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We are seeking funds from the American Philosophical Association to support the 4th annual Ida B Wells conference which will be held at the University of Memphis in October of 2010.

Project purpose:

The Ida B. Wells Forum was founded in 2002 by African American graduate students in the department of Philosophy at the University of Memphis. The purpose of the forum is to facilitate mentoring relationships between philosophy graduate students and undergraduates in the humanities and social sciences. In addition to its purpose of mentoring, the forum aims to keep the university community abreast of trends in the humanities and social sciences through the sponsorship of lectures, colloquia, and workshops.

In 2007, the Council of Graduate Studies honored the University of Memphis with its prestigious Peterson's Award for Innovation in Promoting an Inclusive Graduate Community. This award was given in recognition of the Philosophy Department's success in recruiting, graduating, and placing African American graduate students. No other department in the country has come close to our record of graduating six African American doctoral students in four years, with another 12 (at that time) pursuing their Ph.D.

After winning this award, the Department of Philosophy and the Ida B Wells forum decided to extend their mentoring to aspiring African American undergraduates outside of the University of Memphis. We inaugurated an annual conference that provides senior undergraduates from colleges around the country with the opportunity to visit the University of Memphis and participate in a scholarly philosophical dialogue. In addition to inviting aspiring young philosophers to campus, we also invite an established philosopher and a former philosophy graduate student, who has received his or her PhD from Memphis, to speak at the conference. The first Ida B Wells conference had Professor Lucius Outlaw and Professor Donna Marcano (University of Memphis, PhD, 2002) as keynote speakers. They shared their experiences and expertise with a new generation of Memphis students and a select group of African American undergraduates drawn from around the country. The invited undergraduates and University of Memphis graduate students presented papers. In 2008, we hosted a second conference and were honored to have Professors David Marriot and Brad Stone (University of Memphis, PhD, 2003) share their expertise and experiences. As in the prior year, both the invited undergraduates and University of Memphis graduate students presented papers. The 2009 conference will have Professors

Sybol Anderson and Kristie Dotson (University of Memphis, PhD, 2008) as keynote speakers. This year's conference and all future conferences will be available via podcast. We are requesting funding for the 2010 Ida B Wells conference which will take place in October of 2010.

Project benefits to the profession:

This conference benefits the profession in a number of ways that *go beyond advancing philosophical discussion*:

1. Programs like ours contribute to making the profession more diverse by actively recruiting diversity students to Philosophy.
2. The mentoring students receive at our conference and the relationships they build provide them with the long term support they need in order to succeed in the profession.
3. The intergenerational nature of our conference is unique in providing meaningful experiences for Philosophers at different stages of their career.
4. Conferences like ours expose the University community and the local community to the issue of diversity within the profession and the academy. The experiences students and Professors share with each other and the audience bring to light the very real difficulties facing diversity students and professionals.
5. Students who participate in this conference come to understand the value of these mentoring experiences and when they receive their PhD they will take these experiences with them to other colleges and Universities. Fostering an inclusive environment at the University of Memphis helps to propagate this atmosphere in the profession.
6. The Ida B. Wells Philosophical Forum and its conference can serve as a model for other Philosophy departments interested in fostering an inclusive environment. The forum's constitution and all material related to the conference can be made available to members of the American Philosophical Association. The podcast of the conference will also contribute to making the Ida B Wells conference accessible to the profession.

Budget

The following is an estimated budget. All funds would be allocated by the end of October 2010. The designated fiscal agent for this project is the Department of Philosophy at the University of Memphis. Connie Diffeo, Philosophy Department Administrative Associate, will be responsible for the allocation of funds.

