

The Reverend Howard Thurman, Blackness, and Vassar College:

Student Panel & Presentations

Thursday, February 15 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Location: Villard Room

Theologian and civil rights leader Howard Thurman gave approximately a dozen speeches at Vassar College between 1928 and 1950, and his daughter, Olive Thurman, graduated from the college in 1948.

Four students will present their original research on the legacy at Vassar College of the Black theologian the Reverend Howard Thurman, and offer their perspectives on the role that Thurman played in shaping the Vassar of the past, present, and future. The students developed their research in their Fall 2023 Intensive on Reverend Thurman. Reverend Thurman, who was a mentor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Bayard Rustin, and Pauli Murray, gave over a dozen sermons at Vassar College between 1928 and 1952. His daughter, Olive Thurman '48, was one of the first Black students to graduate from Vassar. The student panel will be moderated by Professor Jonathon Kahn.

Schedule:

5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Student Panel + Discussion + Q&A

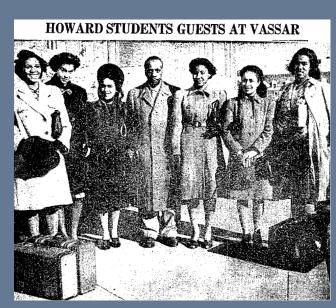
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Reception in the CCMPR

Student Panelists:

Croix Horsley '26 Jarod Hudson '26 Katie Varon '24 Maya Winter '26

If you would like to attend the panel virtually via Zoom, please scan the QR code, or click here to register. If you are attending in-person, no registration is required.





The Chicago Defender writes about Howard Thurman returning to Vassar as a guest chapel speaker in 1941. He brought with him students from Howard University.



Portrait of Olive Thurman at Vassar, Phyllis Bronfman Lambert, 1948.