

20th Annual Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference

The Purdue University Department of Philosophy welcomes you to the 20th annual *Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference* (PBOS.COM) in West Lafayette, IN

October 25-26, 2013



Ethics, Aesthetics and the Epistemology of Being

In recent years, globally oriented conferences from around the black world¹ have insisted that the ground of reason is and ought to shift – prompting such questions as: What does this shifting ground look like? What do ‘reason,’ ‘beauty,’ ‘virtue’ look like in their new home? How do we reconcile these concepts with perspectives from ‘the periphery’ – ‘Black philosophies,’ ‘working-class philosophies,’ ‘feminist philosophies,’ ‘insurrectionist philosophies,’ etc?

There is a broad corpus of work by and about authors of African American heritage directed towards debating the answers to these and other questions, with varying answers including discussion of post-soul, Afro-futurism, contract theory, political liberalism, epistemic racism/injustice/ignorance, feminist theory, etc. These debates represent the internal dialogue between different schools of thought all arising out a community concerned with human liberation. Over the last twenty years, Philosophy Born of Struggle has mapped and chronicled these debates from within this heritage and these peripheral perspectives. The PHILOSOPHY BORN OF STRUGGLE: 20TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE will try to enhance internal dialogue by visiting and locating debates within the tradition and drawing connections between thinkers and perspectives from across the diaspora.

The 20th is also a time to remember a scholar who has left a towering legacy and for many years sojourned to PBS: William R. Jones [Remembering William R. Jones, Lewis Gordon](http://www.lewisrgordon.com/sketches/remembering-william-r-jones.html) www.lewisrgordon.com/sketches/remembering-william-r-jones.html

Registration: There is no charge for conference participation. However, please register at: www.conf.Purdue.edu/pbos (Click Add to Cart)

Meals: Continental breakfast and a light lunch provided. Purdue Memorial Union has excellent dining facilities in the lower level and a dining room on the second level. A number of restaurants are also within easy walking distance of the PMU.

Lodging: A special rate is available at: [Purdue Memorial Union Club Hotel](http://www.purdue.edu/unionclub), 101 N Grant St, West Lafayette IN 47906-3574. Reservations can be made by phone at: 765-494-8913, request a PBOS reserved room. Hotel is located on the corner of State and Grant Streets (Building Code PMUC see campus map below). Lafayette, IN-Hotels: http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g37242-Lafayette_Indiana-Hotels.html

Parking: Parking is available at Grant Street Parking Garage October 25th. Parking passes will be available at registration at the Black Cultural Center, beginning 8:00am.

Map/Directions: Purdue’s campus map is available online at: www.purdue.edu/campus_map/; Directions to the Purdue Memorial Union, Union Club Hotel, and Grant Street Parking Garage: www.union.purdue.edu/HTML/PMU/MapAndDirections.aspx Transportation from Indianapolis/airport: <http://www.lafayettelimo.com/Shuttle/Schedule.aspx>

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Sponsors: Office of the Provost, College of Liberal Arts, Department of Philosophy, African American Studies, American Studies, Black Cultural Center, Black Thought Collective

¹ Conferences include: series by the National University of Benin and [CODESRIA](http://www.codesria.org) (Council for Development of Social Science Research in Africa); “Shifting the Geography of Reason VI: Migrations and Diasporas”, Caribbean Philosophical Association, 2009; www.clrjames.org; “Philosophical Dialogue Between Africa and the Americas”, UNESCO, 2010 <http://wpscape.info/unesco/2011> in three languages and permanently maintained by the Alain Locke Society; articles from proceedings in both English and French also published by [Diogène](http://www.cairn.info/revue-diogene.htm) www.cairn.info/revue-diogene.htm