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NOTE Confidence: 0.959437310695648

00:00:00.720 --> 00:00:01.770 Good morning.

NOTE Confidence: 0.904181480407715

00:00:03.200 --> 00:00:06.150 Hello good morning.

NOTE Confidence: 0.848335862159729

00:00:06.900 --> 00:00:08.220 I love the Energi.

NOTE Confidence: 0.942583024501801

00:00:08.900 --> 00:00:34.960 Thank you all so much for being here. Today's grand rounds answers. A call by the 400 years of inequality project for everyone to observe the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first Americans to be sold into bondage. In 1619 in Jamestown, Virginia, although we do know that slavery began as early as the 1500s.

NOTE Confidence: 0.91794615983963

00:00:35.480 --> 00:00:40.950 The purpose of the observances is to denounce structures of inequality.

NOTE Confidence: 0.905817270278931

00:00:41.450 --> 00:00:45.640 Anne to foreground are fundamental and unconditional equality.

NOTE Confidence: 0.914696633815765

00:00:46.190 --> 00:00:57.200 We remember so that we refuse to participate in and reproduce structures of D humanization exploitation oppression an inequality.

NOTE Confidence: 0.951145946979523

00:00:58.370 --> 00:01:11.520 We know that the ideologies and practices of slavery in this country lay the foundation for many systems of oppression. An inequality for people of African descent and for other socially marginalized groups.

NOTE Confidence: 0.935718297958374

00:01:12.130 --> 00:01:22.490 Many of these legacies of slavery are addressed in pieces in the New York Times 1619 project. Today we focus on the field of Madison.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93185156583786

00:01:23.670 --> 00:01:42.040 In preparing for this observance. I selfishly looked for someone to help me unlearn some of the historically inaccurate and quite frankly racist accounts of slavery from my own education. I search for someone who could teach us something we didn't already know.

NOTE Confidence: 0.942889094352722

00:01:42.620 --> 00:01:59.910 Someone, who could talk about the atrocities of slavery in this country, but also talk about the healing powers in practices that come from within a group of people experiencing such atrocities will I found that person is Caroline Roberts, who's right here at Yale?

NOTE Confidence: 0.930583477020264

00:02:00.630 --> 00:02:30.730 Doctor Roberts is a historian of Madison with a joint appointment in the department's of history. History of Science in Madison and African American studies. She also has a secondary appointment at Yale School of Madison in the program in history of Madison and just an aside her lecture course on the main campus entitled Sickness and health in African American history has 300 undergraduate students and next year is probably going to be about 500 students, so there's definitely a want in a need to.

NOTE Confidence: 0.81359326839447

00:02:30.730 --> 00:02:32.150 Discuss these topics.

NOTE Confidence: 0.919447720050812

00:02:32.670 --> 00:02:50.360 Doctor Roberts is an historian of early modern Medison. She has broad research interest in Madison race and slavery in the Atlantic World. Her research and teachings are animated by the desire to think through how slavery an its legacies inform our current health crisis used.

NOTE Confidence: 0.926290154457092

00:02:51.020 --> 00:03:05.250 Professor Roberts is currently working on a book project called to heal and to harm Medison knowledge and power in the Atlantic slave trade. This manuscript represents the first full length study of the history of Madison in the British slave trade.

NOTE Confidence: 0.924651265144348

00:03:05.790 --> 00:03:16.010 The books narrative is centered around the pharmaceutical and medical labor performed largely by unknown group of black and British women and men, both enslaved and free.

NOTE Confidence: 0.907658815383911

00:03:16.830 --> 00:03:29.370 In studying their medical labor her project illustrates how the slave trade functioned as an insidious an even ghostly knowledge project, which helped propel the modernization of Medison.

NOTE Confidence: 0.925548374652863

00:03:29.980 --> 00:03:44.590 Professor Roberts received an MA and PhD from Harvard University and MA from Andover Newton Theological School and a BA from Dartmouth College, so please welcome doctor, Caroline Roberts.

NOTE Confidence: 0.926755607128143

00:03:52.360 --> 00:03:57.430 Good morning, it is wonderful to be here with all of you.

NOTE Confidence: 0.940062880516052

00:03:58.110 --> 00:04:02.990 So 1619 we're nearing the end of the year.

NOTE Confidence: 0.908301711082459

00:04:03.510 --> 00:04:11.130 And the end of our memorial of this really important this important landmark.

NOTE Confidence: 0.938705265522003

00:04:12.330 --> 00:04:22.230 One of the things that I focus on is the how the history of Madison is very much a part of thinking through legacies of slavery and the slave trade.

NOTE Confidence: 0.955669939517975

00:04:22.910 --> 00:04:25.990 And so that is what we are going to do today.

NOTE Confidence: 0.944469571113586

00:04:27.600 --> 00:04:35.260 Many of us are familiar with the litany of medical abuse is in African American history.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92052036523819

00:04:35.990 --> 00:04:50.580 From enslaved bodies purchased for medical experimentation and subjected to painful surgical procedures to for sterilization from the Tuskegee experiments to the bio piracy of Henrietta Lacks cells.

NOTE Confidence: 0.934529423713684

00:04:51.160 --> 00:04:55.340 And the slave trade really should be a part of this troubling legacy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.905202865600586

00:04:56.650 --> 00:05:04.820 So 2 questions direct my talk to you today and the 1st is how did doctors become captors?

NOTE Confidence: 0.875955700874329

00:05:05.330 --> 00:05:19.660 How did doctors become captors and the 2nd is? How did African captives become healers so? How did doctors become captors? How did African captives become healers?

NOTE Confidence: 0.948126077651978

00:05:36.620 --> 00:05:41.790 The transatlantic slave trade was a watershed event in our collective human story.

NOTE Confidence: 0.952309846878052

00:05:42.390 --> 00:05:57.060 It was the largest forced Oceanic migration ever to occur in human history. It began in 1440, one with the Portuguese and ended in 1867, it lasted for 426 years.

NOTE Confidence: 0.927415728569031

00:05:58.180 --> 00:06:07.060 Slave traders were responsible for the violent trafficking of over 12,000,000 African children women and men to slave markets in the Americas.

NOTE Confidence: 0.914016366004944

00:06:07.720 --> 00:06:11.880 And the human costs of this traffic are unimaginable.

NOTE Confidence: 0.930844128131866

00:06:13.300 --> 00:06:24.180 It defies our ability to truly comprehend the scope of harm and brutality and human destruction that was meted out over these 426 years.

NOTE Confidence: 0.899464547634125

00:06:27.610 --> 00:06:34.330 Many people in the African Diaspora have adopted this key Swahili Term Mafa.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932284355163574

00:06:35.000 --> 00:06:39.540 To describe the great disaster, the great suffering the great catastrophe.

NOTE Confidence: 0.872960031032562

00:06:40.080 --> 00:06:41.330 And there are.

NOTE Confidence: 0.945418536663055

00:06:42.050 --> 00:06:54.060 Remembrances such as this one in Oakland, CA that happen often times on March 26, which is the International Day of Remembrance for victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade.

NOTE Confidence: 0.928787291049957

00:06:55.430 --> 00:07:04.720 So enslaved children women and men their stolen from their homes and their families and their kin entire families and communities were destroyed.

NOTE Confidence: 0.909106552600861

00:07:05.340 --> 00:07:11.270 They're forcibly transported on ships that were called tomb barrows or floating tombs.

NOTE Confidence: 0.930642008781433

00:07:12.220 --> 00:07:21.490 On these ships of death African people tried to commit suicide by leaping overboard into the cold rushing waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

NOTE Confidence: 0.91162109375

00:07:22.390 --> 00:07:31.480 They did this with such regularity that it became the normal practice to erect very high netting on every slave ship to prevent their suicide.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918801069259644

00:07:32.440 --> 00:07:38.880 When they found rope, they hung themselves in the night, they mutilated themselves in order to die.

