The Role of Race in the History of Rice

Speaker: Dr. Melissa Kean, Rice Historian

When: Thursday January 30th, 2020 from 12 to 1 pm, Lunch will be provided.

Where: Duncan Hall 1049

Abstract: When Rice University opened its door to African American students in 1965, it followed two decades of growing pressure from multiple constituencies. I will discuss the sources of the pressures for change, why they were resisted for so long, and what finally caused change to come to an institution that did not want it. This is not the story of the first black students at Rice but rather the story of how the men who controlled the university in the post-World War II era grappled with a world that was rapidly changing around them.

We thank Dr. Kean for accepting our invitation to speak to our RGEM students. Please RSVP as lunch will be provided: bit.ly/2020RGEMrsvpTalk

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