

Philosophy Born of Struggle 2022 Call for Papers

Struggles Against Absence

A Virtual Conference
November 4–5, 2022
Hosted by Texas State University



Keynote Speaker: **Tommy J. Curry** (The University of Edinburgh)

Featuring:
Anthony Sean Neal, author of
*Philosophy and the African American Modern Freedom Struggle:
A Freedom Gaze*

The theme of this year's Philosophy Born of Struggle (PBOS) conference 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." We welcome proposals that address "Struggles Against Absence" broadly conceived, across disciplines and peoples. Topics may include:

- Conceptualizing struggles against absence that foreground and engage historically neglected persons who have been categorized as types or stereotypes
- Critical engagements with Afro-Pessimism
- Applicability of *The Racial Contract* as theorized by the late Charles Mills

- Critique and Development of Black Male Studies as theorized by Tommy Curry and George Yancy
- Womanism in Conversation with Feminism
- New Epistemologies, including Epistemologies of the South, theories of Racelessness, Ableism, and Gender
- Giving Voice through the Philosophical Theologies of James Cone, Howard Thurman, and Clenora Hudson-Weems

Priority Submission Deadline: Sept. 5, 2022

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Submission Guidelines: Please submit either 1) a paper abstract of approximately 500 words, 2) a roundtable or panel abstract of approximately 500 words, or 3) a complete paper no longer than 3000 words (excluding notes and bibliography) as a Microsoft Word document to PBSconference@gmail.com.

Each submission should be accompanied by the following information either in a separate document or in the email's body: (1) title, (2) kind of submission (that is, a paper or a roundtable/panel proposal), (3) name of institution, (4) rank or occupation, and (5) email addresses of presenters or panelists. Please use "PBOS 2022 Submission" as the subject of the email.

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