

2008-2009 Annual Report of the Committee on Black Philosophers

The Committee sponsored the following panels at the various meetings during the 2008-2009 academic year. We are proud to have achieved our goal of making sure at least one black woman philosopher was included on every panel we sponsored (the retrospective on Bernard Boxill's work at the 2008 Eastern was a panel carried over from the previous year, when it had to be cancelled due to illness). The Committee is committed to upholding this policy in future years.

Eastern 2008:

III-I. Special Session Arranged by the APA Committee on Black Philosophers

Author Meets Critics: *Party/Politics: Horizons in Black Political Thought (Trangressing Boundaries)*

Chair: Paul Taylor (Temple University)

Critics: Anita Allen (University of Pennsylvania)
Derrick Darby (University of Kansas)
Cornel West (Princeton University)

Author: Michael Hanchard (Johns Hopkins University)

VIII-I. Special Session Arranged by the APA Committee on Black Philosophers

A Retrospective on Bernard Boxill's *Blacks and Social Justice*

Chair: Howard McGary (Rutgers University)

Critics: Bill Lawson (University of Memphis)
Charles Mills (Northwestern University)
Tommie Shelby (Harvard University)

Author: Bernard Boxill (University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill)

Central 2009:

II-L. Special Session Sponsored by the APA Committee on Black Philosophers

Virtue Ethics and Racism

Chair: Robert Gooding-Williams (University of Chicago)

Speakers: Macalester C. Bell (Columbia University), "Racial Vices"
Jorge L. A. Garcia (Boston College), "Racism and Moral Vice"
Michael Slote (University of Miami), "Caring, Empathy, and Racism"

Pacific 2009:

IV-M. Special Session Arranged by the APA Committee on Black Philosophers

Africana Perspectives on Ancient Greek Philosophy

Chair: Patrick Goodin (Howard University)

Speakers: Rose Cherubin (George Mason University), “Pluralism, Relativism, and Justice in Aristotle and Alain Locke”
Pamela Hood (San Francisco State University), “Presocratic Cosmogonies and Cosmologies: Religious Sources and Influences from Egypt”
Donna-Dale L. Marciano (Trinity College Connecticut), “Re-Reading Plato’s Symposium: Re-reading Alcibiades as a Black Woman”

VIII-M. Special Session Arranged by the APA Committee on Black Philosophers

Derrick Bell: Race, the Law, and Hope

Chair: Sybol Cook Anderson (St. Mary’s College of Maryland)

Speakers: Bill E. Lawson (University of Memphis), “Deceptive Hope or Despair: King and Bell on the Ending of Racism”
Bernard Boxill (University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill), “Was Brown a Mistake?”
Tommy J. Curry (Pennsylvania State University), “We Who Must Fight in the Shade: The Philosophy of Racial Realism”

The Committee plans to continue work on designing a website with a directory of black philosophers and to proceed with a review of the Committee’s charge.