

## **Preserving History and Privacy: SCOPA Talk for Black History Month**



Join us on Thursday, February 11 from 2-3pm in the SML Lecture Hall for *Preserving History and Privacy: Creating a Digital Archive of Record from the Earliest African American Psychiatric Hospital*, by Dr. King Davis, Professor at the University of Texas at Austin (UT).

Dr. King Davis has served as Director of the UT Institute for Urban Policy Research and Analysis and as the Robert Lee Sutherland Chair in Mental Health and Social Policy in the UT School of Social Work. Dr. Davis will discuss his work as project lead to digitize and create a digital archive for thousands of records from the earliest African American psychiatric hospital, originally called the “Central Lunatic Asylum for the Colored Insane”. The hospital, located in Petersburg, VA, opened in 1870 and contains records including admissions records, photographs, financial documents and other materials that give insight into previously untold stories.

Dr. Davis will also address developing solutions to the privacy challenges of this work. In addition to Dr. Davis, the project team includes Unmil Karadkar, PhD, Patricia Galloway, PhD, Lorraine Dong, PhD and Victor Obaseki, JD. This talk is sponsored by SCOPA.

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