

Caribbean Philosophical Association
Shifting the Geography of Reason XIX
June 18 - 19, 2021

Black Lives Matter: Black American Resistance Through Thought
Online Conference

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Friday, June 18

8:00 a.m.-8:15 a.m.

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- Hanétha Vété-Congolo, President of the CPA
- Yomaira Figueroa, Vice President of the CPA

8:15 a.m.-8:20 a.m.

Poetry

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I. Black Lives Matter

Moderator: Hanétha Vété-Congolo, Bowdoin College, Maine, USA

- Eddy M. Souffrant, The University of North Carolina, North Carolina, USA, *Sketches of Injustice*
- Krystal Batelaan, York University, Ontario, Canada, *The Production of an Unthinkable History: BLM and the 2018 Prison Strikes*
- Ernesto Rosen Velasquez, University of Dayton, Ohio, USA, *Struggles to Make Black Lives Matter*
- Suzanne Uzzilia, City University of New York, New York, USA, “*Pandemic Poems*” by Olive Senior: *Black Thinking through a Global Crisis*

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II. Destroying Colonialism: Black and Anti-Colonial Critique and Resistance

Chair and moderator: George Ciccariello-Maher, Vassar College, USA

Christopher Balcom, York University, Ontario, Canada, *M.N. Roy's “New Humanism” & The Problem of Fascism in Colonial India*

- Taylor Marie Doherty, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Massachusetts, USA, *Queer Speculative Futurity as Resistance in Harriet Jacob's "Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl"*
- Rosa M. O'Connor Acevedo, University of Oregon, Oregon, USA, *Antiblackness and Whiteness as the Ontological Base of the Coloniality of Power*
- Ricardo Vega León, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Massachusetts, USA, *Tocqueville's Capitalist Abolitionism: On Dispossession, Proletarianization, and Race*

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III. **Combattre le silence historique dans la Caraïbe et la violence totalitaire en**

Afrique Moderator: Hanétha Vété-Congolo, Bowdoin College, Maine, USA

- Véronique Hélénon, Roxbury Community College, Massachusetts, USA, *Les silences de l'histoire en Martinique et en Guadeloupe : Nommer pour sortir de l'oubli*
- Emmanuel Baniwesize, Université de Lubumbashi, République Démocratique du Congo, *Violence totalitaire et résistance sociale des jeunes en Afrique : réflexion sur les mouvements citoyens*
- Michael Neocosmos, Rhodes University, South Africa, *Toussaint and Mandela: The Figure of Heroic Leadership and the "Colonial Question"*

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IV. **Author-Meets-Critic Session: Decolonizing Diasporas: Radical Mappings of Afro-Atlantic Literature (Northwestern University Press, 2020)**

Moderator: Jane Anna Gordon, University of Connecticut-Storrs, Connecticut, USA

- Christen Smith, University of Texas at Austin, Texas, USA
- Daphne Taylor-Garcia, University of California-San Diego, California, USA
- *Author:* Yomaira C. Figueroa-Vásquez, Michigan State University, Michigan, USA

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V. **Modes of Resistance: Literacy, Teaching and Speculative Futurity**

Moderator: Dana Francisco Miranda, University of Massachusetts-Boston, Massachusetts, USA

- Sian Charles-Harris, University of Connecticut-Storrs, USA, *What is Literacy to the Wretched and the Oppressed? Toward a framework of creolizing literacies for Black lives*
- Patricia O'Rourke, Neag School of Education, University of Connecticut-Storrs, USA, *Black Lives Matter at School: Resistance through Teaching*
- Vinicius Marinho, University of Chicago, Illinois, USA, *Doing Black Human Dignity for Material Liberation*

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VI. Black Consciousness and Black Lives Matter

Moderator: Lisa M. Anderson, Arizona State University, Arizona, USA

- Rozena Maart, University of Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa
- Lewis R. Gordon, University of Connecticut-Storrs, Connecticut, USA

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VII. Black Hope, Health and Africana Phenomenology

Moderator: Michael Joseph Monahan, University of Memphis, Tennessee, USA

- Steve Núñez, University of Connecticut-Storrs, Connecticut, USA, *Militant Hope in Trying Times*
- Rhea Ienni, Loyola University Chicago, Illinois, USA, *Disability and Opacity*
- Jina Fast, Notre Dame University, Maryland, USA, *Black Feminist Collective Action to “Birthing While Black” Under White Supremacy*
- David Chin, York University, Ontario, Canada, *Africana Phenomenology and the Occident: the ‘Sociogenic Principle’, ‘Thingification’ and a Phenomenology of Anti-black Violence*

Break: 1:20 p.m.- 2:20 p.m.

