

**FRIDAY OCT. 25TH
&
SATURDAY OCT. 26TH
2013**

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

**20TH ANNUAL
PHILOSOPHY
BORN OF
STRUGGLE**

ADVOCACY: ETHICS, AESTHETICS, & EPISTEMOLOGY OF BEING.



Keynote Addresses:

**Rozena Maart
University Of Kwa Zulu Natal**

**Lewis Gordan
University Of Connecticut**

**Cornel West
Union Theological Seminary**

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African American Studies, American Studies, Black Cultural Center, and Black Thought Collective**

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

8:00am – 9:00am

Meet in lobby of hotel, Purdue Memorial Union
Registration, Continental Breakfast, guides to BCC, Tour BCC

BLACK CULTURAL CENTER

9:00am—10:30am

William R. Jones (1933-2012) Lectures
Epistemology of Education

Blanche Radford-Curry
Fayetteville State University

Epistemic Racism and Social Justice: The Role of Education

Joan Whitman Hoff
Lock Haven University

Exploring Identity: Classroom

Rondee Gaines
Miami University

A Womanist Analysis of Fulani Sunni Ali's Rhetoric
and the Republic of New Africa

10:30am—12:00pm

Prison Abolition

Dennis Rogers
Bowie State University

Resistance to Oppression & Abolishment of Oppressive Systems
in the Philosophy of Angela Davis and Herbert Marcuse

Amy Pommerening
Purdue University

Prison Abolition, Giorgio Agamben and Angela Davis

Denise James
University of Dayton

Angela Davis: Radical Habits

Matthew Hutcherson
Paine College

Black Freedom, Communism

12:00pm

Walk to Purdue Memorial Union,
West Faculty Lounge, Room 250, 2nd Floor

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

12:00pm—2:30pm Lunch, Purdue Memorial Union, West Faculty Lounge, Room 250, 2nd floor

Jazz: The Aesthetic - Albert Mosley

Reflections:

Cornel West, Blanche Radford-Curry, Lucius Outlaw, et.al.

**Purdue Memorial Union
West Faculty Lounge, Room 250**

2:30pm-4:00pm

Ethics of Insurrection

Lee McBride
College of Wooster

Guile, Duplicity, and Imaginative Scenarios of Emancipation

Jacoby Carter
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

The Insurrectionist Challenge to Pragmatism

Melvin Rogers
Emory University

David Walker: Insurrection

4:00pm-5:30pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Advocacy Tradition: Philosophy Born of Struggle

Cornel West
Professor of Philosophy and Christian Practice at Union Theological Seminary and Professor Emeritus at Princeton University

SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

8:00am—9:00am

STEWART CENTER (Rooms 302/306)
Continental Breakfast

9:00am-10:30am

Existential Hope and Resurgence

Robert Birt
Bowie State University

M. L. King and Liberation

Greg Moses
Austin Community College

M. L. King and Conscience

Anthony Neal
Paine College

Wallace Thurman

Devon Johnson
Temple University

Black Nihilism

10:30am-12:00pm

Epistemology - Standpoint - Culture

James Haile
Dickenson College

Existentialism and Aesthetics

Michael Monahan
Marquette University

Ontology and Race

Eric Weber
University of Mississippi

Democracy, Culture, Race

Tommy Curry
Texas A&M University

Cultural Logic

SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

1:00pm-2:30pm

Lunch, Stewart Center (Rooms 302/306)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rozena Maart

Consciousness

*Gender Studies & Centre for Critical Research on Race and Identity
University of Kwa Zulu Natal*

World Links: Student Discussion/University of Kwa Zulu Natal/Fayetteville State University, et.al.

2:30pm-4:00pm

Identity

Namita Goswami
Indiana University

Identity: Feminism/Subaltern

Yubraj Aryal
Purdue University

Nonsovereign versus Subaltern: Reincarnation of the Oppressed

Kenneth Stickers
Southern Illinois University

Between Assimilationism and Separatism: Alain Locke's Cosmopolitanism

4:00pm-6pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Lewis Gordon

*Professor of Philosophy, African American Studies, and Judaic Studies at University of Connecticut;
Europhilosophy, Toulouse University, France; Nelson Mandela Distinguished Visiting Professor, Rhodes
University, South Africa*

*Living Thought, Living Freedom through Three Portraits of
Philosophy Born of Struggle*

7:00pm

Transportation from Memorial Union Hotel Lobby

CONFERENCE RECEPTION

Home of Leonard & Linda Harris
The Josip Drovnik House
1932 Happy Hollow Rd
West Lafayette, IN

CONFERENCE PRESENTERS

Yubraj Ayril is ABD in the Philosophy and Literature PhD Program, Department of Philosophy at Purdue University. He is the editor of "Journal of Philosophy: A Cross-Disciplinary Inquiry (Kathmandu, Nepal). He is also editing a Special Issue entitled "Desire, Spirituality and 'Regimes of Truth' in Contemporary South Asian Literature," for the journal *The World Forum for World Literature Studies*.

