Queen Quet is a global climate change leader that is the visionary behind the “Gullah/Geechee Sustainability Think Tank” which centers its work on human health and environmental quality coupled with the protection of coastal cultural heritage. They seek to insure equity is a part of the climate change, resilience, and sustainability plans that are being made in the region and nationally.

Queen Quet will discuss the impact of environmental health and climate change on food security and the way of life for the Gullah/Geechee community and how community engagement efforts can combat some of these issues.

Friday, September 6, 2019
12:00-1:00 p.m.
HPNP Room G-101

Reception to follow immediately after

Queen Quet Marquetta L. Goodwine is the Chiefess of the Gullah/Geechee Nation. She is the first queen mother and officially selected and elected spokesperson and liaison of the Gullah/Geechee people. The Gullah/Geechee are African descendants of slaves (ADOS) with strong cultural ties to West Africa, including a distinct creole language spoken by the Gullah. The Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor runs along the Sea Islands, stretching from Jacksonville, Florida to Jacksonville, North Carolina. The Gullah/Geechee have a rich history in Florida given their role as escaped slaves who later became known as the Black Seminole. The Gullah/Geechee have long subsisted on the ocean and the land and their cultural heritage embodies the One Health Framework.