Keynote speaker travel	2 X 800.00	1,600.00
Hotel for keynote speakers (3 nights)	3 nights x 120.00	
	2 speakers x 360.00	720.00
Travel for 4 students (undergraduate)	4 x 600.00	2,400.00

Hotel for 4 students (3 nights @120.00)	4 x 360.00	1,400.00
Food (3 days, 3 nights—4 students; 3 days, 3 nights-2 keynote speakers)		2,000.00
Total for Ida B Wells 2010		8,120.00

Other sources of funding:

For the past two years the Ida B Wells conference has been supported by Dr. Karen Weddle-West, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies at the University of Memphis, and the Philosophy Department. We are hoping to fund the 2009 conference with stimulus funds. The economic crisis, however, threatens our chances of being able to fund the conference in the future. In addition to the APA grant, we will apply for a Tennessee Board of Regents Access and Diversity Grant in the fall of 2009 to help fund the conference in 2010.

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EDUCATION:

Ph.D., (Philosophy) University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill 1981
MA, (Philosophy) University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill 1977
BA, (Philosophy) University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill 1975

MILITARY SERVICE:

U.S. Army 1967-1969 (Vietnam Era Vet)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

Distinguished Professor of Philosophy
University of Memphis, 2005
Professor, Michigan State University, 1997-
Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of Delaware 1994-1997
Associate Professor, University of Delaware, 1992-1997
Visiting Professor, Macalester College, Saint Paul Minn. Spring Semester, 1989
Assistant Professor, University of Delaware: 1986 to 1992
Assistant Professor, West Virginia University: 1984 to 1986
Assistant Professor, Montclair State College: 1982-84
Assistant Professor, Spelman College: 1980-82

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

African-American Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

1999 Alain Locke Excellence Award, Howard University, Department of Philosophy
September 18, 1999.

Outstanding Faculty/Staff Award, Black Student Alliance, Michigan State University
April 23, 1999.

The Richard Wilson African American Administrator Award, Center for Black Culture
University of Delaware, 1996-97.

Participant, NEH Seminar, "Justification and Proof in Ethics": Summer 1983
Ford Foundation Fellow 1978-80

National Fellowships Fund Dissertation Award: 1980
Alumni Graduate Fellowship, University of North Carolina: 1975-76
BA with Honors in Philosophy, University of North Carolina: 1975

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICES

Research Coordinator, APA Grant to Support Philosophical Explorations of Science
Technology and Diversity, 1997-1999
Member of the Advisory Committee, Eastern APA Program Committee 1994-1996
American Philosophical Association: member 1974 to present
American Philosophical Association Committee on Blacks: 1983-86, 1996-1999, Acting
Chair 1998-1999
The Society for the Study of Africana Philosophy: member 1983 to present
Reviewer for Choice
Reviewer for Gender and Society
North American Society for Social Philosophy: member 1983 to present
New York Society for Philosophy and Public Affairs: member 1982 to present
Consultant, Clark College and the Georgia Endowment for the Humanities: 1982

UNIVERSITY AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

University of Delaware Research Grant, 1986
Provost Research Grant, 1988
General University Research Grant, 1989

Administrative Experience

Chairperson: Department of Philosophy
University of Delaware, 1994-1997

President of the Arts and Science Senate
College of Arts and Letters, University of Delaware
1993-1994

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

Pragmatism and the Problem of Race (Eds.) Bill E. Lawson and Donald Koch
(Indiana University Press, 2004)

My Bondage and My Freedom (Introductory essay to Frederick Douglass Biography)
(Humanity Books, 2002)

Faces of Environmental Racism 2nd edition (Eds.) Laura Westra and Bill E. Lawson
(Rowman & Littlefield, 2001)

Frederick Douglass: A Critical Reader (Eds.) Bill E. Lawson and Frank Kirkland (Blackwell Publishers, 1999)

The Underclass Question (Ed.) Temple University Press, 1992

Between Slavery and Freedom: Philosophy and American Slavery (with Howard McGary) (Indiana University Press, 1992)

ARTICLES:

"The Value of Environmental Justice" in Environmental Justice, September 1, 2008, 1(3): 155-158.