Robert Birt is Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Bowie State University, Department of History and Government. His research interests include community, justice, equality, and liberation. He is the editor of *The Liberatory Thought of Martin Luther King Jr.: Critical Essays on the Philosopher King* and the *Quest for Community and Identity: Critical Essays in Africana Social Philosophy*.

Jacoby Carter is Assistant Professor of Philosophy at CUNY: John Jay College. Professor Carter's research interests include social and political philosophy, value theory (ethics) and pragmatism. More narrowly, his interests include contemporary philosophical discussions of war and terrorism, and the work of pragmatist figures Alain Locke and John Dewey. He is co-editor of *Philosophic Values and World Citizenship: Locke to Obama and Beyond*, and author of "Just/New War Theory: Non-state Actors in Asymmetric Conflicts," "The Insurrectionist Challenge to Pragmatism and Maria W. Stewart's Feminist Insurrectionist Ethics," and "Environmental Pragmatism, Global Warming, and Climate Change" (forthcoming).

Tommy Curry is Associate Professor of Philosophy and Rothrock Fellow at Texas A&M University. His research interests include Theories of Oppression and Social Justice, Africana Philosophy, and Critical Race Theory. Dr. Curry's PhD is from Southern Illinois University. Dr. Curry has published in a wide variety of journals; his research and publications focus on Critical Race Theory and Africana Philosophy, Anti-Colonial Economic Thought and Colonial Sexuality Studies, Social/Political Philosophy (specifically Civil Rights Jurisprudence), & Biomedical Ethics of Investigational Treatments and the Ethics of Pain and Suffering.

Rondee Gaines is Visiting Assistant Professor and Heanon-Wilkins Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Media, Journalism, and Film, Miami Ohio University. "I am A Revolutionary Black Female Nationalist: A Womanist Analysis of Fulani Sunni Ali' Role as a New African Citizen and Minister of Information in the Provisional Government of the Republic of New Africa," which was directed by Dr. M. Lane Bruner.

Lewis Gordon is Professor of Philosophy, African American Studies, and Judaic Studies at University of Connecticut; Europhilosophy, Toulouse University, France; Nelson Mandela Distinguished Visiting Professor, Rhodes University, South Africa. His areas of research include race, Africana philosophy, existentialism, and anti-colonialism. He is author of twelve influential books, including *Bad Faith and Antiracist Racism* and *Existential Africana: Understanding Africana Existential Thought*. Dr. Gordon received his PhD from Yale University.

Namita Goswami is Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Indiana State University. Her research areas include critical theory, critical race theory, feminist philosophy and postcolonial philosophy. Dr. Goswami received her Ph.D. from Emory University.

James Haile is Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Dickinson College. His research areas include existentialism and aesthetics. He received his Ph.D. from Duquesne University where his focus was on Black existentialism and has presented at a variety of conferences.

Joan Whitman Hoff specializes in applied and professional ethics, aesthetics, Canadian philosophy, women's studies and issues of gender, race, and class. She teaches at Lock Haven University, received a Ph.D. from The American University and is co-author of *Philosophies for Living*.

Matthew Hutcherson is Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Paine College. His current areas of research are in the philosophy of Martin Luther King, Jr., and Hip-Hop and the Black Power Movement. He has lectured at numerous universities. His recent travels to South Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific have

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Devon Johnson is ABD at Temple University. His areas of research include existentialism and Africana philosophy. He has attended other philosophy conferences.

William R. Jones, Professor Emeritus July 17, 1933-July 13, 2012 **(PBS lecture named in his honor)**

William Ronald Jones was born July 17, 1933 in Louisville, Kentucky. He received a BA in Philosophy (magna cum laude) from Howard University in 1955, a Masters of Divinity from Harvard University in 1958, and a Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Brown University in 1969. He then was Associate Professor at the Yale Divinity School (1969-76) and Coordinator of Black Studies at Yale University (1974-76). In 1976, Dr. William R. Jones moved to Tallahassee, Florida, where he lived and worked until his death on Friday, July 13, 2012. He founded the Afro-American Studies Program at Florida State University and continued to be the program Director until his retirement. Throughout his career, Dr. William R. Jones published extensively, including two editions of *Is God a White Racist?* and *Black Theology II*. He had been an integral supporter of the Philosophy Born of Struggle project.

Rozena Maart is Director of the Centre for Critical Research on Race and Identity, The SOAS Centre for Gender Studies University of KwaZulu-Natal. Her areas include critical race theory, Black consciousness, gender identity and African cultural dynamics. Author of the *Writing Circle* and member of Borderlands Institute, Dr. Maart manages student research and discussion groups such as Steve Biko, Black Consciousness, Critical Race Theory, Gender, Sexuality and the City, Transformation, Masculinities, Namibian Holocaust, and Gender-based Violence Studies.

