

# Philosophy Born of Struggle

Nov. 4-5, 2022

A Virtual Conference

“Exits from Absence”



**Hosted by Texas State University**

Central Time Zone

With sessions on resistance to anti-Blackness, gender, ableism, alienation, and racism in the global LGBTQ+ movement, along with critical engagements with Afropessimism, Black Male Studies, struggles of the global south, subaltern resistance, insurrectionist philosophy, and the legacy of the African American freedom struggle.

Keynote by Dr. Tommy Curry, University of Edinburgh. Plenary sessions featuring Amir Jaima, Texas A&M University; Jacoby Adeshei Carter, Howard University; Sheena M. Mason, SUNY Oneonta; Lee A. McBride III, The College of Wooster; Anthony Sean Neal, Mississippi State University; Anwar Uhuru, Monmouth University; and Stephen Ferguson, North Carolina State University.

**The Philosophy Department at Texas State University offers the following landing page for PBOS 2022 conference updates, including free registration for Zoom Rooms:**

<https://www.txst.edu/philosophy/the-Dept/Activities/Symposia-and-Lectures/philosophy-born-of-struggle.html>

*Advance Program: Confirmed Presentations  
(Updated Oct. 21)*

***Advisory: Proceedings will be recorded and archived.***

## I. Grid Overview

<b>PBOS 2022 – Nov. 4 - Zoom Room A</b>	<b>PBOS 2022 – Nov. 4 - Zoom Room B</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>9:00 AM – 9:30 AM Central</b>  <b>Zoom Room Open</b>	<b>9:00 AM – 9:30 AM Central</b>  <b>Zoom Room Open</b>
<b>9:30 AM – 10:45 AM Central</b>  <b>1 – A: Concurrent Session</b>  <b>Resisting Gender</b>	<b>9:30 AM – 10:45 AM Central</b>  <b>1 – B: Concurrent Session</b>  <b>Resisting Ableism</b>
<b>11:00 AM – 12:15 PM Central</b>  <b>2 – A: Plenary: Jaima on <i>Man-Not</i></b>	<b>11:00 AM – 12:15 PM Central</b>  <b>Please see Plenary, Room A</b>
<b>12:15 PM – 12:30 PM Central</b>  <b>BREAK</b>	<b>12:15 PM – 12:30 PM Central</b>  <b>BREAK</b>
<b>12:30 PM – 2:00 PM Central</b>  <b>3 – A Concurrent Session</b>  <b>Struggle in the Global South</b>	<b>12:30 – 2:00 PM Central</b>  <b>3 – B Concurrent Session</b>  <b>Struggles Against Alienation</b>

	<b>END OF ZOOM ROOM B</b>
<b>2:00 PM – 2:15 PM Central</b>  <b>BREAK</b>	
<b>2:15 PM – 3:45 PM Central</b>  <b>Session 4 – A</b>  <b>Afropessimism</b>	
<b>3:45 PM – 4:00 PM Central</b>  <b>BREAK</b>	
<b>4:00 PM – 5:15 PM Central</b>  <b>5 – A: Plenary on Insurrectionist Philosophy</b>	
<b>5:15 PM – 5:30 PM Central</b>  <b>BREAK</b>	
<b>5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Central</b>  <b>6 – A: Keynote by Tommy Curry</b>	
<b>END OF DAY - FRIDAY</b>	

<b>PBOS 20220 – Nov. 5 - Zoom Room A</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
<b>9:00 AM – 9:30 AM Central</b>	
<b>Zoom Room Open</b>	
<b>9:30 AM – 10:45 AM Central</b>	
<b>7 – A: Disappearance, Catharsis, and Subaltern Resistance</b>	
<b>10:45 AM – 11:00 AM Central</b>	
<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>11:00 AM – 12:20 PM Central</b>	
<b>8 – A: Plenary: Anthony Sean Neal Meets Critics</b>	
<b>12:20 PM – 12:30 PM Central</b>	
<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>12:30 PM – 1:50 PM Central</b>	
<b>9 – A: Black Male Studies</b>	
<b>1:50 PM – 2:00 PM Central</b>	
<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Central</b>	