"Philosophical Playa hatin': Race and the Philosophy Game" in George Yancy ed. Critical Perspectives on the Profession of Philosophy: Latin-American and African-American Voices, forthcoming

"Frederick Douglass among the Romantics" in Maurice Lee ed. The Cambridge Companion to Frederick Douglass, Cambridge University Press, 2009, pp. 118-131.

"Reparations and the Master Narrative" in Howard McGary ed., Reparations for African Americans. Rowman and Littlefield. Forthcoming.

"Racist Property Holdings and Environmental Coalitions: Addressing Memories of Environmental Injustice" in Echoes from the Poisoned Well Edited by Sylvia Hood Washington, Heather Goodall, and Paul Rosier Lexington Books, 2006, pp 97-108.

"Reflections on Booker T. Washington" in Uncle Tom or New Negro? African Americans Reflect on Booker T. Washington and UP FROM SLAVERY 100 Years Later, editor Rebecca Carroll, Harlem Moon, 2006, pp 9-17.

"Microphone Commandoes: Rap Music and Political Philosophy" in Hip Hop & Philosophy: Rhyme 2 Reason, Editors Tommie Shelby and Derrick Darby, Chicago IL : Open Court, 2005, pp. 161 – 172.

"Booker T. Washington: A True American Pragmatist" in Pragmatism and the Problem of Race, Indiana University Press, 2004, pp 125 -141.

"Conceptual Frameworks, the Black Family, and Public Policy" (reprint) in Ethics, Higher Education, and Social Responsibility, Editors Joyce A. Ladner and Segun Gbadegehin, Howard University Press, 2003, pp 71 -81.

"Microphone Commandoes: Rap Music and Political Ideology" in Blackwell Companions to Philosophy: A Companion to African American Philosophy, Editors Tommy L. Lott and John P. Pittman, Blackwell Publishing, 2003, pp. 239- 235.

"The Language of Affirmative Action: History, Public Policy and Liberalism" (with Curtis Stokes and Geneva Smitherman) in The Black Scholar Fall/Winter 2003 Volume 33, No. 3-4, pp14-17.

"Uplifting the Race: Middle-Class Blacks and the Truly Disadvantaged" (reprint) in Race, Gender, and Sexuality: Philosophical Issues of Identity and Justice, Edited by Jamil L. Anderson, Prentice Hall, 2002, pp. 218-228.

"My Bondage and My Freedom and Beyond" an introduction to Frederick Douglass's My Bondage and My Freedom, Amherst, New York: Humanity Books, 2002, pp. 7-19.

"Violent crime, race, and black children: Parenting and the social contract"(with E.R. Sanders-Lawson). In H.P. McAdoo (Ed), Black Children (2nd ed.) Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2001, pp. 207-220

"Crime, Minorities and the Social Contract," (reprint) in Criminal Justice Ethics, Edited by Paul Leighton and Jeffrey Reiman, Prentice Hall, 2001, pp. 42- 49.

Frederick Douglass and African American Social Progress: "Does Race Matter at the Bottom of the Well?" In Bill E. Lawson and Frank Kirkland, Eds, Frederick Douglass: A Critical Reader ,Blackwell Publishers, 1999, pp. 365-391.

"Conceptual Frameworks, the Black Family, and Public Policy, The Centennial Review, Spring 1998 volume XLII, No.2, pp.233-242.

"Locke and the Legal Obligations of Black Americans" (reprint) in Subjugation and Bondage: Critical Essays on Slavery and Social Philosophy, Edited by Tommy L. Lott, Rowan & Littlefield, 1998, pp.131-147.

"Property or Persons: Frederick Douglass, Thurgood Marshall, and Clarence Thomas on a Plain Reading of the US Constitution" The Journal of Ethics I: 291-303, 1997.

"Social Disappointment and the Black Sense of Self" in Existence in Black, Edited by Lewis Gordon, Routledge, 1996, pp.149-156.

"Living For the City: Urban United States and Environmental Justice" in Faces of Environmental Racism, Edited by L. Westra and P. Wenz Rowman & Littlefield, 1995, pp. 41-55.

