Business & Human Rights Workshop Series
Thursday, February 18, 2021 1:00-2:30 PM EST

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Black Star Line, Inc.:
Race in the Historical Life of the Corporation

From approximately 1916 to 1922, Marcus Garvey established himself as one of the most influential – and controversial – leaders in Black America. This seminar will examine Garvey’s ill-fated effort to use the Black Star Line, a Delaware-incorporated shipping firm, as an organizing vehicle for Black economic, social, and political independence. It will explore a complex set of socio-legal questions, including: How is race present in the historical life of the American business corporation? Who is traditionally thought of as an insider and an outsider in American capital markets? How have racially-inflected power asymmetries appeared in the fabric of the market? And how has the politically-motivated use of business regulation thwarted the entrepreneurial efforts and political goals of racial minority groups?

The Workshop is dedicated to the discussion of works-in-progress and other non-published research. The paper will be distributed to registered participants prior to the Workshop.

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