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AFRICAN AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT: PAST AND PRESENT

May 2-3, 2014

This conference brings together nationally recognized scholars from political science, philosophy, English, history, and black studies to reflect on historical meaning and contemporary significance of African American political thought.

All sessions held in Communications 202, unless otherwise noted.

Friday, May 2, 2014

9:00 am - 10:45 am: Subjection, Citizenship, Democracy

Vincent Carretta (University of Maryland) on Phillis Wheatley

Melvin Rogers (Emory University) on David Walker

Nick Bromell (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) on Harriet Jacobs

11:00 am - 12:45 pm: Nation, Violence, Change

Frank Kirkland (Hunter College) on Alexander Crummell

Naomi Murakawa (Princeton University) on Ida B. Wells

Michael McCann (University of Washington) on A. Philip Randolph

2:15 pm - 4:00 pm: Nationalism, Internationalism, Empire

Michael Dawson (University of Chicago) on Marcus Garvey

Nikhil Singh (New York University) on Malcolm X

Cedric Johnson (University of Illinois, Chicago) on Huey Newton

Saturday, May 3, 2014

9:00 am - 10:45 am: Freedom, Struggle, Home

David Chappell (University of Oklahoma) on Martin Luther King, Jr.

Lawrie Balfour (University of Virginia) on Toni Morrison

Neil Roberts (Williams College) on Angela Davis

11:00 am - 12:45 pm: Democracy, Prophecy, Pessimism

Mark Wood (Virginia Commonwealth University) on Cornel West

Corey Robin (Brooklyn College) on Clarence Thomas

2:15 pm - 4:00 pm: Roundtable: What Defines African American Political Thought?

Michael Dawson (University of Chicago)

Lawrie Balfour (University of Virginia)

Melvin Rogers (Emory University)

Michelle Smith (Barnard College)

Organized by Jack Turner (Political Science, University of Washington).

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