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VIII. Neoliberalism, Financialization and Entrepreneurship in the Caribbean

Chair and moderator: Paget Henry, Brown University, Rhodes Island, USA

- Paget Henry, Brown University, Rhodes Island, USA, *Antiguan and Barbudan Political Economy: Financialization and After*
- Dennis Canterbury, Eastern Connecticut State University, Connecticut, USA, *Perspectives on Financing Caribbean Development*
- Donald Charles, Producer and Host of African Ascent, *Entrepreneurship in Jamaica and its Diaspora*

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IX. Puerto Rico, reforma colonial y representación del Atlántico Negro

Moderator: Rosario Torres Guevara, City University of New York, New York, USA

- Luis O. Canting-Placa, University of Puerto Rico, Bayamón, Puerto Rico, *El giro discursivo post-encarcelamiento en el líder nacionalista puertorriqueño Pedro Albizu Campos*
- Alberto Soto López, University of Puerto Rico, Humacao, Puerto Rico, *Una brevísim historia del cartel de la reforma colonial de Puerto Rico*
- Mónica González García, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile, *Reversos del Atlántico Negro en "Lumumba" de Raoul Peck*

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X. Pan-African Movements, the Radical Tradition and Social Change

Moderator: Thomas Meagher, Sam Houston State University, Texas, USA

- Jesse Olsavsky, Duke Kunshan University, People's Republic of China, *"In the Tradition": Reconstructing the Abolitionist Tradition*
- Salmaan Khan, York University, Ontario, Canada, *"Divine Agents" of Social Change: Cedric Robinson, Grace Lee Boggs and the Irrationality of the Subject*
- Arun Rasiah, California State University, California, USA, *"The Internal Revolution": Transformative Ethics in the Life of Safiya Asya Bukhari*

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XI. Bodies of Resistance: Myth, Masks, Values, and Resistance

Chair and moderator: H. Alexander Welcome, University of New York, New York, USA

- Stefan Wheelock, George Mason University, Virginia, USA, *Ida B. Wells, the Press, and the Sanctification of Post Truth*
- H. Alexander Welcome, University of New York, New York, USA *Masks as Refusal: Will, Guilt, and Pursuits of Peace in Black Skin, White Masks, Mourning Becomes Electra, The Oresteia, and The Respectful Prostitute*
- Colena Sesanker, Gateway Community College, Connecticut, USA, *Resistance to the Fiction of the Human: Bodies as Sacred Sites of Affirmation*

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XII. Resisting Through the Arts: The Visual Arts

Moderator: Véronique Hélénon, Roxbury Community College, Massachusetts, USA

- Elen Nas, University of California-Irvine, California, USA, *How Arts Can Help the Resistance Through Thought*

- Djibril Dramé, Artist, Sénégal, *Visual Literacy Against Oppression*
- Aitor Bouso Gavín, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Massachusetts, USA, *Opaque Wound(s): Afro-Caribbean Aesthetics of Resistance and Fugitivity in Firelei Báez and Bony Ramirez*
- Daniel McNeil, Carleton University, Ontario, Canada, “*One Class-Conscious Worker Is Worth 100 Students*”: *Black Consciousness and Resistance Aesthetics in Detroit, 1967-1977*

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XIII. Resisting Anti-Black Genocide: Global Dimensions of Black Lives Matter and the Rastafari Movement

Chair and moderator: Shamara Wyllie Alhassan, Arizona State University, Arizona, USA

- Michael Barnett, University of the West Indies, Jamaica, *The Rastafari Movement as One of the Original Black Lives Matter Movements*
- Imani Tafari-Ama, Institute for Gender and Development Studies, Regional Coordinating Office (IGDS-RCO), Jamaica, *Toward a Project of Transnational Justice: Rastafari Womanist Epistemology*
- Shamara Wyllie Alhassan, Arizona State University, Arizona, USA, *Global Intersectional Movements for Black Freedom*

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XIV. Resisting Through Thought

Moderator: Lewis R. Gordon, University of Connecticut-Storrs, Connecticut, USA

- Nicholas Smith, Sodertorn University, Stockholm, Sweden, *Black Intentionality*
- Douglas Ficek, University of New Haven, Connecticut, USA, *Human Becoming and Its Obstruction: Sartrean Anthropology and Non-Ideal Virtue Ethics*
- Thomas Meagher Sam Houston State University, Texas, USA, *Multievidentiality, Resistance in William R. Jones's Phenomenological Axiology*

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XV. Why Do We Protest? Fanon and the Law

Chair and moderator: Oscar Guardiola-Rivera, University of London, England

- Mireille Fanon-Mendès France, Fanon Foundation, France, *New Man, Standing Man/ l'homme nouveau, l'homme debout*
- Fernanda Frizzo Bragato, Unisinos Law School, Brazil, *Resisting Non-existence: The Struggle of Indigenous Peoples in and out of Brazilian Courts*
- Oscar Guardiola-Rivera, University of London, England and & Kojo Koram, University of London, England, *Fanon & the Law*

