land allow you and your family and community, and what does it obstruct or deny (i.e.: voting, schools, recreational activities, health care, clean and safe water and soil, sidewalks and safe places to walk, etc.)?
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Join us for a community read and conversation series centered on the book, From Here to Equality: Reparations for Black Americans in the 21st Century. Together, we will read, discuss, and debate the idea of reparations and repair for our community. All sessions begin at 7 pm at Chapel Hill Public Library.

Featuring:

- William Darity Jr.
- Kirsten Mullen
- Danita Mason-Hogans
- Simona Goldin

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Thursday, April 13

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