Aggie Black Excellence Presents a BookTalk

June 21, 2:30-3:30 PM
Manetti Shrem Museum
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How have people and societies debated what it means to claim mixed race/multiracial identity? How have these debates shaped global history, Africa, and the African diaspora? This book answers these questions by narrating the history of children, born to African women and European men, in French-speaking West Africa in the twentieth century period of French colonial rule. Their birth sparked debate in French society about the status of multiracial people, debates historians have termed ‘the métis problem.’ Drawing on extensive archival and oral history research, Jean-Baptiste centers claims by métis themselves to access French social and citizenship rights amidst the refusal by fathers to recognize their lineage, and in the context of changing African racial thought and practice.

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