NOTE Confidence: 0.921069502830505

00:07:39.550 --> 00:07:50.600 One enslaved man worked his fingernails through skin and flesh to try to reach his jugular vein and he lost a pint of blood before he was discovered.

NOTE Confidence: 0.930762827396393

00:07:52.520 --> 00:08:00.380 We know from the archives of the soundscape of a slave ship was filled with songs of lamentation.

NOTE Confidence: 0.930327415466309

00:08:00.980 --> 00:08:11.730 We know that there was screaming in the night, there were the sounds of people choking from air when stowed below deck and individuals begging and pleading to be allowed to die.

NOTE Confidence: 0.930640578269959

00:08:13.700 --> 00:08:19.140 Rape and sexual violence were a normalized feature of the slave ship experience.

NOTE Confidence: 0.930549800395966

00:08:19.830 --> 00:08:26.120 At times women and girls tried to jump overboard on Mass in order to escape their rapists.

NOTE Confidence: 0.941037535667419

00:08:27.050 --> 00:08:32.370 They were beaten mercilessly and sometimes killed when they fought back against their captors.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94095104932785

00:08:33.870 --> 00:08:37.600 But these women and men engaged in armed revolt.

NOTE Confidence: 0.903670191764832

00:08:38.920 --> 00:08:44.300 One out of every 10 slave ships had a full armed assault.

NOTE Confidence: 0.941299319267273

00:08:44.900 --> 00:08:46.940 Against their captors.

NOTE Confidence: 0.929133951663971

00:08:48.730 --> 00:08:56.120 And this is an animated map, which is a visual representation of just part of the.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943259537220001

00:08:57.060 --> 00:09:02.210 Slave wages that took place over 426 years.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939076006412506

00:09:06.550 --> 00:09:08.440 And the thing to notice here.

NOTE Confidence: 0.885078608989716

00:09:10.040 --> 00:09:11.140 Is that one?

NOTE Confidence: 0.908513903617859

00:09:11.790 --> 00:09:21.450 Dot represents one slave ship so each dot represents each slave ship each slave ship is contains hundreds of lives.

NOTE Confidence: 0.912528514862061

00:09:25.350 --> 00:09:38.050 Each dot was filled with people who were doctors and Doctress is and historians. They were garyo's. They were agricultural laborers, they were children. Their mothers and father's.

NOTE Confidence: 0.919486939907074

00:09:39.180 --> 00:09:45.240 Each dot represents one ship and each ship represents hundreds of lives.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932760179042816

00:10:21.220 --> 00:10:29.800 And while each dot represents one ship each ship also carried between one and 3 doctors on board.

NOTE Confidence: 0.863863706588745

00:10:34.240 --> 00:10:47.510 So how do doctors become captors? How did they get swept up in this human trafficking so we're going to go now to Sierra Leone?

NOTE Confidence: 0.89624685049057

00:10:48.150 --> 00:10:55.860 We're going to go to hear the banana the banana islands, which is off the coast of Sierra Leone and.

NOTE Confidence: 0.949474453926086

00:10:56.610 --> 00:10:58.330 Picture if you will.

NOTE Confidence: 0.902083814144135

00:10:58.970 --> 00:11:31.190 The speech on the banana islands early in the morning picture. If you will a slave ship the slave ship fame it is the month of March and it is the year 1791 so during the 1790s slave. Traders were beginning to warehouse large numbers of children on spaces like the banana islands, and kidnappers often preyed on young children they would prey upon them when their their family members went to labor in the fields.

NOTE Confidence: 0.894521296024323

00:11:31.730 --> 00:11:38.550 They're small bodies were tossed into stacks there miles were gagged and the children were often sold multiple times.

NOTE Confidence: 0.884718060493469

00:11:39.320 --> 00:11:44.090 So by the age of 8, one young boy commented, and said.

NOTE Confidence: 0.956485569477081

00:11:44.970 --> 00:11:47.380 I was very, very sad indeed.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939940512180328

00:11:48.280 --> 00:11:50.320 And I had no one to play with.

NOTE Confidence: 0.902754485607147

00:11:51.330 --> 00:11:55.080 So these girls and boys they dwelled in a shattered world.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92842310667038

00:11:56.320 --> 00:12:03.240 Well, in their captivity ill health affected the children an one boy suffered from an 18 foot long tapeworm.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918805539608002

00:12:03.740 --> 00:12:08.320 So his young body was slowly being ravaged by this intestinal parasite.

NOTE Confidence: 0.906406879425049

00:12:08.970 --> 00:12:16.840 And as the worm debilitated the child he had a distended stomach had abdominal pain, he had an irregular pulse.

NOTE Confidence: 0.871394395828247

00:12:17.450 --> 00:12:20.840 So the boy was in wretched state of discomfort, he was.

NOTE Confidence: 0.872062385082245

00:12:21.470 --> 00:12:31.500 I'm expelling slimy, stools, he was vomiting frequently perpetually thirsty deep dry coughs that left him fitful and in distress.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932515263557434

00:12:32.770 --> 00:12:40.400 And so we don't know how this child came to be on board this floating dungeon. All we know about him comes from.

NOTE Confidence: 0.876393973827362

00:12:41.040 --> 00:12:45.390 William Dyneley, who was the young boys doctor and captor.

NOTE Confidence: 0.909559965133667

00:12:46.930 --> 00:12:54.780 So this is a letter from Doctor, William Dyneley from March 1791, the part that is underlined says I have.

NOTE Confidence: 0.895408153533936

00:12:55.470 --> 00:13:11.280 That, he cured a boy, he has a boy, which quitted meaning expelled a tapeworm 18 feet in length. No person would have given 5 shillings for him now, he is worth 40 pounds.

NOTE Confidence: 0.914413273334503

00:13:12.780 --> 00:13:36.120 No person would have given 5 shillings for him. Now he's worth over 40 pounds. So it might seem that Williams in Lee was an old hand in the slaving business. He was able to figure out how much this enslaved boy would be worth when the ship eventually arrived in Jamaica to deposit their human cargo, but this was William Denley's first voyage.

NOTE Confidence: 0.944380581378937

00:13:37.710 --> 00:13:39.980 This was his very first patient.

NOTE Confidence: 0.909107565879822

00:13:40.880 --> 00:13:59.390 He was a father of 7 he was married to a woman named Jane and they lived in a town called dumb freeze in Schottland. This is an image from the 18th century and this is an image of dumb freeze. Today it's a flourishing market town and in southeast schottland.

NOTE Confidence: 0.901342868804932

00:14:00.370 --> 00:14:03.350 So what is happening to William Denley in this moment?

NOTE Confidence: 0.893827736377716

00:14:06.010 --> 00:14:16.660 In the few short months from the time, William left his wife, Jane and his 7 children and headed to Africa. William had rapidly adapted to slave trade Medison.

NOTE Confidence: 0.877560436725616

00:14:17.320 --> 00:14:23.030 This father of 7 had transformed a sick and frightened child into a vendible good.



NOTE Confidence: 0.909399628639221

00:14:23.720 --> 00:14:30.060 The surgeon enabled the boys recovery and simultaneously maximized his saleable potential.

NOTE Confidence: 0.914208590984344

00:14:30.800 --> 00:14:36.780 Now, some people when they hear this story. They think well, he did heal the boy after all.

NOTE Confidence: 0.676026225090027

00:14:37.550 --> 00:14:38.120 Right.

NOTE Confidence: 0.844645202159882

00:14:39.550 --> 00:14:41.580 But by healing this boy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.924424231052399

00:14:42.160 --> 00:14:46.120 William also subjected the child to other kinds of parasites.

NOTE Confidence: 0.937985420227051

00:14:46.720 --> 00:14:51.350 The others who would feed off of the boys increased capacity to labor.

NOTE Confidence: 0.909239172935486

00:14:51.890 --> 00:14:54.010 And his value as a liquid asset.

NOTE Confidence: 0.892684519290924

00:14:54.820 --> 00:15:02.780 This healthy boy was money in Williams pocket and it was money that Jane needed to run their household economy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.941440343856812

00:15:03.300 --> 00:15:16.560 And a lot of money was at stake during the late 18th century slave trade. Doctors earned between one hundred and 150 pounds, which was 4 times. The median annual income for a family in the British Isles.

NOTE Confidence: 0.922251105308533

00:15:17.260 --> 00:15:23.190 But the most lucrative part of doctors pay was in the form of privilege slaves.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93374228477478

00:15:24.130 --> 00:15:34.580 In other words, some of the patients that these doctors cared for. It would become their property and they would be able to sell them when they reach the West End West Indies.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932334542274475

00:15:35.380 --> 00:15:42.660 So during the hiring process medical men actively negotiated to get more privileged slaves as part of their bonus.

NOTE Confidence: 0.916427969932556

00:15:43.770 --> 00:16:07.520 So here is a letter from slave trade doctor and he's saying I received your obliging favor mentioning the terms for a person to act as a surgeon on board, a vessel in the African trade. I understood there were 2. Sometimes, 3 slaves allowed to a person of the faculty. The medical faculty in that situation, we be kind enough to say if two slaves can be allowed.

NOTE Confidence: 0.944199562072754

00:16:08.210 --> 00:16:13.530 So they were actively negotiating to get more privileged slaves as part of their bonus.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92531430721283

00:16:15.380 --> 00:16:21.510 Now the economic basis as you can see it incentivized dehumanisation.

NOTE Confidence: 0.934357345104218

00:16:22.150 --> 00:16:28.330 Doctors received bonuses also based on the overall value of the enslaved cargo.

NOTE Confidence: 0.954010426998138

00:16:29.110 --> 00:16:37.260 And so they went to extraordinary lengths in order to increase the overall value of the slaves in a particular cargo.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92006117105484

00:16:37.920 --> 00:16:44.370 So for example, Doctor James Arnold served as doctor on board the slave ship the Little Pearl.

NOTE Confidence: 0.896777093410492

00:16:44.990 --> 00:16:55.290 And he recounted having to be a silent accomplice in the murder of a sick anime. See Ated African boy who was intentionally starved to death.

NOTE Confidence: 0.891364216804504

00:16:55.800 --> 00:17:00.640 So the boy was kept on board the ship and hid.

NOTE Confidence: 0.929384529590607

00:17:01.520 --> 00:17:21.590 So that no one knew he was there, they refused to give him food, so that in 9 days. The boy died because he was so sick he would have brought down the overall value of the cargo and the men on board. The officers on board were going to get a percentage of this pay so they intentionally starved the boy to death.

NOTE Confidence: 0.920652508735657

00:17:25.710 --> 00:17:27.240 So the structure.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.902098417282104

00:17:27.930 --> 00:17:30.100 Of doctors compensation.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.930976152420044

00:17:30.990 --> 00:17:32.950 Within a medical system.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.927763164043427

00:17:33.960 --> 00:17:38.160 Shapes the nature of medical practice that occurs within it.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.895342767238617

00:17:40.330 --> 00:17:44.660 The generous pay offered by slave trade merchants required doctors.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.91062468290329

00:17:45.220 --> 00:17:52.510 To become human traffickers, the sellers of human beings and to be violent captors.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.891404628753662

00:17:53.010 --> 00:17:54.150 And this becomes.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.929633796215057

00:17:54.870 --> 00:17:59.340 Quite clear when we think about the clinical context of slave trade Medison.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.903331160545349

00:18:06.080 --> 00:18:13.270 The first encounter African captives had with European doctors was the force medical inspection.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.934110999107361

00:18:14.850 --> 00:18:20.630 Doctors were responsible for selecting viable laboring bodies to be trafficked across the Atlantic.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.922429621219635

00:18:21.130 --> 00:18:24.990 And this task was considered critical for the success of the voyage.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.922045409679413

00:18:25.970 --> 00:18:33.950 The force medical inspection that occurred little resembled the patient practitioner relationship in early modern European Medison.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.927590787410736

00:18:34.620 --> 00:19:03.330 In during this period of time routine consultations between patients and practitioners, often occurred fully clothed and touch was not a main part of your clinical encounter you learned how to treat your patients through talking and through learning your patients biographies learning about how they were sleeping. How they were eating how they're eliminate ING? What kinds of emotional state. They were in you? Talk to them. You listen to their patients narratives, but not in the context of the slave trade.

NOTE Confidence: 0.923544883728027

00:19:05.500 --> 00:19:15.790 Doctors had to develop new techniques of bodily inspection, an observation to forcibly investigate the human body without consent as a labor specimen.

NOTE Confidence: 0.903631389141083

00:19:17.990 --> 00:19:38.380 This is from a French text PlayStation How do commercial americ it was written in Amsterdam in 1783 and what we see here is an Englishman examining a slave and he's licking the chin to determine if the sweat indicates any kind of illness.

NOTE Confidence: 0.887594699859619

00:19:41.420 --> 00:19:43.690 So, in slave children women and men.

NOTE Confidence: 0.947363495826721

00:19:44.900 --> 00:19:46.710 They were stripped naked.

NOTE Confidence: 0.915799677371979

00:19:48.110 --> 00:19:52.050 From head to foot every part of their bodies was inspected.

NOTE Confidence: 0.926167547702789

00:19:53.120 --> 00:19:57.300 Inspecting just one enslaved person could last for hours.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918845295906067

00:19:58.960 --> 00:20:03.020 So surgeons, they peered into the eyes of captive Africans.

NOTE Confidence: 0.906966924667358

00:20:03.540 --> 00:20:10.120 To see that the eyes were bright and glistening because a film over the eyes could indicate diminished sight or disease.

NOTE Confidence: 0.881978452205658

00:20:10.970 --> 00:20:24.070 Doctors open the mouths of the enslaved to check that their throats were free from ulcers that their teeth were not loosened that gums were not discolored or dis. Dick age because that could indicate scurvy or venereal disease.

NOTE Confidence: 0.890116751194

00:20:24.680 --> 00:20:36.000 The enslaved were commanded to jump and move and flex their chains limbs and refusal to comply brought whips blows punches and kicks upon the terrified captives.

NOTE Confidence: 0.890833854675293

00:20:36.710 --> 00:20:45.990 Their pulses need to be strong they're breathing needed to be easy, and not labored their backs were to be straight and their chests needed to be wide.

NOTE Confidence: 0.920821070671082

00:20:46.970 --> 00:20:57.720 Doctors inspected boys and men's penises they touched their scrotums. They fingered their testicles to make sure that they were free of inflammation and swelling and ulcers and scabs.

NOTE Confidence: 0.904913723468781

00:20:59.830 --> 00:21:13.390 Under threat of violence enslaved women and men had bend over at the waist or get down on their knees and lean on their elbows with their buttocks in the air for anal and Rectal Expectations.

NOTE Confidence: 0.884650766849518

00:21:14.800 --> 00:21:20.900 Surgeons force their fingers into the anus and into the rectum to check for abscesses or fistula.

NOTE Confidence: 0.840907752513886

00:21:21.810 --> 00:21:28.260 And if a fistula was suspected. The surgeons typically inserted a blunt pointed probe.

NOTE Confidence: 0.907161116600037

00:21:28.830 --> 00:21:30.020 For confirmation.

NOTE Confidence: 0.812389552593231

00:21:30.810 --> 00:21:42.130 Medical practitioners checked for softap tumors known as Ficus is an they studied groins for marks on the skin such as scars left from syphilitic pustules.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93515533208847

00:21:44.510 --> 00:21:50.760 During the hours long inspections captive African girls and women underwent additional procedures.

NOTE Confidence: 0.940343201160431

00:21:51.950 --> 00:21:56.250 Women and girls were examined to see if they had previously born children.

NOTE Confidence: 0.861831724643707

00:21:57.170 --> 00:22:02.100 Surgeons grasp their breasts to check their fullness and their firmness.

NOTE Confidence: 0.880358159542084

00:22:03.040 --> 00:22:10.330 While ships captains looked on slave trade. Doctors Fingered, the girls and women's labia's to check for inflammation and for tumors.

NOTE Confidence: 0.893772959709167

00:22:11.420 --> 00:22:28.650 And his girls and women wept inconsolably, according to one observer. Mariners pin them to the ground and held their legs wide open. So surgeons could inspect the mouth of their vaginas for lesions, they inspected their clitoris for tumors.

NOTE Confidence: 0.896403729915619

00:22:29.430 --> 00:22:34.940 They thrust their fingers through the vagina to the cervix to check for abnormalities.

NOTE Confidence: 0.903772830963135

00:22:40.640 --> 00:22:44.460 So once the enslaved were purchased and put on board.

NOTE Confidence: 0.849265515804291

00:22:45.830 --> 00:22:48.230 The doctors labor continued.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932096540927887

00:22:51.480 --> 00:22:55.420 Keeping hundreds of chained and beaten an incarcerated people.

NOTE Confidence: 0.921052277088165

00:22:56.420 --> 00:23:01.700 Alive on these floating prisons went beyond managing infectious disease.

NOTE Confidence: 0.906327962875366

00:23:02.930 --> 00:23:08.100 The enslaved wanted to escape they wanted to kill their captors, they wanted to kill themselves.

NOTE Confidence: 0.910416126251221

00:23:08.760 --> 00:23:16.230 So doctors had to commit chronic and pervasive violence to keep their incarcerated black commodities alive.

NOTE Confidence: 0.899334788322449

00:23:20.570 --> 00:23:24.230 So medical practitioners, they engaged engaged in armed battle.

NOTE Confidence: 0.859636247158051

00:23:25.110 --> 00:23:29.190 Against the enslaved when they rose up in ship-board rebellion.

NOTE Confidence: 0.911310136318207

00:23:30.380 --> 00:23:36.460 Onboard thousands of slave ships doctors whipped African Captives, who refused to eat.

NOTE Confidence: 0.873465120792389

00:23:37.140 --> 00:23:45.040 Laisa rating their flesh to preserve them for sale, beating them and then caring for the wounds they themselves inflicted.

NOTE Confidence: 0.907164096832275

00:23:46.150 --> 00:23:51.250 Historian Marcus Rediker called the Atlantic slave trade of 400 year hunger strike.

NOTE Confidence: 0.899784505367279

00:23:52.160 --> 00:24:04.370 Medical practitioners were equipped with bullets knives with thumbscrews and with the speculum oris to force feed. The enslaved while breaking off their teeth in the process. This is an example of the speculum oris.

NOTE Confidence: 0.889950573444366

00:24:04.970 --> 00:24:25.780 Which was a medical tool that was repurposed for the slave trade and one commentator who worked on board many slaving vessels, said that the above is used when the slaves are sulky. It's an interesting term, which frequently happens. But they shut their mouths against all sustenance and this with the determination to die.

NOTE Confidence: 0.875653326511383

00:24:26.310 --> 00:24:35.190 And it was necessary their mouth should be forced to open to throw in nutriment that they who had purchased them might incur no loss by their death.

NOTE Confidence: 0.744083523750305

00:24:35.830 --> 00:24:37.200 The speculum oris.

NOTE Confidence: 0.901674926280975

00:24:41.870 --> 00:24:45.650 So when the enslaved attempted to hang themselves with rope in the night.

NOTE Confidence: 0.923984408378601

00:24:46.220 --> 00:25:00.510 When they mutilated themselves when they attempted to puncture their jugular vein as one man did that. I described earlier doctors had to physically restrain them. Doctors were equipped with a pharmaceutical Arsenal.

NOTE Confidence: 0.876886427402496

00:25:01.110 --> 00:25:09.550 Lee drove Medecins down the throats of captive Africans. They drained their blood. They plunged metal pipes into their rectums.

NOTE Confidence: 0.857293486595154

00:25:10.190 --> 00:25:11.660 To administer enemas.

NOTE Confidence: 0.904622912406921

00:25:12.570 --> 00:25:19.360 Mariners pin them down or hovered nearby with whips or pistols in hand to ensure that they complied.

NOTE Confidence: 0.930966973304749

00:25:20.190 --> 00:25:30.930 During the course of an illness. Some medical practitioners whipped punched, kicked and cursed the enslaved when they're on the brink of death, mourning the loss of their profits.

NOTE Confidence: 0.879242360591888

00:25:32.140 --> 00:25:39.630 One Doctor Doctor Thomas Aubrey recounted that 6 slaves were kicked punched and beaten so often during their illnesses.

NOTE Confidence: 0.893775165081024

00:25:40.700 --> 00:25:42.060 That, they would cry out.

NOTE Confidence: 0.904114365577698

00:25:43.280 --> 00:25:44.590 And that they would quote.

NOTE Confidence: 0.905383408069611

00:25:45.250 --> 00:25:51.940 Creep under one of the platforms and hide themselves and die there.

NOTE Confidence: 0.831355750560761

00:25:54.400 --> 00:26:03.400 This is Thomas Clarkson, who gathered evidence about the slave trade.

NOTE Confidence: 0.867000758647919

00:26:06.370 --> 00:26:13.990 And when Carpenter said that the slaves in the sick. Berthar suffered to die in their own filth and are then thrown overboard like dogs.

NOTE Confidence: 0.911942303180695

00:26:14.660 --> 00:26:18.070 If they refuse the medicines that are offered them, they're beaten with a cat.

NOTE Confidence: 0.861858606338501



00:26:18.590 --> 00:26:24.250 Cattle ninetails their jaws forced open an the Medecins poured forcibly down their throats.

NOTE Confidence: 0.892379879951477

00:26:26.440 --> 00:26:46.100 Another man James Morley in 1790, he tells us I've seen. The surgeons mates on giving them medicines forced the panic. In between their teeth and throw it over them in a manner that not 1/2 of it has gone into their mouths. This was done when the poor. Wretches have been wallowing or sitting in their own blood or excrement.

NOTE Confidence: 0.86322808265686

00:26:46.630 --> 00:26:48.090 Hardly having any life.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8281489610672

00:26:48.660 --> 00:26:52.820 And this with blows with the cat damning them for being silky black.

NOTE Confidence: 0.913651406764984

00:26:54.100 --> 00:27:04.440 I do declare that I have known that the doctors made report asleep dead and have him thrown overboard when there has been life in him and he has struggled in the water after being thrown overboard.

NOTE Confidence: 0.843795299530029

00:27:05.440 --> 00:27:06.280 End Quote.

NOTE Confidence: 0.915503978729248

00:27:09.990 --> 00:27:12.860 So as a captive population.

NOTE Confidence: 0.914470791816711

00:27:14.110 --> 00:27:19.450 African people had been so utterly dehumanized.

NOTE Confidence: 0.933678984642029

00:27:20.390 --> 00:27:28.040 Rendered so socially and culturally inferior on one hand and so economically valuable on the other.

NOTE Confidence: 0.929368257522583

00:27:28.910 --> 00:27:36.510 That medical violence wielded against their bodies and minds had become an acceptable normative an institutionalized practice.

NOTE Confidence: 0.942486107349396

00:27:37.160 --> 00:27:43.120 Across centuries remember the slave trade is going on for 426 years.

NOTE Confidence: 0.944133877754211

00:27:44.610 --> 00:27:53.830 Doctoring was placed in service to large scale commercial forces that incentivized an extreme form of human exploitation.

NOTE Confidence: 0.902643859386444

00:27:55.960 --> 00:28:12.250 And the doctors dispassion tore the African people under their care that error, they instilled the money that they so eagerly took for their privilege slaves. It shows in chilling ways how medical practice can so easily be transformed.

NOTE Confidence: 0.858235478401184

00:28:12.830 --> 00:28:14.220 In 2 places of.

NOTE Confidence: 0.725397944450378

00:28:14.800 --> 00:28:16.020 Profound harm.

NOTE Confidence: 0.743117868900299

00:28:16.660 --> 00:28:17.220 Right.

NOTE Confidence: 0.908567190170288

00:28:18.800 --> 00:28:27.700 So the slave trade forced African people into a unique and troubling relationship with Western Medison, long before even setting foot in the Americas.

NOTE Confidence: 0.920062482357025

00:28:29.330 --> 00:28:31.720 But our story does not end there.

NOTE Confidence: 0.29037818312645

00:28:32.580 --> 00:28:33.150 Hum.

NOTE Confidence: 0.919808566570282

00:28:35.690 --> 00:28:42.460 African captives were also functioning as healers, so we are going to return to West Africa.

NOTE Confidence: 0.891128122806549

00:28:45.620 --> 00:28:52.040 This is Cape Coast Castle, some of you may be familiar with this image. It is located in present day gonna.

NOTE Confidence: 0.913133025169373

00:28:53.080 --> 00:28:59.480 Cape Coast Castle was the British slave trading headquarters during the entire T of the slave trade.

NOTE Confidence: 0.909580588340759

00:29:00.370 --> 00:29:12.140 And this was a slave fortress constructed it was a kind of distribution center that help manage the flow of enslaved people in women and men and children being shipped to the Americas.

NOTE Confidence: 0.925355315208435

00:29:13.020 --> 00:29:25.520 But managing this flow of incarcerated people at places like Cape Coast Castle. It proved a challenge for Europeans because when Europeans arrived in West Africa. They were biological outsiders.

NOTE Confidence: 0.894928991794586

00:29:26.020 --> 00:29:28.080 In a merciless disease environment.

NOTE Confidence: 0.940163612365723

00:29:29.230 --> 00:29:33.540 They were faced with tropical diseases that they were completely unfamiliar with.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918463349342346

00:29:34.230 --> 00:29:37.030 There was hyper endemic malaria and yellow fever.

NOTE Confidence: 0.949530124664307

00:29:37.720 --> 00:29:47.590 And it was very difficult for them to understand and figure out how to stay alive long enough so that they could carry out this trade in human flesh.

NOTE Confidence: 0.921294629573822

00:29:49.560 --> 00:29:58.270 So what the Europeans did particularly the British this was one of their strategies for survival was to enslave West African Healers.

NOTE Confidence: 0.887154161930084

00:29:59.020 --> 00:30:03.130 Who would be permanently held at slave factories like Chaos Castle?

NOTE Confidence: 0.916083931922913

00:30:03.830 --> 00:30:10.800 And they would care for sick West Africans were being shipped to the Americas as well as care for sick Britons.

NOTE Confidence: 0.901135563850403

00:30:12.900 --> 00:30:42.910 We have evidence of them in a lot of the records that that are present in the UK. It's hard to see here. I know, but that's the first arrow says a tomb doctor. Jack doctors voice Oh. Jack is someone who I study. Jack began his medical apprentice at the age of 8 years old, and became a doctor in his own right working as enslaved healer at Cape Coast Castle until he was the age of 25.

NOTE Confidence: 0.889381945133209

00:30:43.700 --> 00:30:54.140 We also have here a woman named Amano, who is labeled as a doctress so we have many healers that appear in these records.

NOTE Confidence: 0.914243638515472

00:30:54.730 --> 00:31:01.470 So the medical knowledge that enslaved Africans had became highly prized and sought after.

NOTE Confidence: 0.905483365058899

00:31:02.300 --> 00:31:15.410 And one Anglican Chaplain at Cape Coast Castle named John Smith. He became a student of the West African healing techniques that he was observing being made use of by these enslaved healers.

NOTE Confidence: 0.896837294101715

00:31:16.130 --> 00:31:22.310 And So what John Smith did was he gathered up his knowledge and transmitted it to London.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918948233127594

00:31:22.980 --> 00:31:25.730 And it was sent to the Royal Society in London.

NOTE Confidence: 0.958640217781067

00:31:26.270 --> 00:31:32.810 And it was published in 1697 in their publishing Oregon called the philosophical transactions.

NOTE Confidence: 0.897659838199615

00:31:33.310 --> 00:31:48.560 This is the first sort of record of West African healing that appears in European Records in sort of a lengthy kind of treat us focused on the Gold Coast or present day gonna.

NOTE Confidence: 0.720254182815552

00:31:49.320 --> 00:31:50.000 And.

NOTE Confidence: 0.924239158630371

00:31:50.760 --> 00:32:03.520 What Smith observed in what he describes in his letters and in this document? Which is available online Smith observed plans being dried in the sun and powdered and sniff to cure headaches.

NOTE Confidence: 0.899610817432404

00:32:04.280 --> 00:32:12.530 He said swollen limbs were washed with an infusion created by boiling the ooh. Nana plant, which cause fluid retention to dissipate.

NOTE Confidence: 0.86198627948761

00:32:13.210 --> 00:32:21.210 Doctors they boiled plants and they mix them with pom pom wine and they drunk this to cure Constipation.

NOTE Confidence: 0.912829101085663

00:32:21.940 --> 00:32:34.820 Stomach aches smallpox worms, venereal diseases toothache scurvy and hemorrhaging were among the lengthy list of cures that Smith discovered from these enslaved African Healers.

NOTE Confidence: 0.915475189685822

00:32:35.630 --> 00:33:01.810 And so European observers, they witnessed first hand. These curative techniques and the amount of commentary in the archival

record is surprising in its in the plethora that exists and I'm just going to show you a few more examples. So this is Willem Bosman. He was a Dutch Slave Trader. He wrote this treatise in 1704. It was translated into English in 1705.

NOTE Confidence: 0.906387209892273

00:33:03.340 --> 00:33:30.770 And one of the things that he talks about. He says the green herbs. The principle remedy in use amongst the knee grows are such wonderful efficacy. This does much to be deployed that no European physicians. As yet applied himself. The discovery of their nature an virtue for I don't only imagine but firmly believe that they would prove more successful in practice of physics, which is another way of saying Medison then the European preparations.

NOTE Confidence: 0.911034405231476

00:33:31.610 --> 00:34:01.740 And so commentary like this is also found a little bit later in the 18th century. This is from 1720. These are directores of Cape Coast Castle that are saying we should be glad to have the assistance of enable Gardner, one that is well acquainted with the herbs as we believe that there may be many symbols. These are medicinal plants found here. A very great benefit being observed to be made use of by the natives and pharmacy as well as surgery.

NOTE Confidence: 0.88877409696579

00:34:01.740 --> 00:34:05.550 And who succeed in many good cures in both.

NOTE Confidence: 0.894433736801147

00:34:07.720 --> 00:34:27.710 We have William Smith in his voyage to Africa describing that the enslaved people there. The most skillful botanists. The knee grows. You know well the use of every herb and plant and always apply them with such success. But the cures wrought by them. See Matt sometimes to be a little less than merin culas.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93639349937439

00:34:28.750 --> 00:34:33.470 And so this is some of the commentary that is disseminating.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92883688211441

00:34:34.720 --> 00:34:41.240 We know today that many of the remedies that they were using actually did work.

NOTE Confidence: 0.66378265619278

00:34:44.590 --> 00:34:46.650 The Bongiya tree.

NOTE Confidence: 0.86752837896347

00:34:47.250 --> 00:34:53.490 Enslaved Healers on the windward coast. They used bark from the Bongiya Tree to help ease difficult pregnancies.

NOTE Confidence: 0.948743164539337

00:34:54.350 --> 00:35:00.280 And its antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties have been confirmed through phytochemical screenings.

NOTE Confidence: 0.857560336589813

00:35:01.820 --> 00:35:03.930 We have also the Dewey tree.

NOTE Confidence: 0.899001896381378

00:35:05.500 --> 00:35:11.950 We have evidence of medicinal cordials being made with bark from this tree steeped in Palm wine and drunk.

NOTE Confidence: 0.957994043827057

00:35:12.820 --> 00:35:17.280 Today it is one of the most widely used medicinal plants in Africa.

NOTE Confidence: 0.933975577354431

00:35:17.860 --> 00:35:23.900 And the bark and the leaves exhibit powerful anti inflammatory and anti bacterial activity.

NOTE Confidence: 0.897309184074402

00:35:26.850 --> 00:35:29.560 We also have here velvet tamarind.

NOTE Confidence: 0.905355751514435

00:35:30.540 --> 00:35:55.260 The enslaved healers at Cape Coast Castle. They were growing velvet tamarind in their gardens. The inhabitants soaked the pulp of the fruit in water and the resulting beverage was then consumed by fever. Patients with positive results. The positive results were because it is an effective antimalarial. It inhibits the growth of power plasmodium falciparum parasite, which as many of you know causes malaria.

NOTE Confidence: 0.91378915309906

00:35:56.340 --> 00:36:13.230 So the things that they were observing guavas for dysentery papaya seeds for worms, which are still used today plantains for diarrhea, pepper for gastrointestinal complaints. Palm wine was a diuretic. Kola nuts were used as a digestive aid and a stimulant.

NOTE Confidence: 0.930643260478973

00:36:14.260 --> 00:36:16.830 All of these remedies were being used.

NOTE Confidence: 0.948408961296082

00:36:17.660 --> 00:36:20.000 But one of the most important jobs.

NOTE Confidence: 0.753761529922485

00:36:20.610 --> 00:36:25.360 That these enslaved healers in these enslaved healers these doctors and doctors is.

NOTE Confidence: 0.870763301849365

00:36:25.970 --> 00:36:28.530 People like a tomb in a mono and Jack.

NOTE Confidence: 0.919065415859222

00:36:29.310 --> 00:36:37.340 One of the most important things they had to do was to go into Cape Coast Castle into what was called the black hole.

NOTE Confidence: 0.909956812858582

00:36:37.880 --> 00:36:44.260 The underground incarceration units to care for the enslaved toward being shipped to the Americas.

NOTE Confidence: 0.919454157352448

00:36:46.660 --> 00:36:48.420 This is an image of.

NOTE Confidence: 0.949421286582947

00:36:49.000 --> 00:36:51.230 One of these black holes.

NOTE Confidence: 0.910880208015442

00:36:57.150 --> 00:36:59.330 Enslaved children women and men.

NOTE Confidence: 0.86976420879364

00:36:59.960 --> 00:37:01.920 Were chained and kept in darkness?

NOTE Confidence: 0.875672936439514

00:37:02.440 --> 00:37:09.240 With no natural light except for narrow iron grates that lead in snippets of air in fragments of light.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939039826393127

00:37:10.210 --> 00:37:14.500 The Black Hole was notorious for killing those who are long contained within it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.875022351741791

00:37:15.500 --> 00:37:19.840 They were penned in like captive beasts, they had to fight off rodents and vermin.

NOTE Confidence: 0.861067891120911

00:37:20.650 --> 00:37:29.410 The enslaved were fed out of troughs and they had to defecate in tubs that overflowed causing a suffocating stench from urine and from feces.

NOTE Confidence: 0.862096726894379

00:37:30.800 --> 00:37:35.120 They lay on the damp ground with little air naked.

NOTE Confidence: 0.863427042961121

00:37:35.800 --> 00:37:39.410 And 113 year old boy named Ottobock Aguano.

NOTE Confidence: 0.900890529155731

00:37:40.090 --> 00:37:45.490 He never forgot the cacophonous groans and cries that echoed through the cells of this slave dungeon.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9505735039711

00:37:46.650 --> 00:37:50.480 He lived there for 3 days before being sold to slave traders.

NOTE Confidence: 0.926656782627106

00:37:51.430 --> 00:37:55.110 The memory was permanently imprinted on his young mind.

NOTE Confidence: 0.896464347839355

00:37:57.060 --> 00:38:02.250 Enslaved doctors and doctors is had gone into these subterranean Dungeons.

NOTE Confidence: 0.845300376415253

00:38:03.190 --> 00:38:04.730 And it cared for them.

NOTE Confidence: 0.895375370979309

00:38:05.480 --> 00:38:10.430 They had taken leaves from the Castor oil plant, they steeped them in hot water.

NOTE Confidence: 0.899377882480621

00:38:11.000 --> 00:38:13.510 They wrapped them around swollen limbs.

NOTE Confidence: 0.903358519077301

00:38:14.060 --> 00:38:15.440 To reduce the swelling.

NOTE Confidence: 0.864714026451111

00:38:16.150 --> 00:38:27.630 They spooned mis porridge into their mouths to give them strength. They picked limes from the garden and fuse the line with Malagueta Pepper to ease their intestinal distress.

NOTE Confidence: 0.929267764091492

00:38:28.310 --> 00:38:34.310 The Healers anointed the grief stricken population with Palm oil to heal their frayed nerves.

NOTE Confidence: 0.892996191978455

00:38:35.260 --> 00:38:40.600 Hold leaves from the plant and tree were placed upon their heads to ease headache pain.

NOTE Confidence: 0.907712638378143

00:38:41.700 --> 00:39:01.020 Some of the Healers were indigenous priests and priestesses and they provided amulets or sacred power objects to captives prior



to their departure and we know from archaeologists that some of these healing objects did travel across the waters wrapped around the necks and the arms of the enslaved.

NOTE Confidence: 0.898446381092072

00:39:01.680 --> 00:39:06.310 These ritual objects reconnected the enslaved with the powers of the spirit world.

NOTE Confidence: 0.926427245140076

00:39:07.660 --> 00:39:10.750 And so the therapeutic skill of enslaved Africans.

NOTE Confidence: 0.911718726158142

00:39:11.530 --> 00:39:14.250 It ended up being prized across the America's.

NOTE Confidence: 0.913467347621918

00:39:14.800 --> 00:39:18.890 It was a way to fight for wholeness in the midst of Dehumanisation.

NOTE Confidence: 0.732196092605591

00:39:20.700 --> 00:39:22.000 Healing if

NOTE Confidence: 0.922431826591492

00:39:22.780 --> 00:39:25.670 We really can say that it existed.

NOTE Confidence: 0.942447125911713

00:39:26.190 --> 00:39:29.260 In the context of something like the slave trade.

NOTE Confidence: 0.915720820426941

00:39:30.470 --> 00:39:34.220 Can perhaps best be described as the power to endure?

NOTE Confidence: 0.871213912963867

00:39:36.630 --> 00:39:41.860 So why does this history matter today? Why does this history matter today?

NOTE Confidence: 0.88188898563385

00:39:43.180 --> 00:39:46.810 And I know that we are going to try to.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94031423330307

00:39:47.480 --> 00:39:50.560 Rap up I want to make sure that we have plenty of time for questions.

NOTE Confidence: 0.83833384513855

00:39:51.690 --> 00:39:53.650 But this history matters today.

NOTE Confidence: 0.921410441398621

00:39:54.880 --> 00:39:56.560 For some very important reasons.

NOTE Confidence: 0.874149084091187

00:39:57.690 --> 00:40:02.030 For the enslaved who only experienced white medical faces.

NOTE Confidence: 0.866684556007385

00:40:02.610 --> 00:40:03.960 At the end of a lash.

NOTE Confidence: 0.901496231555939

00:40:04.800 --> 00:40:09.520 Or when their cervix was being forced open on the African coast while women wept.

NOTE Confidence: 0.888325870037079

00:40:10.790 --> 00:40:13.550 Their stories offer a hunting reminder.

NOTE Confidence: 0.931827425956726

00:40:15.180 --> 00:40:23.870 They remind us that millions of enslaved children women and men who are trafficked across the Atlantic. Those at landed in 1619, he ran beyond.

NOTE Confidence: 0.883126258850098

00:40:25.060 --> 00:40:30.840 But they bore within them violent Savage and terrifying medical memories.

NOTE Confidence: 0.928751409053802

00:40:31.370 --> 00:40:34.060 That lived in their bodies and in their minds.

NOTE Confidence: 0.934987008571625

00:40:35.360 --> 00:40:40.700 When we trace the history of medical abuse in African American history, we must remember that those.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917682290077209

00:40:42.210 --> 00:40:44.750 Before even setting foot in the Americas.

NOTE Confidence: 0.95345264673233

00:40:45.930 --> 00:40:50.160 Those captive Africans were already in the process of trying to heal.

NOTE Confidence: 0.839926183223724

00:40:50.820 --> 00:40:53.390 From the abuses of slave trade Medison.

NOTE Confidence: 0.916172444820404

00:40:55.280 --> 00:40:58.270 But as we've heard they also had other medical memories as well.

NOTE Confidence: 0.823705196380615

00:40:59.480 --> 00:41:03.480 From the enslaved doctors and Doctress is who had cared for them.

NOTE Confidence: 0.905248165130615

00:41:05.100 --> 00:41:09.530 Now, how do we understand the labor that these enslaved doctors and doctors is performed.

NOTE Confidence: 0.940621912479401

00:41:10.770 --> 00:41:18.690 From one perspective we could think that because they were enslaved and because they were caring for people who would be sent into the Atlantic traffic.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917978703975677

00:41:20.130 --> 00:41:25.630 To be used as laborers in the Americas, we could think well, they're only functioning to support.

NOTE Confidence: 0.920680999755859

00:41:27.380 --> 00:41:31.940 A global form of Labor and capitalism.

NOTE Confidence: 0.841054022312164

00:41:33.880 --> 00:41:36.820 But only perpetuated this harm.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93658584356308

00:41:38.870 --> 00:41:45.550 But from another perspective we can imagine and think about their labor as being part of a longer.

NOTE Confidence: 0.900652229785919

00:41:46.450 --> 00:41:47.440 Movement.

NOTE Confidence: 0.901083111763

00:41:48.720 --> 00:41:52.630 Of African insurgency in the realm of Madison.

NOTE Confidence: 0.925080597400665

00:41:53.990 --> 00:42:02.110 Or medical knowledge and medical practices and cultures of healing, and curing were used across centuries into our present moment.

NOTE Confidence: 0.945592164993286

00:42:03.240 --> 00:42:09.190 So that black people could care for themselves and their communities in places where life.

NOTE Confidence: 0.780023574829102

00:42:10.110 --> 00:42:11.270 Resembled death.

NOTE Confidence: 0.921296894550323

00:42:13.260 --> 00:42:20.610 We have women like Lulu, Wilson, who was blind in this picture, she wasn't enslaved woman who was interviewed.

NOTE Confidence: 0.860791325569153

00:42:21.290 --> 00:42:37.660 She was made blind because of the violence that her mistress slave owners wife perpetrated against her for snuff into her eyes and so Lulu Wilson was blind, but Lulu Wilson served as.

NOTE Confidence: 0.905703246593475

00:42:38.780 --> 00:42:42.270 A nurse for 50 years right.

NOTE Confidence: 0.865621745586395

00:42:42.860 --> 00:42:44.390 And this is Lulu Wilson.

NOTE Confidence: 0.884248316287994

00:42:48.520 --> 00:42:50.770 We have things like Nigro Health week.

NOTE Confidence: 0.224814891815186

00:42:52.270 --> 00:42:52.690 No.

NOTE Confidence: 0.953217566013336

00:42:53.240 --> 00:42:56.700 Black people after the abolition of slavery.

NOTE Confidence: 0.940688729286194

00:42:58.540 --> 00:43:05.880 When they were living in segregated spaces when there were very few hospitals that they couldn't get to.

NOTE Confidence: 0.929892420768738

00:43:08.540 --> 00:43:12.970 They were living in places where there were only sewers outside their doors.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93973296880722

00:43:13.870 --> 00:43:20.660 Crowded into these little alleyways forced to live in places that were just full of disease.

NOTE Confidence: 0.918692708015442

00:43:23.060 --> 00:43:48.430 They're getting sick they are dying the larger white population is saying well. It's because they're black well. It's because they are not fit for freedom look. They can't even take care of themselves and So what do they do? They started Nigro Health Week. It lasted for 36 years and so you had people in their communities working on sanitation efforts working on vaccinate vaccination programs.

NOTE Confidence: 0.851645648479462

00:43:49.420 --> 00:43:54.990 The sermons that were coming out of Pulpits during Nigro Health. We all talked about health.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89204078912735

00:43:55.750 --> 00:43:57.570 It was about racial uplift.

NOTE Confidence: 0.906287431716919

00:43:58.240 --> 00:44:01.310 And racial self care because all they had.

NOTE Confidence: 0.854426681995392

00:44:02.110 --> 00:44:03.510 Where is themselves?

NOTE Confidence: 0.9327592253685

00:44:04.830 --> 00:44:14.780 We have of course, Marcus Garvey in New York City and the black Frost nurses nurses that March proudly even though they were kept out of all of the professional nursing organizations.

NOTE Confidence: 0.931092262268066

00:44:15.930 --> 00:44:22.640 And yet they were there saying We are here to care for our communities.

NOTE Confidence: 0.933944344520569

00:44:24.270 --> 00:44:27.050 We have of course, the medical committee of civil rights.

NOTE Confidence: 0.92618852853775

00:44:27.930 --> 00:44:32.090 The desegregation of the AMA the desegregation of hospitals.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932458698749542

00:44:33.370 --> 00:44:38.930 People coming from New Haven and all across the country to go to places like Soma.

NOTE Confidence: 0.906449973583221

00:44:39.670 --> 00:44:45.090 To March into say we are going to fight and stand with?

NOTE Confidence: 0.960433423519135

00:44:47.020 --> 00:44:50.790 People who are the most vulnerable and marginalized in our communities.

NOTE Confidence: 0.930280089378357

00:44:53.190 --> 00:44:57.560 We have the Black Panthers medical self defense.

NOTE Confidence: 0.962874531745911

00:44:58.550 --> 00:45:03.400 Trying to find a way of fighting against medical discrimination.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939763724803925

00:45:04.390 --> 00:45:07.810 And, of course, the very famous breakfast programs that they had.

NOTE Confidence: 0.936939656734467

00:45:09.430 --> 00:45:19.120 Feeding little children, so that they could do better in school in a time before breakfast programs work done in our communities.

NOTE Confidence: 0.941171407699585

00:45:21.130 --> 00:45:25.310 And we have of course, black health matters this hashtag.

NOTE Confidence: 0.907259821891785

00:45:26.950 --> 00:45:31.650 So you see from the slave ship all the way to the present too.

NOTE Confidence: 0.695186495780945

00:45:32.200 --> 00:45:32.850 This.

NOTE Confidence: 0.952513039112091

00:45:33.750 --> 00:45:38.390 Medical school students standing up on behalf of black lives.

NOTE Confidence: 0.951617062091827

00:45:39.540 --> 00:45:43.600 Even here on this campus in 2014.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961730062961578

00:45:45.370 --> 00:45:47.690 There is a way of thinking about.

NOTE Confidence: 0.825198829174042

00:45:48.820 --> 00:45:50.360 This history.

NOTE Confidence: 0.946736693382263

00:45:50.950 --> 00:45:52.740 So that we can remember.

NOTE Confidence: 0.828838050365448

00:45:53.520 --> 00:45:54.800 That when

NOTE Confidence: 0.892402529716492

00:45:55.370 --> 00:46:01.280 Life did resemble death when suicide did seem like the best option for many.

NOTE Confidence: 0.906861066818237

00:46:02.770 --> 00:46:04.510 That we have rallied.

NOTE Confidence: 0.884916365146637

00:46:05.500 --> 00:46:08.870 We have stood up in so many ways.

NOTE Confidence: 0.890665531158447

00:46:09.850 --> 00:46:13.580 To preserve and protect and to advance black health.

NOTE Confidence: 0.911145806312561

00:46:14.980 --> 00:46:16.640 Now the importance of this.

NOTE Confidence: 0.923859179019928

00:46:18.370 --> 00:46:24.690 Must be obvious to most of you in the room because Medison today is in need of healing.

NOTE Confidence: 0.928885579109192

00:46:25.590 --> 00:46:33.530 African American people continue to struggle with distrust toward a profession that still treats their race as a health problem.

NOTE Confidence: 0.866678237915039

00:46:34.870 --> 00:46:37.720 They still received desperate quality of care.

NOTE Confidence: 0.928318500518799

00:46:38.590 --> 00:46:41.220 They're accused of noncompliance.

NOTE Confidence: 0.931648850440979

00:46:42.110 --> 00:46:51.320 Rather than being considered as sacred human beings who are struggling with toxic stress trauma in under resourced neighborhoods.

NOTE Confidence: 0.964241981506348

00:46:52.730 --> 00:46:54.490 Mental health concerns.

NOTE Confidence: 0.925119996070862

00:46:55.480 --> 00:46:59.800 Food deserts that are right around this neighborhood.

NOTE Confidence: 0.927370548248291

00:47:00.590 --> 00:47:10.980 Ideas of black inferiority continue to shape the medical care that African people of African descent receive in the United States, the patient practitioner relationship remains fraught.

NOTE Confidence: 0.927180290222168

00:47:11.530 --> 00:47:17.370 Biases and stereotypes continue to result in disparate treatment and this.

NOTE Confidence: 0.914546072483063

00:47:18.080 --> 00:47:22.600 Is flashing across our newsfeeds with stark regularity?

NOTE Confidence: 0.940510511398315

00:47:24.390 --> 00:47:26.270 This is probably familiar to you.

NOTE Confidence: 0.916740357875824

00:47:27.780 --> 00:47:32.500 What's killing America's black infants racism is fueling a National Health crisis.

NOTE Confidence: 0.937228560447693

00:47:35.290 --> 00:47:38.850 Too many doctors still believe dangerous racial stereotypes.

NOTE Confidence: 0.923068463802338

00:47:42.120 --> 00:47:46.940 Some medical school students still think black patients feel less pain than whites.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93174022436142

00:47:48.160 --> 00:47:51.460 That's something that I find in my sources from the 1600s.

NOTE Confidence: 0.88702380657196

00:47:52.630 --> 00:47:53.830 The 1600s.

NOTE Confidence: 0.912176012992859

00:47:56.260 --> 00:48:04.390 Black patients half as likely to receive pain medications as white patients study finds findings show racial bias in emergency room prescriptions.

NOTE Confidence: 0.945635616779327

00:48:07.790 --> 00:48:11.000 Should police violence be viewed as a public health issue?

NOTE Confidence: 0.915866017341614

00:48:14.270 --> 00:48:18.030 The little understood mental health effects of racial trauma.

NOTE Confidence: 0.919381618499756

00:48:20.790 --> 00:48:28.410 Why racism in health care is still a problem today minorities get fewer treatment options and poor communication from doctors?

NOTE Confidence: 0.918517470359802

00:48:31.470 --> 00:48:42.740 One of the most chilling statements that I have ever heard happened when I first came to GAIL and I was a graduate student at Harvard, finishing up my dissertation and I gave a talk here.

NOTE Confidence: 0.879397213459015



00:48:43.460 --> 00:48:49.620 At Yale and to medical school students came up to me after the talk and he said.

NOTE Confidence: 0.929761350154877

00:48:50.150 --> 00:48:57.780 I feel like I'm living in the aftermath of the history that you just presented on the slave trade and doctors in the slave trade.

NOTE Confidence: 0.895140528678894

00:48:58.530 --> 00:48:59.600 And I asked why.

NOTE Confidence: 0.915562212467194

00:49:00.220 --> 00:49:05.310 And he said, because of the way I see my attending professors treating black patients.

NOTE Confidence: 0.926762580871582

00:49:08.050 --> 00:49:10.480 As a graduate student, finishing out my studies.

NOTE Confidence: 0.929069876670837

00:49:13.810 --> 00:49:18.600 And having not had many conversations with people at medical schools at that until that point.

NOTE Confidence: 0.913754820823669

00:49:21.170 --> 00:49:22.320 I was speechless.

NOTE Confidence: 0.801673233509064

00:49:23.760 --> 00:49:25.020 And remain so.

NOTE Confidence: 0.93993353843689

00:49:28.110 --> 00:49:29.310 There is so much.

NOTE Confidence: 0.919358551502228

00:49:29.970 --> 00:49:31.120 That we need to do.

NOTE Confidence: 0.70643562078476

00:49:32.730 --> 00:49:33.640 And.

NOTE Confidence: 0.956634879112244

00:49:34.620 --> 00:49:38.260 For those of you who are encouraged.

NOTE Confidence: 0.916119754314423

00:49:40.260 --> 00:49:42.310 To see yourself within?

NOTE Confidence: 0.906615853309631

00:49:43.040 --> 00:49:45.600 This longer history of health activism.

NOTE Confidence: 0.890941321849823

00:49:47.080 --> 00:49:48.520 An insurgency.

NOTE Confidence: 0.864952445030212

00:49:49.960 --> 00:49:58.920 I would invite you to remember these enslaved doctors and doctors is little boys like Jack women like a mono and.

NOTE Confidence: 0.767757177352905

00:50:00.260 --> 00:50:01.560 Men like a tomb.

NOTE Confidence: 0.893130719661713

00:50:03.080 --> 00:50:06.390 Because they went into the black hole.

NOTE Confidence: 0.952050983905792

00:50:07.530 --> 00:50:10.040 They had very little resources available to them.

NOTE Confidence: 0.909535348415375

00:50:10.770 --> 00:50:13.440 And they were forced to do this labor.

NOTE Confidence: 0.920819938182831

00:50:14.040 --> 00:50:18.130 But they tried to do it in a way that would make at least some bit of good.

NOTE Confidence: 0.908936142921448

00:50:19.790 --> 00:50:23.540 To help provide strength to help provide the power to endure.

NOTE Confidence: 0.942054033279419

00:50:25.950 --> 00:50:28.010 Because the reality is that?

NOTE Confidence: 0.858982443809509

00:50:28.830 --> 00:50:30.580 We have injured.

NOTE Confidence: 0.921314179897308

00:50:32.060 --> 00:50:35.470 And in many ways, we have thrived.

NOTE Confidence: 0.917841136455536

00:50:36.390 --> 00:50:42.560 And we have changed this world and we can continue to do so. Thank you all so much.