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As scholars of the African Diaspora we comprehend the complexities of our field: centuries of muted voices uncovered by the archaeological record, politics of representation and narrative, intersections of power, privilege and oppression. Understanding these textures requires multifaceted perspectives and interdisciplinary approaches. As the new editors of the ADAN we each bring a particular academic training and intellectual focus to our work, and will transfer these lenses into the future trajectory of this journal. One of the many challenges of our discipline is to figure out how to push the scholarly parameters and think more complexly about life across the Diaspora. These sorts of cross disciplinary approaches will nurture what the late Dr. VeVe Clark (1991) coined as "diaspora literacy." The material record is always in conversation with the social world, thus reminding us to keep these discussions open. This December's newsletter reflects our want to reach out of the soil and into broader cultural spaces, while not neglecting our archaeological foundation. We hope our direction encourages further interdisciplinary inquiries and enriches our diaspora literacies so that we can continue to mend the cultural mosaic of the African Diaspora.



Reference: VeVe Clark, "Developing Diaspora Literacy and Marasa Consciousness" in Hortense Spillers, ed. *Comparative American Identities: Race, Sex, and Nationality in the Modern Text* (New York: Routledge, 1991), 40-61.