"Citizenship and Slavery" (reprint) in Ethical Theory and Social Practice, Edited by David Theo Goldberg, Harcourt and Brace, 1995, pp. 268-281.

"Conceptual Frameworks, the Black Family, and Public Policy," *Ending Welfare as we Know It: Progress or Paralysis?*, pp. 96-114. U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington: 1994.

"The Expressiveness of African-American Music" in Language, Art and Mind: Essays in Appreciation and Analysis in Honor of Paul Ziff, Edited by Dale Jameson, Kluwer Academic, 1994, pp. 131-142

"Nobody Knows Our Plight: Moral Discourse, Slavery, and Social Progress" in Social Theory and Practice vol. 18, no. 1 (Spring 1992), pp. 1-20.

"Agency, Conflicts of Interest and Creditors Committees: A Case Study," in Ethics and Agency Theory, Edited by Norm Bowie and Ed Freeland, New York: Oxford University Press 1992, pp. 204-212.

"Uplifting the Race: Middle-Class Blacks and the Truly Disadvantaged" in The Underclass Question, Edited by Bill E. Lawson, Temple University Press, 1992, pp. 90

"Politically Oppressed Citizens," in Journal of Value Inquiry, Vol. 25, pp. 335-338, 1991.

"African-Americans, Crime Victimization, and Political Obligations," in To Be A Victim: Encounters With Crime and Injustice, Edited by Diane Sank and David I. Caplan, New York: Plenum Press 1991, pp. 141-158.

"Crime, Minorities and the Social Contract," in Criminal Justice Ethics, Volume 9/Number 2 (Summer/Fall, 1990), pp. 16-24.

"Locke and the Legal Obligations of Black Americans," in Public Affairs Quarterly, Volume 3, Number 4, July 1989, pp. 49-63.

"Groups and Individuals in American Democracy," (reprint) in Poverty, Justice, and the Law, Edited by George L. Lucas, Jr. New York: University Press of America 1986, pp. 105-115. [Reprint].

"Strategies for Recruitment and Retention of Black Students," in Proceedings Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education, April 1986.

"Groups and Individuals in American Democracy," in Logos Volume 6, 1985, pp. 105-115.

Encyclopedia entries

"Compensatory Education" and "Vouchers" in the African American Encyclopedia of Education (Forthcoming)

BOOK REVIEWS and NOTES

Smith, Kimberly. African American Environmental Thought: Foundations reviewed ORGANIZATION & ENVIRONMENT Volume 22, Issue 1 March, 2009

Myers, Peter C. Frederick Douglass: Race and the Rebirth of American Liberalism reviewed Perspectives in Politics forthcoming

Wards, Julie K. and Tommy L. Lott. Philosophers on Race reviewed Ethics Volume 113 No. 3 April 2003, p. 740.

Thompson, Janna. Taking Responsibility for the Past reviewed Journal of Applied Philosophy, Vol. 20, Number 3, 2003, pp. 308 -311.

Alejandro, Roberto. The Limits of Rawlsian Justice reviewed Choice (October, 1998)

May, Larry, et al. Liberty, Equality, and Plurality reviewed for Choice (March 1998)

Moses, Greg. Revolution of Conscience: Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Philosophy of Nonviolence reviewed for Ethics (October, 1998)

Hord, Fred. I Am Because We Are reviewed for Ethics (June, 1996).

Zack, Naomi. American Mixed Race: The Culture of Microdiversity reviewed for Ethics (1996).

Gray, John. Isaiah Berlin reviewed for Choice (October 1996)

Gordon, Lewis. Fanon and the Crisis of European Man reviewed for Choice (1996)

Oliner, Pearl M. Towards a Caring Society reviewed for Choice (February 1996).

Bell, Derrick. Confronting Authority: Reflection of an Ardent Protester, reviewed for The Black Scholar, Volume 25, No. 2, Spring 1995, p. 64-65.

