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## CO-OP CONVERSATIONS

A casual online gathering for co-operative professionals to learn from others in the field and exchange information

## BLACK AMERICAN WOMEN: MOVING AND SHAKING U.S. CO-OPS

FEATURING DR. JESSICA GORDON-NEMBHARD

Date: Wednesday, March 1 Time: 12:00 - 1:00 PM CST (Saskatchewan time) Where: on Zoom (free to attend)



Black American women have been an integral part of the Black co-operative movement in the USA—similar to their pivotal roles in the Black Church, mutual aid societies, and the Civil Rights Movement. They are often the ones organizing and managing in the background, doing much of the scut work, without the glory or formal recognition. At the same time, African American women have been not just members but also the founders, managers, and directors of co-operative enterprises and co-operative activity. In these roles, they asserted leadership and promoted cohesiveness that often secured long-term success for their co-ops. In this Co-op Conversation, Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives fellow and Professor of Community Justice and Social Economic Development at City University of New York Dr. Jessica Gordon-Nembhard highlights the history and contributions of black women in the US co-operative sector and the achievements of Black American co-op heroes such as Ella Jo Baker, Nannie Helen Burroughs, Halena Wilson, and Fannie Lou Hamer.