<b>10 – A: Engaging Curry</b>
<b>3:30 PM – 3:45 PM Central</b>
<b>11 – A: CLOSING CEREMONY</b>
<b>In Remembrance of Frederick Douglass</b>
<b>END OF PROGRAM – THANK YOU!</b>

## II. Detailed Roster

**FRIDAY, NOV. 4, 2022**

**Zoom Rooms A and B will open at 9:00 AM Central**

Welcomes will be presented to each Zoom Room by Dwayne Tunstall, Executive Director of Philosophy Born of Struggle (Grand Valley State University)

### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**1 – A / 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM Central (Zoom Room A)**

#### **Resisting Gender**

**Chair:** Marlon Smith, University of Houston and The Women’s Home

Scout Etterson (they/them), Arizona State University

**“Understanding the Transgender Relationship Between Sex and Gender”**

Philile Langa, University of KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa)

**“Black LGBTQ+ Identities and Taking Up Space in the City of Durban”**

**1 – B / 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM Central (Zoom Room B)**

## **Resisting Ableism**

Tekla Babyak, Disability Activist and Independent Scholar, PhD Cornell  
Musicology

**“On Being a Killjoy at Academic Conferences: Toward a Philosophy of  
Disability Activism”**

*Please note: Tekla has a disabling anxiety disorder caused by multiple  
sclerosis. Please be supportive and encouraging during the Q&A.*

Bella-Rose Grace Kelly, Marquette University Philosophy

**“Concealing Gender Non-Conformity: A Trans Phenomenology of  
Disability”**

### **2 – A / Plenary: 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM Central (Zoom Room A)**

**Chair:** Audwin Anderson, Texas State University Sociology

**Presenter:** Amir Jaima, Texas A&M University Philosophy

**"Literary Analyses of Curry's *Man-Not, avant la lettre*: Ishmael  
Reed's and Richard Wright's Anticipatory Contributions to Black  
Male Studies"**

## **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

### **3 – A / 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM Central (Zoom Room A)**

#### **Struggle in the Global South**

**Chair:** Gloria Martinez, Director, The Center for Diversity and Gender Studies,  
Texas State University

Tanisha Gibbs, University of the West Indies Mona

**“Text, Context and Pretext”** (about Caribbean Squatters)

Bernardo R. Vargas, University of North Texas Philosophy

**“Gasoline Baths and Mexican Women’s Resistance: A Philosophical**

**Reflection on The Bath Riots of 1917 and Charles Mills’ Racial Contract”**

Sergio Gallegos, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

**“The Racial Contract and the Racialization of Pathogens and Genes”**

**3 - B / 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM Central (Zoom Room B)**

**Struggles Against Alienation**

Joshua P. Baldevieso, Notre Dame of Marbel University, Philippines

**“Alienation of Nature: An Application of Marx’s Theory of Alienation to Natural Environment”**

Najii Wilcox, University of Memphis Philosophy

**“The Double-Bind of the Black Scholar: How Racial Embodiment Engages with Academia”**

Linus Oluchukwu Akudolu, PhD, Philosophy/Religion, Alex Ekwueme Federal University, Ndufu-Alike, Ikwo, Ebonyi State, Nigeria

**“Biafranism in Nigeria: A Struggle Against Alienation”**

**SESSIONS & PLENARIES**

**All of the following proceedings will convene in Zoom Room A**

**(No more concurrent sessions)**

**4 – A / 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM Central (Zoom Room A)**

**Afropessimism**

Orlando Hawkins, University of Oregon

**"Afropessimism and the Specter of Black Nihilism"**

Osman Nemli, Vassar College

**“On Afropessimism and the Voices of Fanon”**

Norman Ajari, Francophone Black Studies, The University of Edinburgh

**“The Aeon of Blackness: Aporias and Openings in Afropessimist**

**Philosophy of History”**

**5 – A / 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM Central (Zoom Room A)**

**Plenary on Insurrectionist Philosophy**

Jacoby Adeshei Carter, Howard University

Sheena M. Mason, SUNY Oneonta

Lee A. McBride III, The College of Wooster

**6 – A / 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Central (Zoom Room A)**

**Keynote**

**Chair:** Dwonna Goldstone, Director, African American Studies, Texas State University

**Keynote Speaker:** Tommy Curry, University of Edinburgh

**“Is Black Male Studies an End?: What Is Left for Philosophy after the Disaggregation of Racist Violence?”**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 5, 2022**

**Zoom Room A will open at 9:00 AM Central**

**7 – A / 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM Central (Zoom Room A)**

**Disappearance, Catharsis, and Subaltern Resistance**

Ben Brazelton, Boston Public Schools Social Studies

**"¿Cuántos años sin justicia?" (On the Disappeared)**

Chris Randall, Independent Scholar

**“ ‘Pushing’ Toward the Mark: Trap Muzik as a Sacred Epistemological, Rhetorical, and Cathartic Alternative to the ‘Narcissistic Slavery’ of Collegial Respectability”**

Binu 'Ben' Varghese, Princeton Theological Seminary



**“Desis In America: Immigration and Epistemics of Antiblackness and Racism”** (about S. Asian Indians in America)

**8 – A / 11:00 AM – 12:20 PM Central (Zoom Room A)**

**Plenary: Author Meets Critics**

***Philosophy and the Modern African American Freedom Struggle: A Freedom Gaze (Lexington: 2022)***

**Author:** Anthony Sean Neal, Mississippi State University

**Critics:**

Anwar Uhuru, Monmouth University

Stephen Ferguson, North Carolina State University

**9 – A / 12:30 PM – 1:50 PM Central (Zoom Room A)**

**Black Male Studies**

**Chair:** Idris Robinson, Texas State University

Darius Cret, University of Edinburgh Philosophy

**“Psychotically Dissident, Liminal Human: Schizophrenia, Black Male Militancy, and the Caricatural Construal of Black Masculinity within Philosophy”**

Adebayo Oluwayomi, West Chester University Philosophy

**“Black Male Studies and the Question of Masculinity in Gender Discourse in Postcolonial Africa”**

Corey Reed, Butler University Philosophy

**“Black-Male Imagos as Psychological and Existential Boundaries”**

**10 – A / 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Central (Zoom Room A)**

**Engaging Curry**

**Chair:** Keisha Ray, University of Texas Health Science Center Houston

Miron Clay-Gilmore, University of Edinburgh

**“The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming: Anthony Lemelle Jr. and the Conceptual Patterns of Inquiry in Black Male Studies Scholarship in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”**

Dalitso Ruwe, PhD, Queen’s University, Canada

**“Racial Misandry and Restrictive Covenants in the aftermath of Black Male Death in the Age of Black Lives Matter”**

Alberto G. Urquidez, St. Olaf College

and Marlee Baron, Independent Scholar

**“Intersectional Invisibility and Black Male Privilege: A Critical Examination of Tommy Curry’s Critique of Intersectionality”**

**11 - A / 3:30 PM – 3:45 PM Central (Zoom Room A)**

**Closing Ceremony: In Remembrance of Frederick Douglass**

**Emcee: Dwayne Tunstall, Grand Valley State University, Executive Director of Philosophy Born of Struggle**

The theme of this year’s Philosophy Born of Struggle (PBOS) conference “Exits from Absence” responds to Frank Wilderson’s claim in *Afropessimism* that “the narrative of subaltern loss stands on the rubble of Black absence,” or Toni Morrison’s observation in “The Source of Self-Regard” that the heroine of *Beloved* had an “ability to be and to remain exactly what the institution said she was not.”

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*See you next year at PBOS 2023!*