

WALLACE BACON LECTURE 2023

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ENERGY, BEAUTY, AND BLACK MATTER

Madison contends the ubiquity and enduring emergence of collective action and visionary practice will always set free alchemies of energy. Since “energy is everything” it must reside with beauty to inspire movements more lovingly and evocatively for a healthy planet, a just world, and generous attention. Madison will illustrate this partnership of beauty and energy by performing excerpts from her revival of “Seahorse” (2019) a metaphorical tale of planetary formations and the Black transatlantic. The talk will engage notions of the “small” as represented by the Seahorse as well as how black bodies in time, space, and the imaginary extend normative conceptions of energy, consciousness, and beauty.

**4:00 PM | MAY 12, 2023 | Helmerich Auditorium (AMS 102)**