Foster, Lawrence and Patricia Herzog, eds., Defending Diversity: Contemporary Philosophical Perspectives on Pluralism and Multiculturalism, reviewed for Choice, March 1995, vol. 32, no. 7

Aronson, Ronald. Stay Out of Politics, reviewed for Ethics, vol. 102, no. 1, Oct., 1991, p. 195.

Boxill, Bernard. Blacks and Social Justice (revised), reviewed for Ethics, vol. 105, no. 1, Oct. 1994, p. 221.

King, Richard. Civil Rights and the Idea of Freedom, reviewed for Ethics, vol. 104, no. 1, Oct. 1993, p.217.

Taylor, Bron Raymond. Affirmative Action at Work: Law, Politics, and Ethics, reviewed for Ethics, vol. 13, no. 3, 1993, p. 615-616.

Dobel, J. Patrick. Compromise and Political Action, reviewed for Philosophical Quarterly, vol. 41, no.164, July 1991, pp. 369-370.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

Books:

Contractual Inequality: African American, Citizenship, and the Social Contract

The Value of Environmental Justice

Ziffin on a Riff: Thinking about Jazz

Articles:

"Racist Property Holding and Environmental Justice"

"To be is to be Perceived: "Bill Clinton and African Americans"

"The Stories We Tell about Race and Social Justice"

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS:

"Teaching Social and Political Philosophy and Teaching about Frederick Douglass"
Liberating Sojourn 2 Programme –Institute of Latin American Studies University of Liverpool, Liverpool England, April 2009

"Deceptive Hope or Despair: King and Bell on the Ending of Racism" American Philosophical Association Pacific meetings, April 2009

"Toward a More Perfect Union: Obama and Color-blind Public Policy" Race Conference, Michigan State University, April 2009

"Toward a More Perfect Union: Obama and Color-blind Public Policy"
Obama Phenomena, Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change, University of Memphis, April 2009

"Race Consciousness and Environmental Justice" Smith College, March, 2009

"Boxill, Obama, and Colorblindness" American Philosophical Association Eastern Meetings December 2008

“Booker T. Washington in the 21st Century.”11th Annual Summer Institute in American Philosophy University of Colorado, Boulder July 7-12, 2008

“Racial Consciousness and Racial Solidarity” Philosophical Collaboration SIU
March 27, 2008

"Frederick Douglass among the Romantics" American Philosophical Association
Eastern Meetings December 2007

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM

‘Environmental Justice Cross-Culturally: Theory and Praxis in the African
Diaspora and in Africa’ Africana Studies, Wellesley College Wellesley November
9, 2007 " Environmental Policies, Racial Atrocities and Blame"

"King and Bell on Hope and Trust" University of Delaware March 21, 2007

Invited Guest - Fulbright New Century Scholars Symposium on Global Higher
Education- Paris, France - 2006

Presentation: “Becoming An African American Philosopher” Alain Locke
Conference, Howard University April 7, 2006

Presentation: “Derrick Bell, Hope, and the Permanence of Racism” Spelman
College February 7, 2007

Presentation: “Beyond Despair with Hope” Society for the Study of Africana
Philosophy New York, NY, May 21, 2006

Presentation: “Troublemakers for Justice” Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration
Guest Speaker. Michigan State University January 16, 2006

Presentation: “The Stories We Tell about Race and Social Justice” Benjamin Hooks
Center, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, September 16, 2004.

Television Presentation: *The College Hour*, one-hour interview program on UMKC’s
educational television station, April 16, 2004

Radio Presentation: *Up To Date*, a live radio call-in talk show hosted by Steve Kraske on
KCUR, 89.3 FM, April 15, 2004

Presentation: Community Forum, "Why are We Divided and Why Should We Care?,"
Westminster Hall of the Second Presbyterian Church, Kansas City Missouri, April 17,
2004

Presentation: "Racist Property Holdings and Environmental Coalitions," Department of Philosophy, University of Missouri, Kansas City Missouri, April 16, 2004.