Lee McBride is chair of the Philosophy Department and Associate Professor of Philosophy at the College of Wooster. Dr. McBride earned PhD from Purdue University and his current research focuses on pragmatist ethics, insurrectionist ethics, the philosophy of race, feminism, and agrarianism. Dr. McBride's publications include "Agrarian Ideals and Practices: Comments on Paul B. Thompson's The Agrarian Vision" and "Collectivistic Individualism: Dewey and MacIntyre." and the editor of the a special edition of the *Transactions of the Charles Pierce Society Journal* on the Leonard Harris's ethics of insurrection.

Michael Monahan is Associate Professor and Acting Chair of the Philosophy Department at Marquette University. His research focuses upon issues of oppression and liberation. He is the author of *The Creolizing Subject: Race, Reason, and the Politics of Purity*. Dr. Monahan received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois.

Greg Moses is Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Austin Community College. His research interests include American Pragmatism and the philosophy of Martin Luther King, Jr. He is author of *Revolution of Conscience: Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Philosophy of Nonviolence*. Dr. Moses received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin.

Anthony Neal is Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Paine College. His research has covered such figures as Wallace Thurman and Huey P. Newton." Dr. Neal has presented at the American Association of Religion, Philosophy Born of Struggle, and National Council of Black Studies, to name a few, as well as a manager of Paine University's Harlem Renaissance's Relevance across the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Curriculum.. His specialization areas are Aesthetics, Africana Philosophy and Religious Thought, Critical Theory, Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion.

Lucius Outlaw, professor of Philosophy and of Africana and Diaspora Studies at Vanderbilt University, is the former Associate Provost for undergraduate education. Prior to joining the Vanderbilt faculty, Outlaw was the T. Wistar Brown Professor of Philosophy at Haverford College and taught at Fisk University and Morgan State University. Dr. Outlaw's areas of specialization include Africana philosophy, European Continental philosophy, history of Western philosophy, and social and political philosophy. In addition to numerous essays, Outlaw has published the books *On Race and Philosophy* and *Critical Social Theory in the Interests of Black Folks*.

Amy Pommerening is a Ph.D. Candidate at Purdue University. Her research interests include Giorgio Agamben, existentialism, phenomenology, and social and political philosophy.

Blanche Radford-Curry received her Ph.D. from Brown University and is currently the Assistant Dean of CAS and Professor of Philosophy at Fayetteville State University. She teaches course in the areas of ethics, social and political philosophy, African American philosophy, feminist theory and women's and gender studies and has numerous publications including the article "Whiteness and Feminism: Déjà vu Discourses, What's Next?" published in *What White Looks Like: African-American Philosophers on the Whiteness Question*, which was edited by George Yancy.

Dennis Rogers is Assistant Professor of Political Science at Bowie State University. His research focuses upon Africana philosophy and the intersection of ethics and politics. He received his Ph.D. from Howard University.

Melvin L. Rogers is currently an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Emory University. Dr. Rogers received his B.A. from Amherst College, his M.Phil. in political thought and intellectual history from the University of Cambridge, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Yale University. His teaching and research is in the area of political philosophy, with special attention in the areas of democratic and republican theory, American and African-American political thought, classical and contemporary pragmatism, and issues of religion, race, and gender. He is the author of *The Undiscovered Dewey: Religion, Morality, and the Ethos of Democracy* as well as editor and contributor to *John Dewey, The Public and Its Problems*.

Kenneth Stikker is Professor of Philosophy and Africana Studies at Southern Illinois University. His areas of research include philosophy of economics and sociology and continental philosophy. He is author of two books, including *Utopian Visions Past, Present, and Future: Rethinking the Ethical Foundations of Economy*. He received his Ph.D. from DePaul University.

Eric T. Weber is Associate Professor of Public Policy Leadership at the University of Mississippi. His research focuses upon public reason, public policy, and pragmatism. He is the author of three books, including *Rawls, Dewey, and Constructivism*. He received his Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University.

Cornel West is a prominent and provocative democratic intellectual. He is a Professor of Philosophy and Christian Practice at Union Theological Seminary and Professor Emeritus at Princeton University. He has also taught at Yale, Harvard, and the University of Paris. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard in three years and obtained his M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy at Princeton. He has written twenty books and has edited thirteen. He is best known for his classics *Race Matters* and *Democracy Matters*, and his memoir, *Brother West: Living and Loving Out Loud*. He is also co-host of the popular radio show "Smiley & West" heard on PRI around the country. The co-hosts have recently co-authored the book titled *The Rich and the Rest of Us: A Poverty Manifesto*. Dr. West has a passion to communicate to a vast variety of publics in order to keep alive the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. – a legacy of telling the truth and bearing witness to love and justice.