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XVI. Resisting Through the Arts: Literature

Moderator: Yomaira C. Figueroa-Vásquez, Michigan State University, USA

- Aleida C. Gelpi Acosta, University of Puerto Rico, Bayamón, Puerto Rico, *Existencialismo in Julia de Burgos*
- Stephanie Mercado-Irizarry, University of Connecticut-Storrs, Connecticut, USA, *Narrar las Ancestras: relatos transgresores en las Negras de Yolanda Arroyo Pizarro*
- Giselle Román-Medina, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile, *Inquietudes tardías en la novela de formación de Gisèle Pineau y Edwidge Danticat*

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XVII. Interrogating the Static: Creolizing Public Goods, Revolution, the Nation, and Intimacy

Chair and moderator: Gregory E. Doukas, University of Connecticut-Storrs, Connecticut, USA

- Josué R. López, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, *Toward Creolizing Goods*
- Gregory E. Doukas, University of Connecticut-Storrs, Connecticut, USA, *Creolizing Revolution with James and Grace Lee Boggs*
- Bennett Brazelton, Boston Public Schools, Massachusetts, USA, *Toni Morrison, Frantz Fanon, and the Nation*

- Taylor Tate, University of Connecticut-Storrs, Connecticut, USA, *The Products That Bind Us Together*

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XVIII. Comparative Analyses of Afro-Jewish History and Culture

Chair and moderator: Walter Isaac, Claflin University, South Carolina, USA

- Hasan J. Terry, Claflin University, South Carolina, USA, *The Comparative Study of Igbo and Hebrew Cultural Threads*
- Walter Isaac, Claflin University, South Carolina, USA, *Hebrew-Israelites and the Making of American Democracy*
- April Rosenblum, York University, Ontario, Canada, *Levelling the Earth by Hand: Afro-Jewish Leadership in Postwar Philadelphia*
- Geoffrey Adelsberg, Edgewood College, Wisconsin, USA, *Burial as Resistance: Black Jewish Burial Societies in Colonial Suriname*

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XIX. On History and Sylvia Wynter

Moderator: Jacqueline Martinez, Arizona State University, Arizona, USA

- Frances H. O'Shaughnessy, University of Washington, Washington, USA, *Can We Write a History From the Ocean Floor?*
- Eric Bayruns García, California State University, California, USA, *Blaming Historical Actors: Why Protesters Appropriately Topple Monuments of Christopher Columbus and Robert E. Lee*
- Brendan Brown, The New School for Social Research, New York, USA, *Black Sentience and Un-Reason: Sylvia Wynter's Critique of Michel Foucault and Jacques Derrida on the History of Reason/Madness*
- Elisabeth Paquette, University of North Carolina, North Carolina, USA, *Ceremonies of Liberation: On Wynter and Solidarity*

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XX. Identidades transfronterizas: resignificaciones en torno a las identidades caribeñas desde la bahía de la modernidad

Chair and moderator: Christian Olivier Lozano Villanueva, Mexico

- Lourdes Melissa Chablé Chi, Ciesas-Occidente, Mexico, *Ficciones futuristas del pasado Maya*
- Miguel Castillo Torres, Mexico, *Geografía e historia: una visión sobre la construcción significativa del Caribe en el discurso oficial pedagógico en México*
- María de la Luz Luna Cámara, Universidad de Quintana Roo, Mexico, *Identidad frontera caribeña*

- Christian Olivier Lozano Villanueva, Docente / Investigador independiente, Mexico, *Caribbeallien*

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XXI. Revolutionary Thinkers: CLR James, Fanon and Gandhi

Moderator: T. Storm Heter, East Stroudsburg University, Pennsylvania, USA

- Drucilla Cornell, Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA, *The Revolutionary Power of Black Insurgencies in the United States*
- Christopher J. Lee, Lafayette College, New York, USA, *Against Tragedy: The Historicism of CLR James*
- Tal Correm, New York University, New York, USA, *Fanon and Gandhi on Resistance through Thought and Action*

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XXII. Black Liberation and Captive Notebooks

Chair and moderator: Dana Francisco Miranda, University of Massachusetts-Boston, Massachusetts USA

- Maria Ximena Abello Hurtado, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Massachusetts, USA, *Against the Grain of Settler Colonialism and Chattel Slavery in Northern South America*
- Terrell James, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Massachusetts, USA, *Reconsider New Afrikan Anarchism: Thinking with the Revolutionary Praxis of Kuwasi Balagoon*
- Dana Francisco Miranda, University of Massachusetts-Boston, Massachusetts USA, *The Loophole of Captivity: Conversations with Jacobs, Newton, and Abu-Jamal*

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XXIII. Rabindranath Tagore and Africana Thought

Chair and moderator: Ashmita Khasnabish, Lasell University, Massachusetts, USA

- Ashmita Khasnabish, