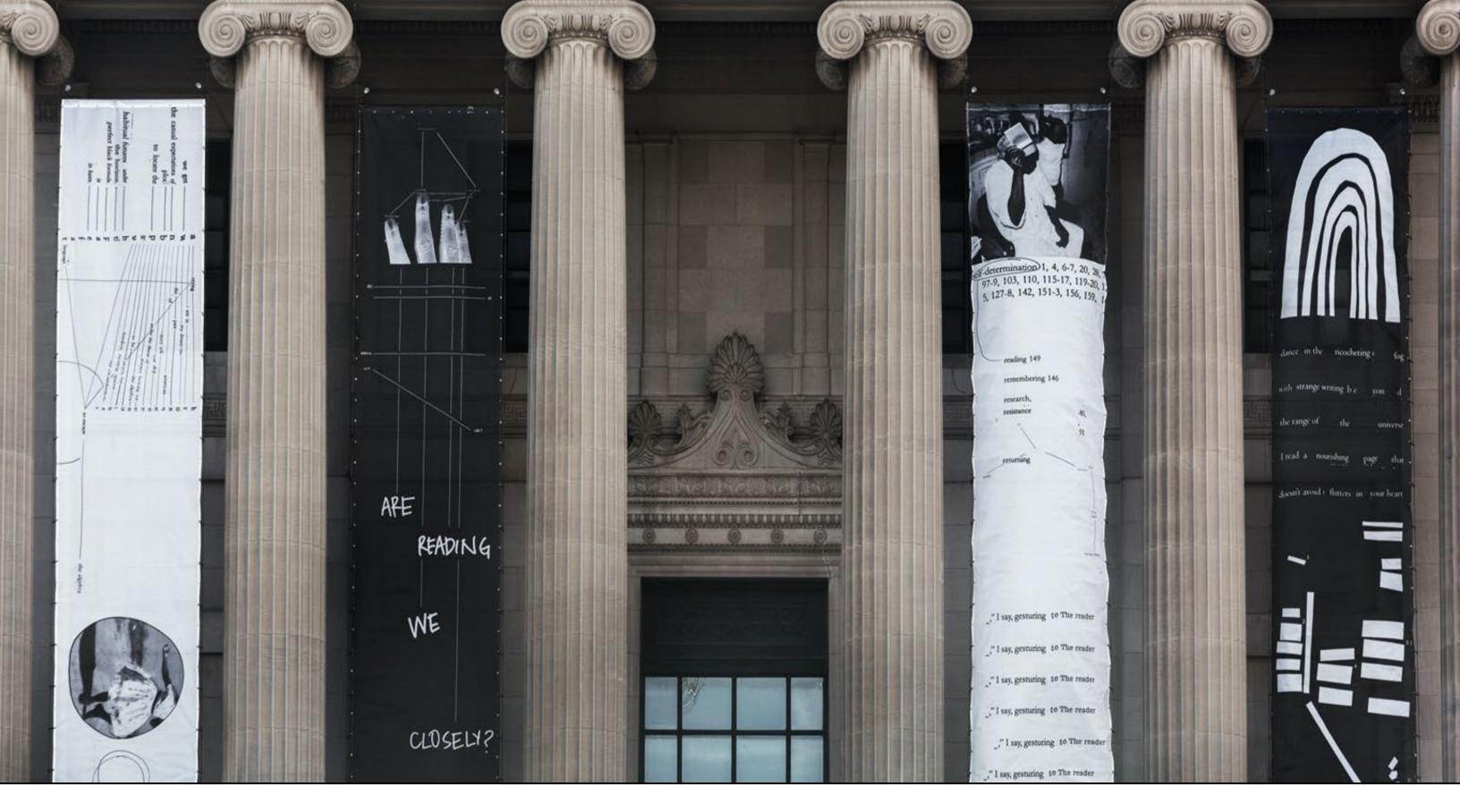
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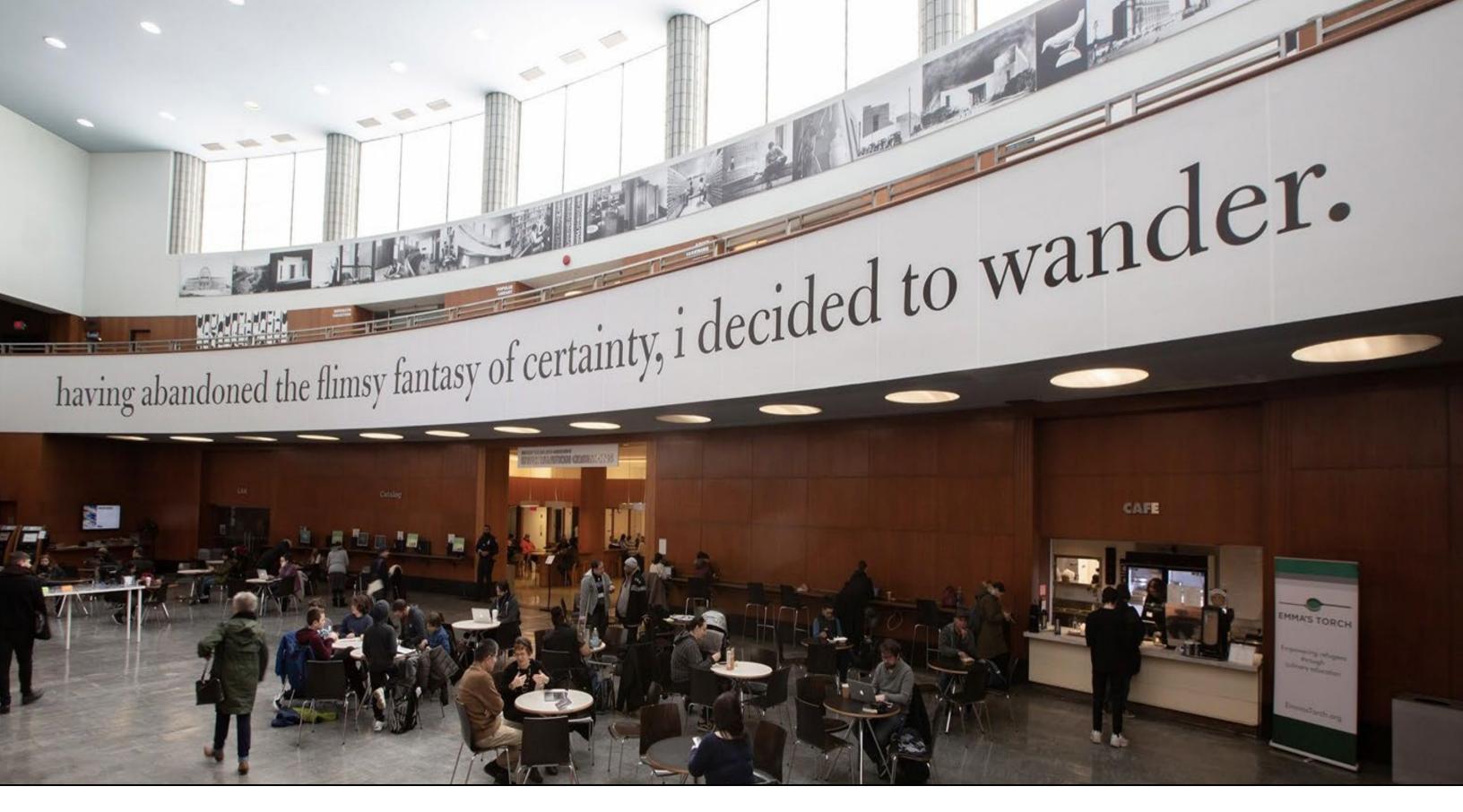
COMMUNITY BOARD PRESENTATION KAMEELAH JANAN RASHEED

