

Episode 7: Gentrification w/ Kisha Tandy and Paula Brooks

We are grateful to be joined by the incredible Kisha Tandy MLIS, who is an Assistant Curator at the Indiana State Museum, and Paula Brooks, an activist here in the city of Indianapolis, a Program Manager at the Hoosier Environmental Council and a lifelong member of the community of Indianapolis. Today they are talking with us about their experiences of how Indianapolis has changed over recent years due to Gentrification, and how measures can be taken to resist and reclaim spaces.

Kisha Tandy:

Kisha Tandy's Bio at IUPUI: <https://soic.iupui.edu/people/kisha-tandy/>

The Canal Area Research Class Project she helped bring to life that we discussed on the podcast: <https://exhibits.ulib.iupui.edu/CanalCollection/neatline/show/baist-1908>

A driving tour of African American History in Indianapolis with Kisha from CSPAN in 2019: <https://www.c-span.org/video/?467001-1/african-american-history-indianapolis#>

Paula Brooks:

Paula Brooks's Bio at Hoosier Environmental Council: <https://www.hecweb.org/about/staff/>

The Hoosier Environmental Council: <https://www.hecweb.org>

The Environmental Leadership Program: <https://elpnet.org/what-we-do>

Tours for you to take:

Through2Eyes (led by Sampson Levingston) has regular tours of Black History in Indianapolis including neighborhood tours of Martindale, Irvington, Butler-Tarkington, Fountain Square and Indiana Avenue. A link to his website where you can see availability and buy tickets is here: <https://www.through2eyes.com/walk-talk>.

In February 2021 and 2022 Kisha led a Black History Gallery Tour at the Indiana State Museum-keep an eye out for the 2023 version.

Our Sources:

"A Conversation with Wildstyle," *Central Indiana Community Foundation*. (April 22, 2021) <https://www.cicf.org/2021/04/22/gentrification-and-fair-housing/>

"Gentrify: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly", KHEPRW.org

<https://kheprw.org/gentrify-the-good-the-bad-the-ugly/>

Historic Ransom Place: Tour, Dedication Ceremonies, and Dessert Fete. Freetown Village:
Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, 1992.