



**Join us Thursday, November 30th
for our Atlantic History Talk with
Justin Dunnavant**

**Thursday, November 30th, 2023
12:00 - 1:30 pm
6275 Bunche Hall and on [Zoom](#)**

Denmark Vesey: A Caribbean Revolution in South Carolina

During the period of slavery, successful Caribbean rebellions stoked the flames of uprising in North America; the most salient case being the Haitian Revolution (Scott 2018). Additionally, the intra-American slave trade unintentionally exported rebellion to other shores. In this paper, I speculate that Denmark Vesey's rebellion, while was more than just a foiled rebel plot, it was a Caribbean rebellion in South Carolina. Reframing Vesey's rebellion as a Caribbean revolt, I draw renewed connections across the Black Atlantic world and further cement the connection between uprisings in the Caribbean and the United States.

Dr. Justin Dunnavant is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology at UCLA and co-founder of the Society of Black Archaeologists. His current research in the US Virgin Islands investigates the relationship between ecology and enslavement in the former Danish West Indies. In 2021, he was named a National Geographic Emerging Explorer and inducted into The Explorers Club as one of "Fifty People Changing the World that You Need to Know About." His research has been featured on Netflix's "Explained," Hulu's "Your Attention Please" and in print in *American Archaeology*, *Science Magazine*, and *National Geographic Magazine*.