PRIOR ARTWORK EXAMPLES



Are We Reading Closely?, 2020 (Solo Project)

Brooklyn Museum (Brooklyn, NY) 35' x 8' Vinyl Banners



Scoring the Stacks I, 2019 (Solo Project)

Brooklyn Public Library - Central Branch (Brooklyn, NY)
Performance, 120' x 7' vinyl banner, notecards



Are We There Yet? (and other questions of proximity, destination, and relative comfort),

2017 (Group Exhibition, Pinchuk Art Centre - 2017 Future Generation Art Prize)

Venice Biennale (Venice, IT) 7' x 30' fabric banner



A QUESTION IS A SENTENCE DESIGNED TO ELICIT A RESPONSE. TODAY, WE WANT TOOM WHAT THE SLOPPY FUTURE HOLDS 2018 (Group Exhibit, Something to Say)

Brooklyn Museum (Brooklyn, NY) 14' x 5.8' Blackout Fabric Banner

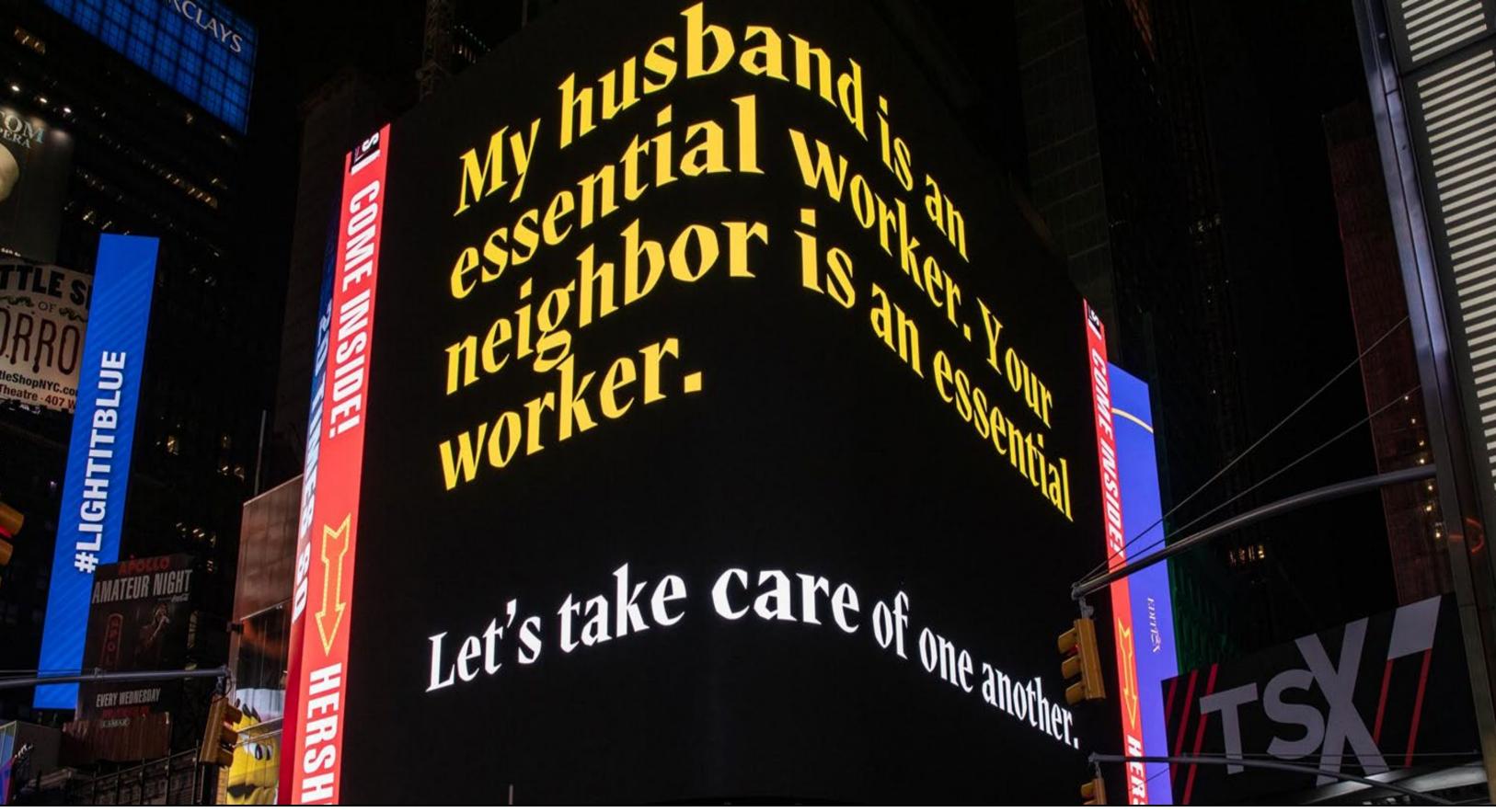


Selling My Black Rage to the Highest Bidder,

2018 (Group Exhibit, Aesthetics of Matter)

VOLTA Art Fair (New York, NY)

~700 Sheets of Xeroxed Paper, ~1400 metal staples, Risograph Prints



My husband is an essential worker. Your neighbor is an essential worker., 2020 (For Freedoms x Times Square Art)

Times Square (New York, NY)

Projection

WILLOUGHBY SQUARE PROPOSAL - ARTWORK





Proposed Locations

On the Front Porch, Black Life in Full View

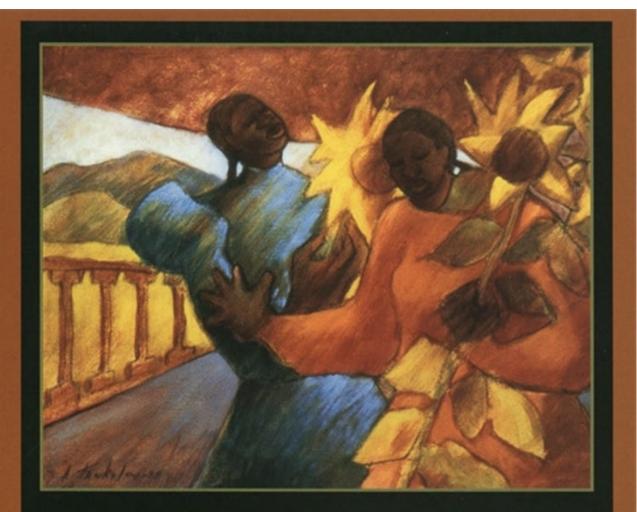
A look at how a simple architectural fixture has played a role in African-American culture.

In its framed simplicity, the front porch has been a fixture in American life, and among African-Americans it holds outsize cultural significance. From the narrow shotgun homes of Atlanta to the dormer-windowed bungalows of Chicago, the front porch has served as a refuge from Jim Crow restrictions; a stage straddling the home and the street, a structural backdrop of meaningful life moments. It is like the quietest family member; a gift where community lives and strangers become neighbors. Zora Neale Hurston, an exquisite chronicler of black Americana, understood the magic and necessity of the porch as a gathering place to witness and soak up history. Her prose cast the porch as a setting for storytelling.

By Audra D. S. Burch Photographs by Wayne Lawrence

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His research took him to Detroit, where he found a historical city undergoing an economic rebirth and black homeowners eager to share memories of watching life unfold on their front porches.



The Power of the Porch

THE STORYTELLER'S CRAFT IN ZORA NEALE HURSTON, GLORIA NAYLOR, AND RANDALL KENAN

TRUDIER HARRIS

Lisa Garrigues

Porch Talk: Reading *Their Eyes*Were Watching God

Zora Neale Hurston's work "underscores the importance of the oral tradition of storytelling," writes Lisa Garrigues. Using several related activities, Garrigues expands the discussion of the novel and entices high school juniors to participate in Porch Talk.

very teacher knows the magic of casting a story net on the classroom. Tell a good story and all eyes are on you, all faces expectant, all voices hushed. But once the students have stopped talking, how do you get them to begin again? How do you harness the enchantment of storytelling in day-to-day talk about shared texts? In a fast-paced unit on Their Eyes Were Watching God, my eleventh-grade honors students sat on the porch with the characters from Zora Neale Hurston's novel, listening and talking, eavesdropping and storytelling. In short, they used their ears and their mouths to read Their Eyes.

A Story about Storytelling

Their Eyes Were Watching God is, on one level, a story about storytelling. When Janie Crawford returns after a two-year absence to her home in Eatonville, Florida, she eagerly tells her story to her best friend Pheoby Watson. A classic frame, Janie's life story spans nearly forty years but is told during an evening visit between the two friends on the steps of Janie's back porch. At times, Janie speaks in her own voice; at times, she lets other characters speak for themselves. But for the most part, Janie's story is told by a third-person narrator who is, of course, controlled by the master storyteller herself, Zora Neale Hurston. Throughout the novel, the reader feels as though he or she were eavesdropping on the many storytellers

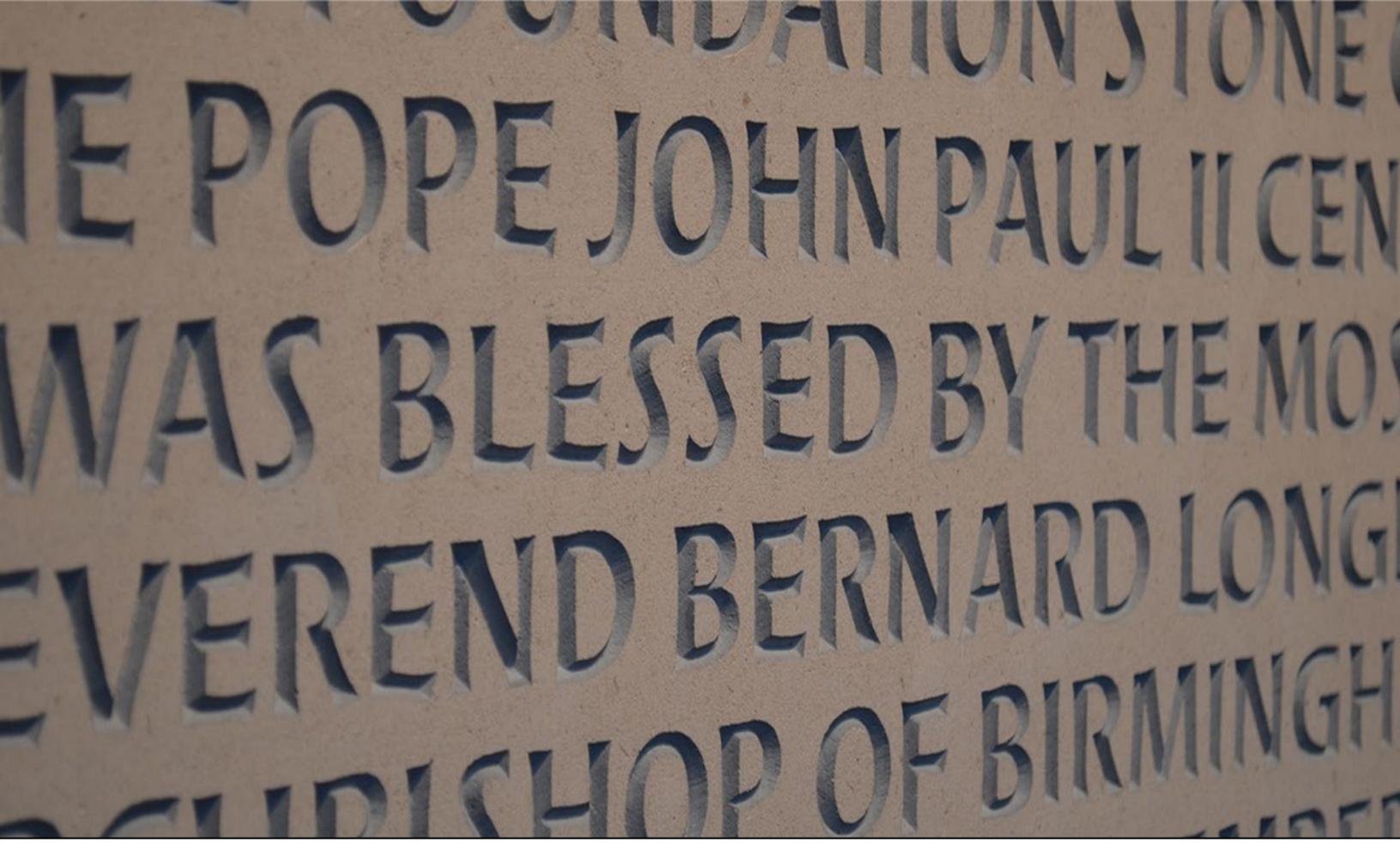
Barnard College with the celebrated anthropologist Franz Boas, she traveled extensively throughout the southern United States and the Caribbean to gather folklore and record the patterns of speech of illiterate, rural people of African descent (Parini 153). Her methods were as unorthodox as the material she amassed. Writes Hurston scholar Carla Kaplan, "Evidently, she cut an unusual figure—a single black woman driving her own car, toting a gun, sometimes passing for a bootlegger, offering prize money for the best stories and 'lies'" (Kinzer 2). Not surprisingly, the novel she reputedly crafted in just seven weeks is laced with legends, superstitions, songs, tales, proverbs, and local lore about the weather, plants, and animals of the South.

Such a novel, born of folklore and rooted in the oral tradition of storytelling, begs to be heard and discussed in the English classroom. Rather than permit my students to be passive receptacles of Janie's story, I invited them to pull up a chair and join in

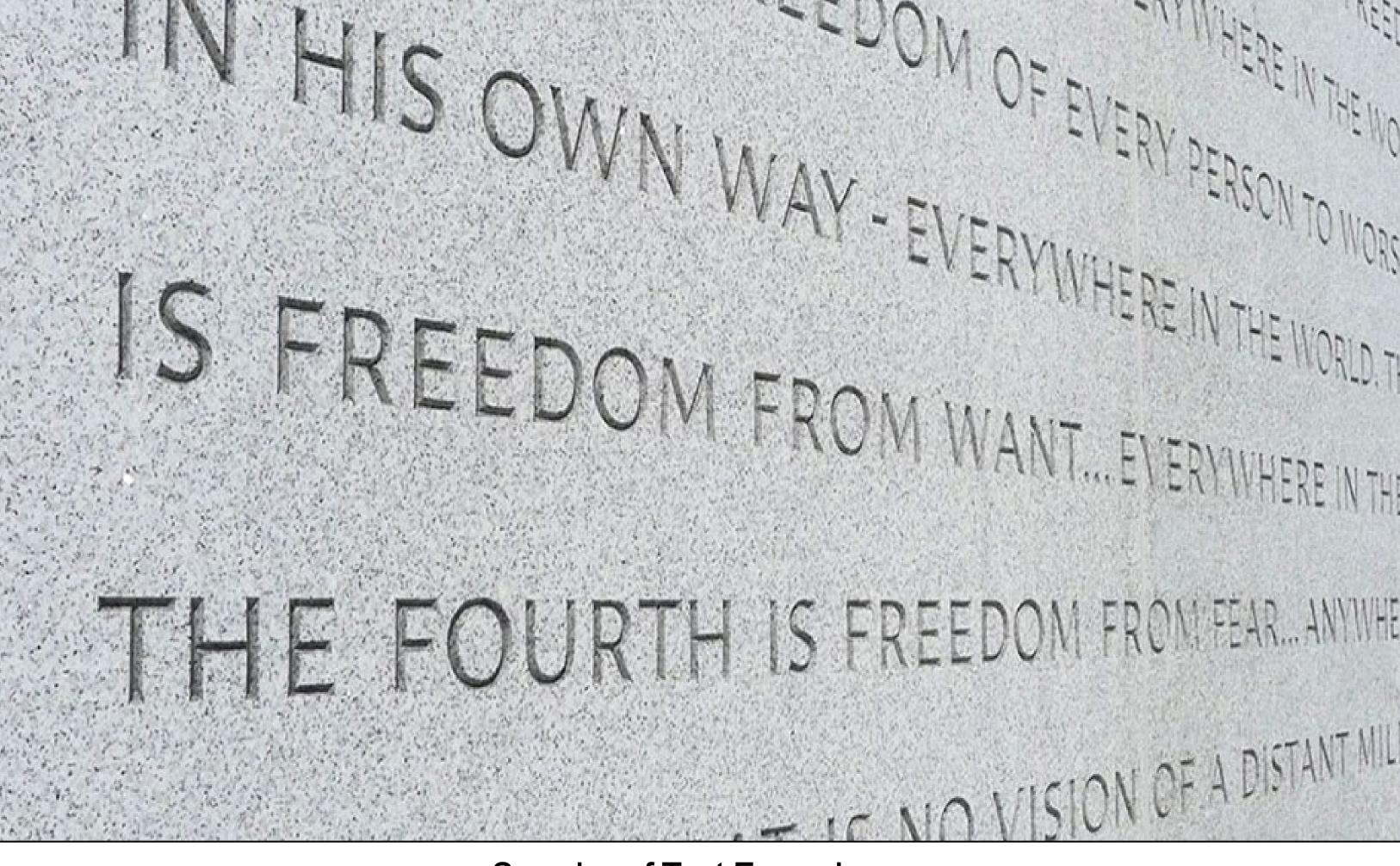
Porch Talk. We started by tuning our ears to Janie's dialect and ended by sharing our own stories in an all-class storytelling. In between, we listened to the novel on audiocassette; discussed it in Porch Groups; reflected on what we read and heard in our notebooks; responded to each

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Samples of Text Engraving





FREEDMAN'S TORCHLIGHT.

"If God be for us. who can be against us ?"--- * !!

BROOKLYN, N. Y., DECEMBER, 1866.

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We are Men-and therefore interested in whatever concerns Men.

NEW-YORK, FR. AY, NOV. 5, 1847.

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Something like cheerfulness began to pervade us enthusiasm to emulate the little company. The children forgetting whose places we stand. their fears and danger, commenced their usual to hoed their corn with amusements. One, a little fellow of five years sides, and those intrepid old, a son of the Scotchman of whom we spot d that homes from the shouldered the large stick with which they

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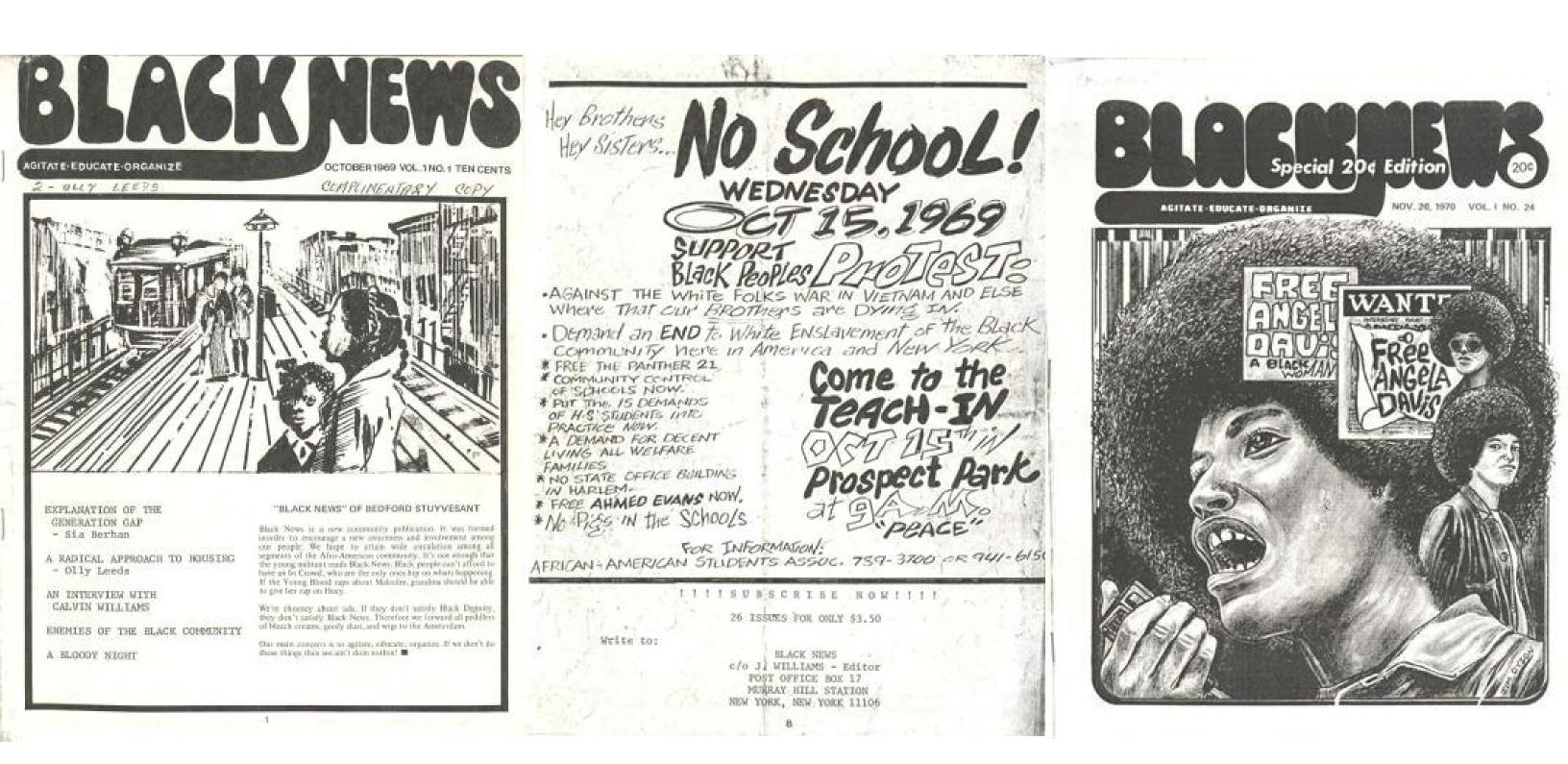
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Samples of Typefaces from Freedman's Torchlight and The Ram's Horn (both freed Blacks publication in 19th century New York)





Samples of Vernacular Typefaces from Brooklyn Storefronts

(Source: https://ephemeralnewyork.wordpress.com/tag/brooklyn -store-signs/)

WILLOUGHBY SQUARE PROPOSAL - PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

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Robots are people, too.