Presentation: "Andrew Light's Real Argument" APA Eastern meetings, Author meet Critics: Andrew Light's *Reel Arguments*, Washington DC, December 28, 2003

Presentation: "Reparations, the History of an Idea" Department of Philosophy, University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, Mi, November 12, 2003

Presentation: "Living the Resistance Tradition" Philosophy Born of Struggle, Rethinking the Intellectual Life, Philosophy Born of Struggle 10th annual conference, Rutgers University, Newark New Jersey, October 25, 2003

Presentation: "A Moral Theory must lead to Action: Rethinking Booker T. Washington's Moral Education in the 21st Century", 2003 Moral Education in a Diverse Society Conference, The Kenan Institute for Ethics, Durham, North Carolina, September 21, 2003

Presentation: "Philosophy, Race, Liberal Theory" Minority Undergraduate Research Program (MURAP) "Representing: Underrepresented Minorities in Philosophy and Archaeology" University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, July 25, 2003

Presentation: "The Potential Role of Community Psychology in the re-design of Urban Centers", 9th Biennial Conference on Community Research and Action. Society for Community Research and Action (SCRA) New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, New Mexico, June 5, 2003

Presentation: "Jazz and the Black Experience" at Philosophy and the Arts-The Aesthetics of Jazz: A Roundtable Dialogue between Philosophers and the World of Jazz Musicians and Teachers, William Paterson University March 25, 2003

Presentation: "Racist Property Holding and Environmental Justice" at Fourth Annual Joint Conference on Applied and Urban Ethics: Our Homes, Our Environment: Sustainability and Justice Where We Live and Work, The Public Health Research Institute at the International Center for Public Health, Newark, NJ, March 1, 2003

Presentation: "Racist Property holdings and Environmental Coalitions" Society for the study of Africana Philosophy, New York City, June 2002

Presentation: "Environmental Justice and Future Trends" Environmental Justice Conference, University of Michigan, April 2002

"Reparations and the Master Narrative" at Nation conference on Race Michigan State University, April 2002

Television Presentation: WLAJ's To the Point News segment
Discussed: The Case for Black Reparations, July 2002

Presentation: Black American and the War on Terrorism
Michigan State University, November 28, 2001

Convocation Speaker, Charles Lecture Series, Rethinking Political
Obligations in the 21 Century", Earlham College, October 3, 2001

Prestigious Speaker Series: Panel Discussion with Clarence Major
Iowa Room MSU Student Union, September 11, 2001

Presentation: "The tollgate Drain Project and Environmental Restoration" Urban
Environment Ethics, Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics, Georgia State University,
April 14, 2001

Presentation: "Reparations and Racial Justice" Race in 21st Century America', Michigan
State University, April 5, 2001 to be published in Race in the 21 Century vol. 2

Presentation: "Reparations and Social Justice" Pacific Division APA, San Francisco,
March 30, 2001

Presentation: "Black libertarians and Black Solidarity" Pacific Division APA, San
Francisco, March 30, 2001

Presentation: "The Role of the Master Narrative in Public Policy" Black
Philosophy for the 21st Century, University of Illinois Chicago, March 9,
2001

Presentation: "Reparations and the Master Narrative" Emory University, Afro-American
Studies Program, February 15, 2001

Presentation: "Liberal Theory and Urban Environmental Justice"
University of North Texas Center for Environmental Policy, February 23,
2001

Presentation: "Rethinking Urban Environmentalism" Conference sponsored by ISEE, the
Global Integrity Project, Sarah Lawrence College and Notre Dame University. San Jose,
Costa Rica - June 24, 2000

Presentation: "Jazzin' the Critic: Evaluating and Appreciating Jazz" Valparaiso
University, April 13, 2000

Presentation: "Liberal Theory and Urban Environmental Justice." Sarah Lawrence
College, March 29, 2000.

