

LOCATION: Black Cultural Center

**Monday 3/6**

Exhibition opening "Mouride Muslims"

**Wednesday 3/8**

@ 4:00 PM Gallery talk

@ 6:30 PM Photography workshop.



Hosted by Gordon Parks Ensemble



Iris Dawn Parker is a photographer and visual artist living in South Africa. Since the 90's Iris has been actively involved in educating youth by conducting photography and life skills workshops in townships and rural areas. She is a former Fulbright Memorial Fellow. Most recently she was selected as a Leadership Scholar at the Arcus Center for Social Justice residency program, Michigan.

Ms. Parker's series '*Mouride Muslims in South Africa*' documents a celebration of Chaikh Aamadubàmba Mbàkke by one of the Mouride Muslim Mosques in Johannesburg, South Africa. The 30,000 Mouride Muslims primarily immigrated from Senegal West Africa call South Africa home and community members manage several mosques in major cities throughout the nation. Parker seeks to demystify this particular branch of Islam, provide insight into their religious practices, and unpack the xenophobia they face as immigrants.