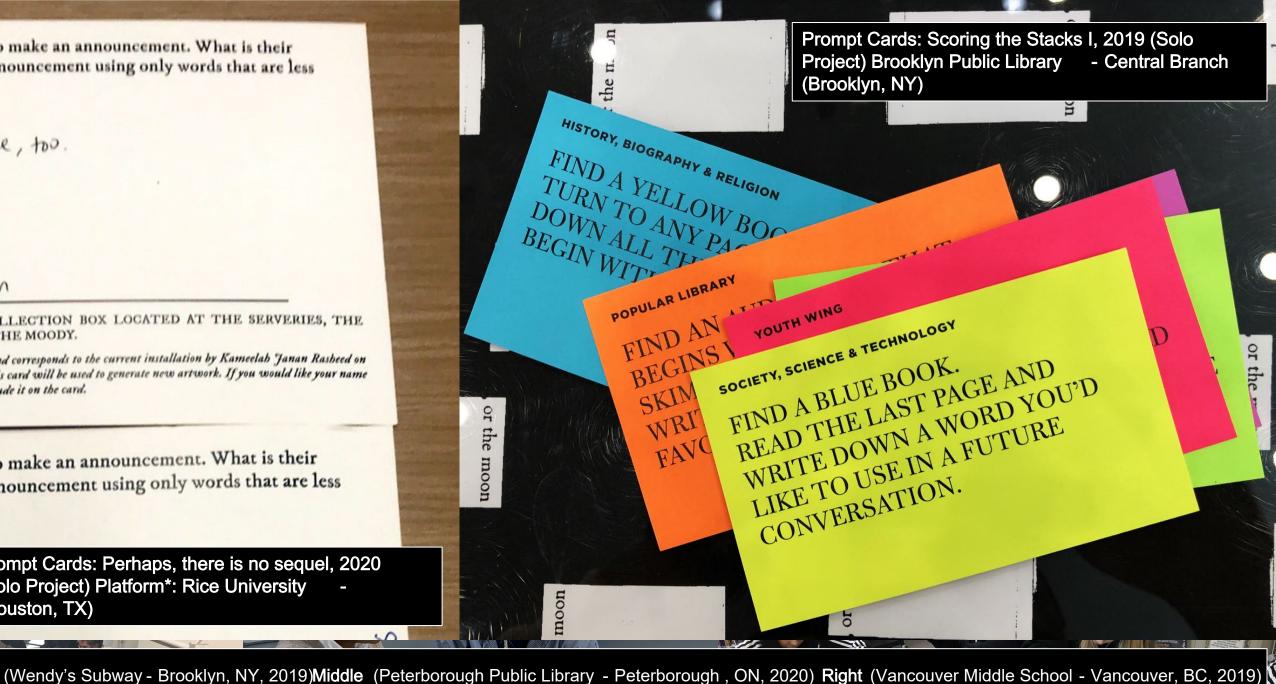
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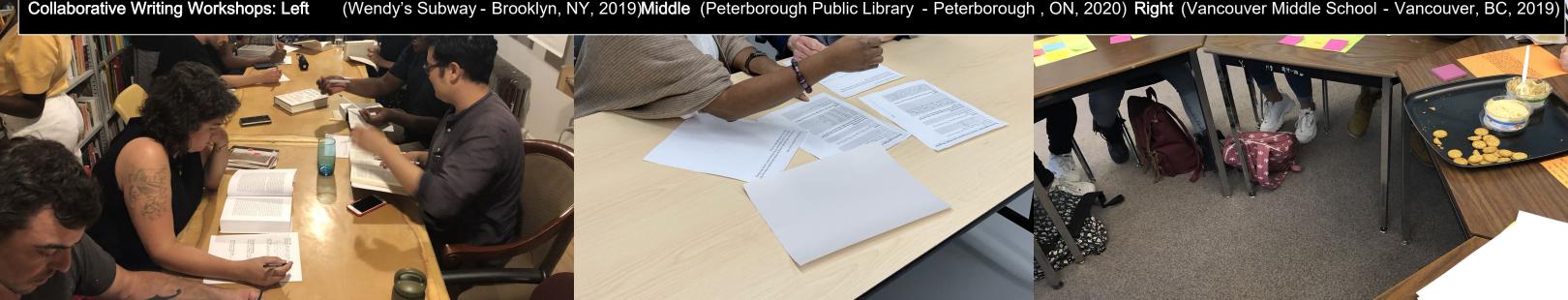
PLEASE RETURN THIS CARD TO THE COLLECTION BOX LOCATED AT THE SERVERIES, THE STUDENT CENTER RECEPTION DESK, OR THE MOODY.

This card is part of the Rice Public Art Platform series and corresponds to the current installation by Kameelah Janan Rasheed on view on the lawn adjacent to the Brochstein Pavilion. This card will be used to generate new artwork. If you would like your name to be acknowledged as part of the new artwork, please include it on the card.

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> Prompt Cards: Perhaps, there is no sequel, 2020 (Solo Project) Platform*: Rice University (Houston, TX)





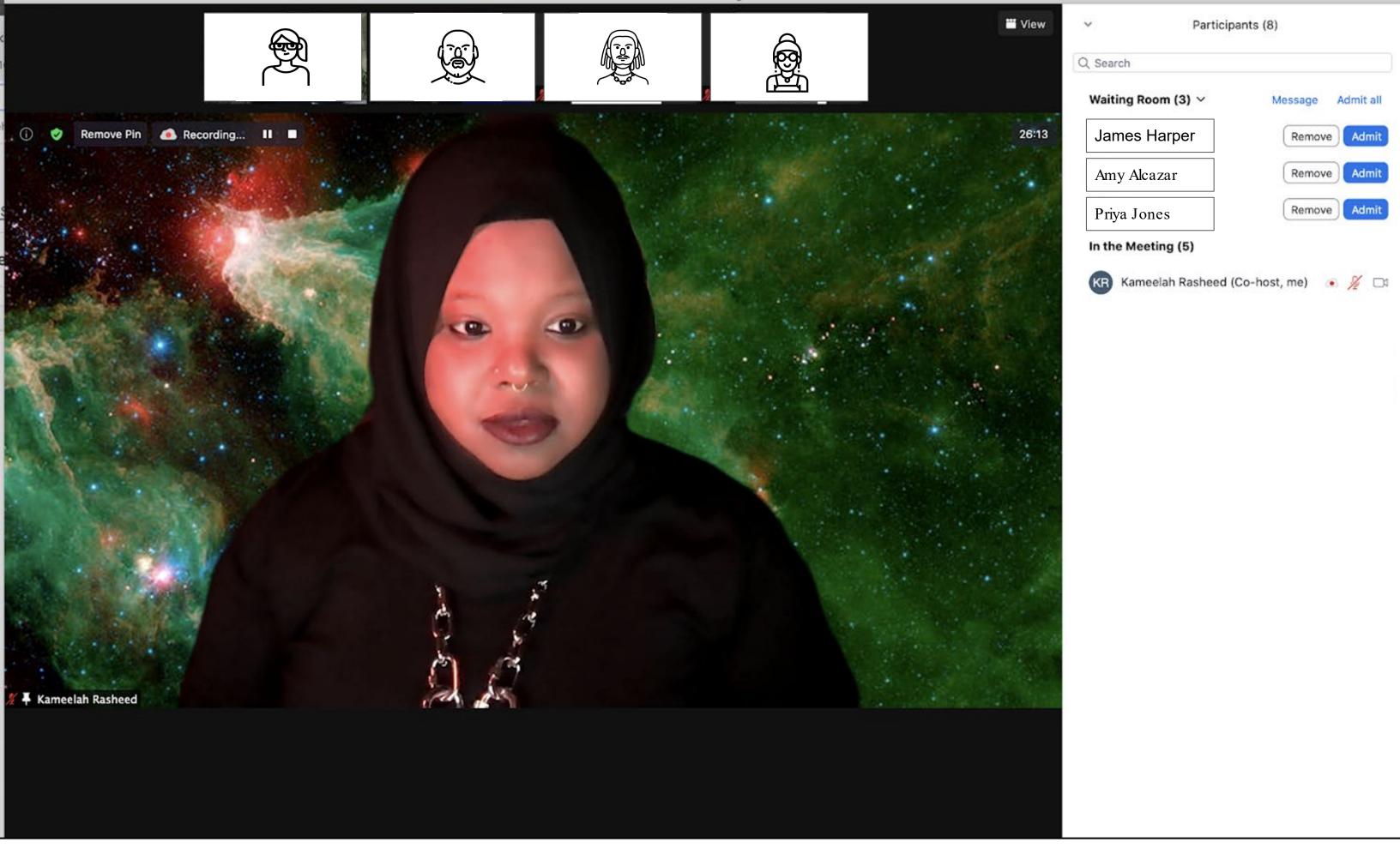
Pathway 1: Pre-Postage Prompts/Questions Located at Brooklyn Library Branches







