

ASLE #WalkingAlone&Together Anticipatory Set

Walking Alone and Together Origin Story:

On April 1st, 2020, in the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the three of us - Shimira Williams, Michelle King, and Marijke Hecht - set out to have a conversation on Zoom together. We three are women educators, playmakers, learning instigators, and earth troublemakers. As we were learning what it meant to be sheltered in place, we serendipitously birthed [#WalkingAloneandTogether](#) (WAAT). Through the discipline of showing up week after week, we created refugia, an area in which a population of organisms can survive through a period of unfavorable conditions. This virtual refugia was our emergent community space, centering our complex identities of race, gender, class, spirituality and geographies. As we look back, more than a year later, we can see that it is also a place of refuge and futurity inspired by Afrofuturism, SolarPunk and Indigeneity. Now, we want to offer not only a summary of what we have learned together - we also want to share the process that we developed by offering our Learning Refugia Workshop with ASLE.



The Invitation:

Would you like to cultivate a practice of walking or being-in-place together and alone as part of your conference experience? We invite you to co-create and co-connect communities around the world for #ASLE2021 with #WalkingAloneAndTogether at our

Live Workshop on Monday July 26, 2021 from 12 noon-1pm EDT

Vocabulary to Grapple With:

refugia, beloved community, ki/kin, loitering, decay, scalar, tiny experiment

Ross Gay on Loitering:

[The Paris Review - Loitering Is](#)

[Delightful - The Paris Review](#) (article)

[Ross Gay — Tending Joy and Practicing Delight | The On Being Project - The On Being Project](#) (audio)

Musical Playlist:

<https://sptfy.com/es30>

Walking Alone & Together:

A Journal of walking gratitude and joy

Let's do an experiment!

Spend one week doing a daily walk with a journal entry.

Week 1 - Loitering

- Photo or doodle of the walk
- Notice and record what you are grateful for in your community
- Noticings of 'time beings' (visual, auditory, all senses)
 - a person in community
 - More than human creature
 - Element (air, water, etc)
 - What do you hear when you sit still outside your house
- Wonderings
 - What do we think that these other time beings might notice and wonder about?

"Enjoy your walks, be patient with yourself, take notice"
- Marijke Hecht & Michelle King & Shimira Williams