



a talk with

**Alison Rose Jefferson**

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# **BLACK LEADERS OF LEISURE**

THEIR CALIFORNIA DREAM DURING THE JIM CROW ERA  
AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF THEIR STORIES TODAY

Bruce's Beach was an African American resort overlooking the water in Manhattan Beach until 1924, when the city seized the land. Officials recently took steps toward returning the property to the Bruce family. Alison Rose Jefferson, author of *Living the California Dream: African American Leisure sites during the Jim Crow Era*, discusses the history of Bruce's Beach, other African American leisure sites, and how the fight for equal access to public recreation contributed to the state's development.



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