

A portrait of Lawrence Jackson, a Black man with a beard and glasses, wearing a dark sweater over a blue checkered shirt. He is looking slightly to the right.

Beyond the Burden of Elegy: Shelters, Homelands, and Obligations of Return

A Lecture on Memoir

by Lawrence Jackson, Johns Hopkins University

February 26, 2024
Rockefeller Hall 200
6:00 p.m.

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Lawrence Jackson is the Bloomberg Distinguished Professor of English and History at Johns Hopkins University. He has recently published *Shelter: A Black Tale of Homeland Baltimore* (Gray Wolf Press, 2023), a memoir about his search for housing in the city of Baltimore as a single Black male parent. He will deliver a lecture on the competing narrative strategies that have shaped his memoir writing and other developments in Black literary history.



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