

# Committee on the Status of Black Philosophers

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## *2014-2015 Membership*

Tina Fernandes Botts, chair (2016)

Luvell Anderson Jr. (2015)

Jacoby Carter (2015)

Nathaniel Adam Tobias Coleman (2017)

Johnathan Flowers (2016)

Lee A. McBride (2017)

Elizabeth Minnich (2016)

Cavin Robinson (2016)

Paul Taylor (2015)

George Yancy, newsletter editor



2014-2015 Annual Report of the Committee on the Status of Black Philosophers (CSBP)  
Submitted by Tina Fernandes Botts, Chair, 2013 – 2016  
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The Committee on the Status of Black Philosophers was engaged in the following committee business in 2014-2015:

- **Listserv.** Our listserv continues to serve 155 black philosophers. The listserv updates black philosophers about job announcements and other news of interest to black philosophers.
- **Global Outreach:** Nathaniel Tobias Coleman has been engaged in numerous international projects, including conferences and activism on behalf of black philosophers, in the United Kingdom.
- **Newletter:** The committee modified the procedures and practices of our newsletter, *Philosophy and the Black Experience*, so as to be more in line with the APA's Statement on Best Practices in Journal Publishing. Tina Botts became the managing editor of the newsletter. Three new co-editors were appointed for the newsletter: Tina Botts, Timothy Golden, and Stephen Ferguson. Much appreciation was extended to Professors George Yancy and John McClendon for their dedicated and conscientious service as the previous co-editors of the newsletter.
- **Web Presence:**
  - **Website.** A committee website (to operate as a companion to the official APA website) was created and set up.
  - **Underrepresented Philosophers Directory.** The committee participated in the creation of the directory, now live at <http://www.theupdirectory.com/>.
- **Climate Studies:**
  - **Empirical Study.** The committee received an APA grant of \$945.00 to complete part II of "What is the State of Blacks in Philosophy?", part I of which was published in *Critical Philosophy of Race*, Volume 2, Issue 2, 2014. The committee received an extension until the end of summer 2016 to complete part II of this study.
- **Programming:**
  - **Book Launch.** The committee received a \$500 grant from the APA to cover the costs of a book launch at the 2014 Eastern APA. Together with the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (Falguni Sheth), the committee organized and hosted the book launch/SPEP reception. Two books were featured: George Yancy's *Reframing the Practice of Philosophy* and Paul Taylor's edited volume, *The Philosophy of Race*.
  - **Joyce Mitchell Cook Award.** The committee received a \$200 grant to create the Joyce Mitchell Cook award, a biennial award created in honor of Joyce Mitchell Cook, the first black woman to receive a Ph.D. in philosophy in the United States. The award recognizes a book written by a trailblazing black woman philosopher. The inaugural Joyce Mitchell Cook Award was presented to Kathryn Gines at the 2014 Eastern APA.
  - **APA Sessions/Panels:**
    - **January 2016 Eastern:** The committee has two book panels and one regular panel planned for the January 2016 Eastern APA.
- **Essay Prize** (This is an item the committee will revisit at a later date.)
- **Codifying the Committee's Rules** (This is an item the committee will revisit at a later date.)
- **Interfacing with other Committees**
  - In 2014-2015, the committee interfaced with the Society of Young Black Philosophers, Minorities and Philosophy (MAP), and the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy to complete various projects.