Presentation: "The Colorline in the 21st Century" Earlham College, October 23, 1999

Presentation: "Parenting, Violent Crime, and Political Obligations" at Calvin College,
September 23, 1999

Presentation: "Thinking About Race, Violence, and Parenting" National Conference on Race and Gender, Howard University, Department of Philosophy, Washington, DC. September 18, 1999.

Presentation: "Environmental Justice in an Urban Setting" Conference of the Society for Applied Philosophy and the International Society for Environmental Ethics, Mansfield College, Oxford England, June 28, 1999.

Presentation: "Parenting, Violent Crime, and Political Obligations" at The University of Windsor, April 4, 1999

Presentation: "Ex-Felons and the Right to Vote" Eastern Division of the APA, December 30, 1998

Presentation: "Environmental Policy and Racism" at Binghamton University, November 13, 1998.

Presentation: "Microphone Commandos" at Alaine Locke Conference at Howard University, September 19, 1998.

Scholar in Residence: WEB DuBois Scholar Institute, William Patterson University, July 21-24, 1998

Presentation: "Microphone Commandos" at WEB DuBois Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, April 14, 1998

Presentation: "Environmental Policy" at North Carolina State University, February 20th, 1998.

Presentation: Hip Hop, Rap, and Cultural Values at Delaware Humanities Forum, Wilmington, De, May 7, 1997, July 6, 1997 and September 18, 1997

Presentation: "Philosophy and Black Manhood" at Bazzel Creek Baptist Church, Fuquay, NC. September 28, 1997

Presentation: "Philosophy and Black Manhood" at Terrell Hill Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, NC. June 15, 1997

Moderator: "Plessy v. Ferguson Session" at Eastern American Philosophical Association meeting, Atlanta, Ga., December 1996.

Presentation: "Jazz ain't nothing but soul," Radical Philosophers Conference, Purdue University, November 1996.

Presentation: Plessy v. Ferguson and "Sexual Harassment" at 100 Black Men of America, Inc. 10th annual conference, Miami, Florida, June 1996.

Presentation: "Affirmative Action and Racism," Salisbury State University, Salisbury, Md., May 1996.

Moderator: "Race and Language," American Philosophical Association Meeting, Chicago, IL. April, 1996.

Moderator: "Affirmative Action and the Law," Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, March 1996.

Presentation: "Black Disappointment," The Academy and Race: Toward A Philosophy of Political Action, Villanova University, March 1996.

Presentation: "Affirmative Action: You Make the Decision," Delaware Work Force Diversity Group, March 7, 1996.

Presentation: "Race and Conceptual Frameworks," National Association of Minority Engineering Program Administrators, Pennsylvania State University, November 1995.

Presentation: "Philosophy and American Slavery," Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Philadelphia, PA, October 1995.

Presentation: "Conceptual Framework, Public Policy, and The Black Family," Michigan State University, September 1995.

Presentation: "Conceptual Framework, Public Policy, and The Black Family," at Oxford Centre for The Study of Values in Education and Business: Third International Conference on Social Values, St. Catherine's College, University of Oxford, July 19-22, 1995.

Presentation: Multicultural Education & Philosophy," Kutztown University, May 1995.

Presentation: Environmental Decision-Making," Central Division of the APA, April 1995,

Presentation: "Frederick Douglass and Cornel West: Black Public Intellectuals" at American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, March 1995.

Presentation: "Zeno and the Paradox of Black Progress," Lafayette College, February 1995.

Presentation: "Between Slavery and Freedom" at Austin College, Sherman, TX, January 1995.

Presentation: "Living for the City: Urban United States and Environmental Racism" at Eleventh International Social Philosophy Conference, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, August 6, 1994.

Presentation: "Race and Space" at Radical Philosophers Conference in Des Moines, IA, July 1994.

Presentation: "Frederick Douglass and African American Social Progress" at Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, April 22, 1994.

Presentation: "Conceptual Frameworks, The Black Family and Public Policy" at Conference on Ethics, Higher Education and Social Responsibility, Howard University, Washington, D.C., April 8, 1994.

