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[mmcgrann@hampton.gov](mailto:mmcgrann@hampton.gov)**Hampton History Museum's April lecture discusses local environmental disparities**

**Hampton, VA** –Join the Hampton History Museum as they host a profound Port Hampton Culture Series on Monday, April 3. This lecture is part of the museum's monthly talks featuring special guests who discuss a plethora of interesting topics.

**Port Hampton Culture Series****Coal Blooded****Monday, April 3, 7-8 p.m.****Museum members free, non-members \$5**

Join videographer Brandon Davis and collaborator Michael Bush for a showing and discussion of their documentary exploring the community and health impact of the coal terminal in Southeast Newport News. Towering above the surrounding area, the 200-acre coal pile is located right next to a redlined neighborhood that today has the highest rate of asthma in the city.

As the recent winner at the Richmond Environmental Film Festival, this film includes interviews with former Newport News Mayor McKinley Price, Christopher Newport University professor Dr. Johnny Finn, Christopher Newport University alum Asa Townsend, social activist Angela Harris, and resident and business owner Yugonda Sample-Jones. These individuals and several others will participate in a panel discussion and question and answer period following the film.

**The Filmmakers**

Brandon Davis grew up in Leesburg, Virginia, and moved to Newport News, Virginia to attend school at Christopher Newport University. In May 2022, he achieved a degree in Marketing with a Photography and Video Art Minor. In college, he served as a Bonner Service Scholar volunteering 300 hours per year to the Newport News community. Through his service, he began his photography journey and learned the value of effective storytelling.

Michael Bush is from Fredericksburg, Virginia. Bush moved to Newport News, Virginia to attend school at Christopher Newport University. He graduated in May of 2022 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science along with double minoring in Leadership and Communication Studies. Currently, he's working in Newark, New Jersey as an eighth grade math teacher and basketball coach. He's passionate about youth development, promoting

individual sustainable practices, and researching local environmental issues to help improve communities through education, awareness and service.

## **Hampton History Museum**

The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in Downtown Hampton. There is free parking in the garage across the street from the museum. For more information call 757-727-1102 or visit [www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org](http://www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org).

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Image descriptions:

HHM April 1: Coal Blooded movie title

HHM April 2: Coal terminal tower

HHM April 3: Filmmaker Brandon Davis

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Science Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.