Dear American Philosophical Association,

The inaugural iteration of the Northeast Workshop to Learn About Multicultural Philosophy (NEWLAMP) took place July 11-15, 2022, at Northeastern University in Boston. The workshop, which focused on Africana Social and Political Philosophy, was led by three Experts:

- Professor V. Denise James, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program at University of Dayton
- Professor Chike Jeffers, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Canadian Studies at Dalhousie University
- Professor Lucius Outlaw, Jr., W. Alton Jones Professor of Philosophy at Vanderbilt University

The reading list, shared a month in advance on the NEWLAMP website (at https://sites.google.com/view/newlamp/readings), included nine primary texts in Africana philosophy and some additional reading resources and podcasts.

We convened every day for a morning and an afternoon session, each of three hours, with a 1.5-hour lunch break catered by NEWLAMP. The schedule was posted here: https://sites.google.com/view/newlamp/schedule?authuser=0

One of the Experts would lead each session with a mix of content-delivery (presenting the primary text, its author and historical context), pedagogy (how they teach this text, what works and doesn’t work with their own students), first-person testimonies about their experience as Black scholars in North America, and seminar-style discussion moderation. The Experts were available for conversations with participants every day before and after the sessions, leading, by all accounts, to deeply rewarding exchanges.

Budget Spending:
The three Experts and most participants from out of town were housed at The Revolution Hotel in Back Bay, within walking distance to the workshop venue (at a total cost of $16,076 to the
program). In addition to hotel expenses, travel was covered for the Experts (at $2,424), and each received a $2,000 honorarium (at $6,000 total). All eleven participants who requested financial aid in the form of a travel stipend received one ($717 on average; $7,890 total). Of these expenses, **APA grant funds were used to cover $5,100 of the expert honoraria and $4,830 of the participant travel grants, for a total of $9,930.** The reminder was covered by other funding sources that were secured after the APA award was granted. As noted in the original application, Northeastern funding sources were used for the various catering expenses.

**Accessibility:**
To the best of our knowledge, all barriers to accessibility that the program raised for participants, experts, and organizers, including dietary, mobility, and audio-visual barriers, were successfully addressed.

**Demographic Information:**
We selected twenty participants from a pool of twenty-six. One participant canceled at the last minute due to a positive COVID-19 test, so nineteen attended the workshop. They were selected from a wide range of public and private institutions (10 large research universities, 4 small private universities, 2 small public universities, 5 liberal arts colleges, and 1 community college*). Participants occupied a range of positions, from adjunct faculty to department chair. Four participants were based in the Boston area, fourteen in the US (including six in the Northeast), and one in Scotland. Eleven participants identified as women, eight as men. Also in attendance were Serena Parekh, the Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Northeastern, Adam Hosein, the PPE Director, and Erin Kelly, a co-organizer of NEWLAMP.

**Evaluation of Project Goals:**
During the opening session on the first morning of the workshop, each participant shared what they were hoping to get from NEWLAMP. It was informative for the Experts and set the tone for the workshop—establishing a climate of openness, inquisitiveness, and vulnerability, as participants then and throughout the week shared about some challenging classroom experiences.

Participants filled out a Google Form survey after the workshop (which asked open-ended questions rather than Likert-scale questions regarding each of the Project Goals identified in our project application). Responses were overwhelmingly positive, with participants describing the workshop as “excellent,” “very useful,” “wonderful,” “superb,” “transformative” and “eye-opening.”† We will take into account their suggestions for improvement (e.g., including one or two small-group session to brainstorm ideas on how to integrate the material into syllabi) in the next iteration of NEWLAMP.

Participants are currently sharing ideas for syllabi and assignments in a shared Dropbox folder. They are excited to continue learning about Africana philosophy on their own and with the cohort and suggested organizing reading groups and a Zoom reunion next summer.

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* The total number of institutions exceeds the number of participants because some adjuncts have multiple appointments.
† The Google Form evaluation results are available upon request.
We will follow up with participants to verify actual integration of the material in their courses, by collecting, in the fall and spring, revised course syllabi and class sizes and asking them how their new modules went.

**Institutional Support:**
In addition to the APA funds, we secured generous donations from the Department of Philosophy and Religion, the Ethics Institute, and the Humanities Center at Northeastern. Rutgers University, Harvard University, and Wellesley College—homes to co-organizers Alex Guerrero, Gina Schouten, and Helena de Bres, respectively—also contributed generous funds to the workshop. We received a New England Humanities Consortium grant (the co-PIs were: Candice Delmas, Gina Schouten, Helena de Bres, and Erin Kelly). Finally, the Marc Sanders Foundation contributed some funds.

NEWLAMP was an extraordinary success. We look forward to next summer’s NEWLAMP at Rutgers University, which Alex Guerrero has begun organizing.

Sincerely,

Candice Delmas, on behalf of Alex Guerrero and Gina Schouten of the Organizing Committee
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