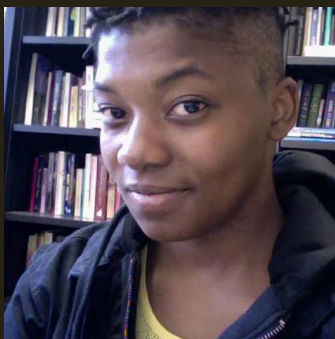




Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society

CRRES Speaker Series Lecture



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Thursday, September 24
4:00 pm ET
Zoom

Ruth Ellis & the Atmosphere of Black Queer Longevity

This talk focuses on *Living with Pride: Ruth Ellis @ 100* (1999) by Yvonne Welbon, a documentary centered on the life of Black lesbian centenarian Ruth Ellis. Drawing on queer of color critique, Black gender and sexuality studies, and visual cultural studies, Fair argues that Ellis puts forth a model of longevity grounded in queer of color resistant social practice that troubles public health life expectancy discourses. Fair closely considers Ellis' assertion that she "was never in—What you call it? . . . Closet." Fair engages the ways both "out" and "never in" render Ellis's living legible within LGBTQ cultural politics.