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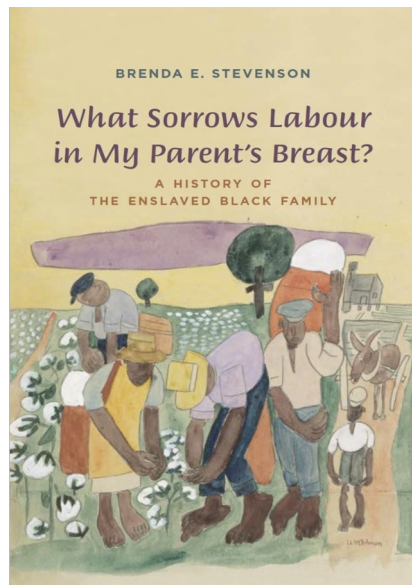
### What Sorrows Labour in My Parent's Breast? A History of the Enslaved Black Family



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**Conference Center 105**

**Lunch 12:30pm, Book Presentation 1pm**

In *What Sorrows Labour in My Parents' Breast?*, Stevenson provides a long overdue concise history to help the reader understand this vitally important African American institution as it evolved and survived under the extreme opposition that the institution of slavery imposed. The themes of this work center on the multifaceted reality of loss, recovery, resilience and resistance embedded in the desire of African/African-descended people to experience family life despite their enslavement. Stevenson pays particular attention to the ways in which gender, generation, location, slave labor, the economic status of slaveholders and slave societies' laws affected the black family in slavery.