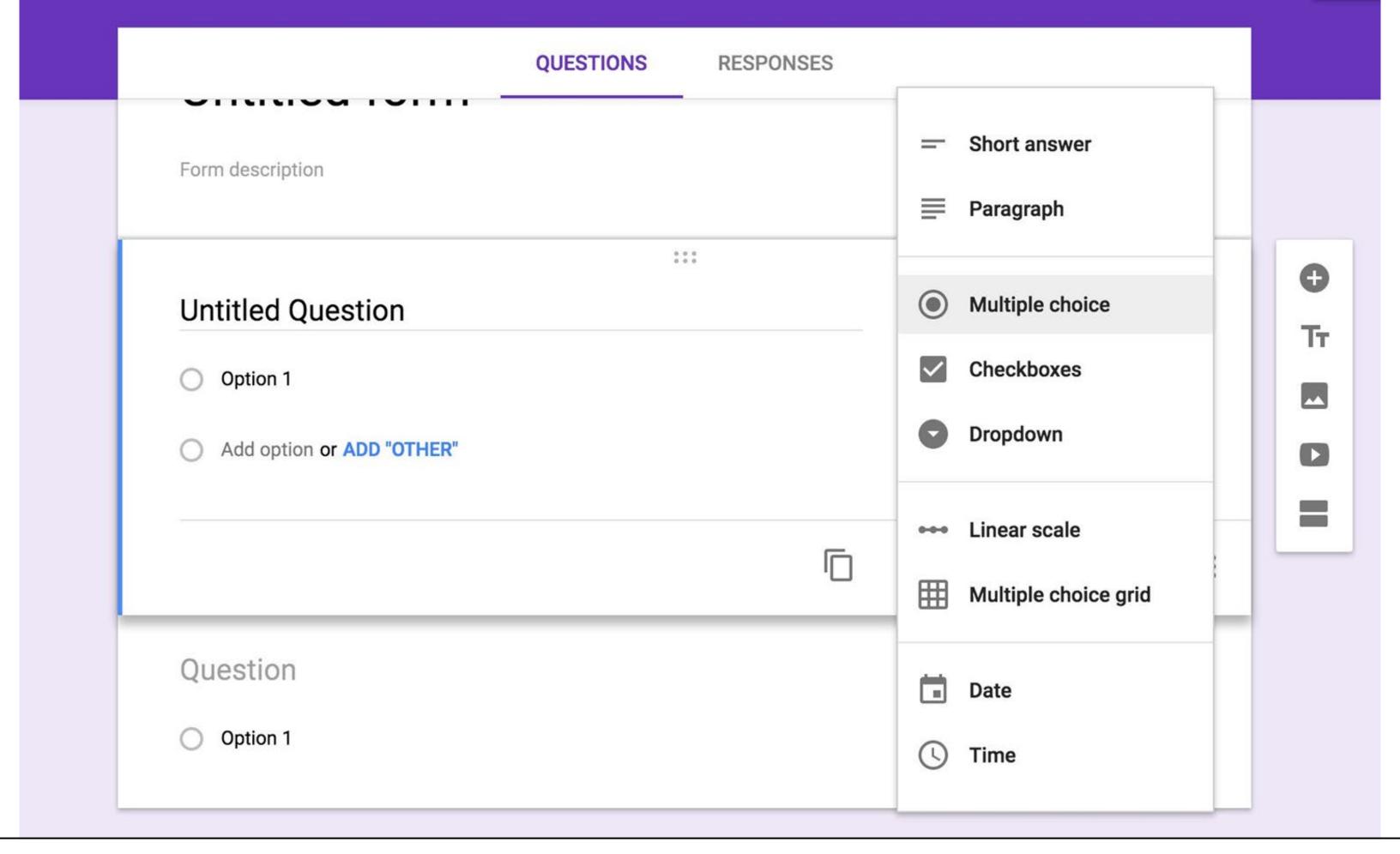




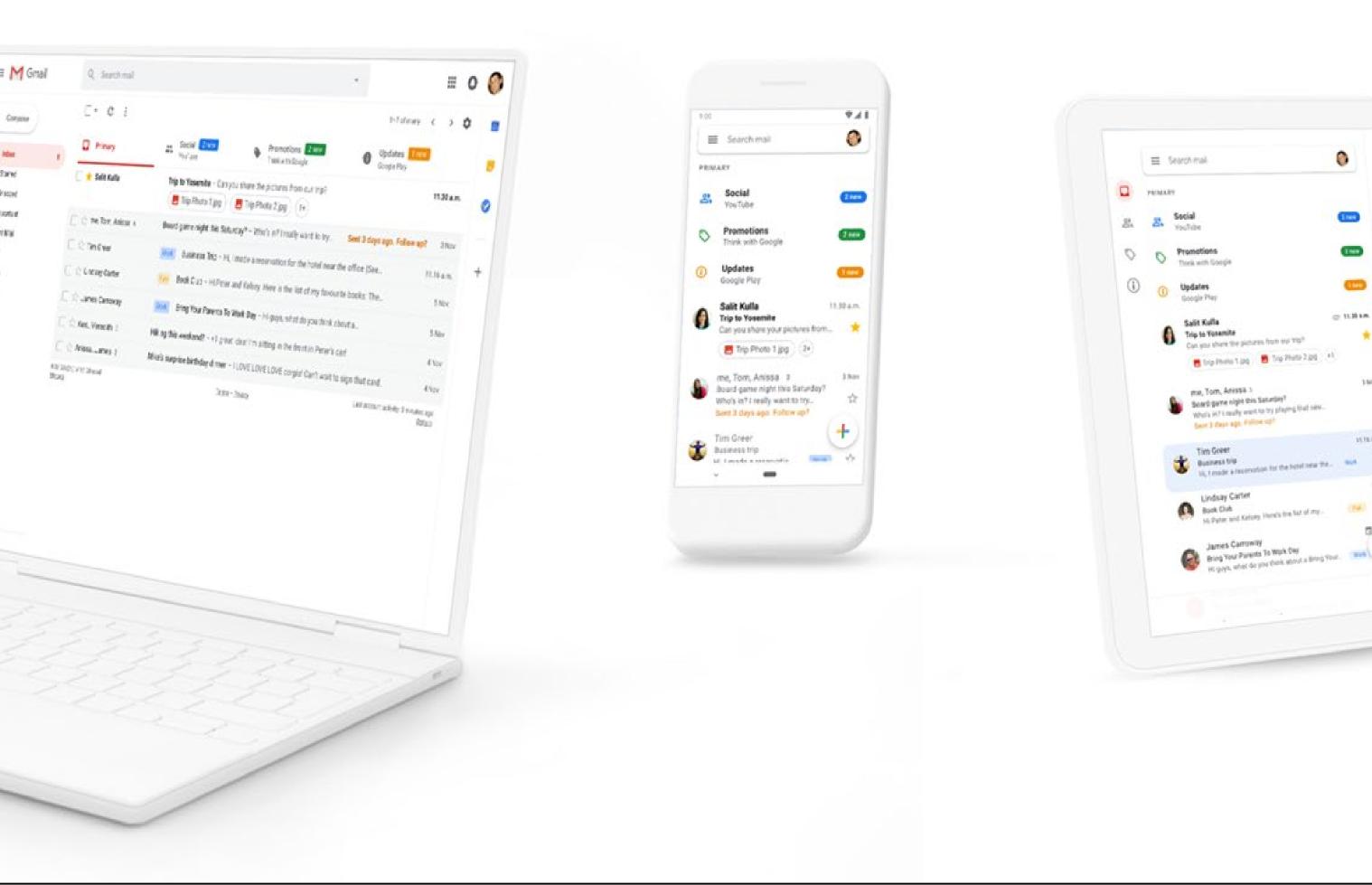
Pathway 2: Zoom Gatherings



Pathway 3: Collaboration with Public School Teachers



Pathway 4: Google Form



Business trip

Tim Green

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Pathway 5: Email Correspondence