Presentation: "Welfare: Rhetoric or Reform" at Congressional Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations Hearings on Welfare Reform, Washington, D.C., March 10, 1994.

Presentation: "Conceptual Frameworks, The Black Family and Public Policy" at Earlham College, Richmond, IN, February 1994.

Presentation: "Frederick Douglass and African American Social Progress" at Earlham College, Richmond, IN, July 1993.

Presentation: "Social Frameworks, The Urban Underclass and Public Policy" at National Convention of Family Relations, 55th Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 11, 1993.

Presentation: "Varieties of Slavery" at American Philosophical Association meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 28, 1993.

Presentation: "Violence, Race, Property and the Social Contract" at 2nd World Congress on Violence and Human Coexistence, Montreal, Canada, July 17, 1992.

Presentation: "DuBois, Natural Law and Social Progress" at Penn State University, State College, PA, March 21, 1992.

Presentation: "Finding Faith in the State," American Philosophical Association meeting, Portland, OR, March 26, 1992.

Presentation: "Moral Discourse, Slavery, and Social Progress," American Philosophical Association meeting, Portland, OR, March 28, 1992.

Presentation: "Paradoxes and Social Progress" at North American Society for Social Philosophy Seventh Annual Conference, Boulder, CO, August 10, 1991.

Presentation: "The Expressiveness of African-American Music" at The Center for the Study of Black Literature and Culture of the University of Pennsylvania, July 17, 1991.

Presentation: "Moral Discourse, Slavery, and Social Progress" at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA, April 18, 1991.

Presentation: "Moral Discourse, Slavery, and Social Progress" at University of Connecticut, December 6, 1990.

Presentation: "Crime, Minorities and Social Contract" at Urban Ethics Conference, Long Island University, May 5, 1990.

Chair: "Personal Identity and Self Interest," American Philosophical Association, New Orleans, LA, April 26, 1990.

Presentation: "Jazz as African-American History or Non-Lyrical Music as Text," Oxford Centre for African Studies, International Summer School, August 3, 1990, St. Hugh's College, Oxford, England.

Presentation: "Crime, Minorities & Social Contract," APA Atlanta, GA, December 1989.

Presentation: "Moral Discourse and Slavery" at Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York Public Library, NY, April 8, 1989.

Coordinator of Conference: Meditations on Integration: Philosophy and the Black Underclass, at the University of Delaware, Newark, DE, May 31-June 2, 1989.

Presentation: "Affirmative Action and Public Values," Austin College, Sherman, Texas, January 1989.

Presentation: "Locke and the Legal Obligations of Black Americans," West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, November 15, 1988.

Presentation: "Between Two Worlds," West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, November 14, 1988.

Presentation: "Teaching African-American Philosophy," American Philosophical Association Meetings: Portland, Or. March 1988.

Presentation: "Between Two Worlds," Austin College, Sherman, Texas, February 1988.

Presentation: "Defining Oppression," The 3rd International Social Philosophy Conference: The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC, June 6, 1987.

Presentation: "Defining Oppression," American Philosophical Association Meetings: Boston MA. December 1986.

Presentation: "Specific Strategies for Retention and Recruitment of Black Student in Traditionally White Institutions," Meeting of the Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education, Chicago, IL, May 1985.

Commentator: Eugene Long, "Religious Pluralism and the Search for Religious Truth," Symposium: Philosophy and Religion, A Contemporary Dialogue, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, March 1985

Presentation: "Black Philosophy It's Past and Future," University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, February 1985

Presentation: "Groups and Individuals in American Democracy," Symposium on Poverty, Law and Justice, University of Santa Clara, February 1985; West Virginia Philosophical Association, November 1984

Commentator: Raymond S. Pfeiffer, "Individual and Collective Responsibility and Punishment," Western Division, APA. April 1984.

Presentation: "Citizenship, Oppression and Political Obligations," Martin Delaney Visiting Scholar, West Virginia University, November 1983.

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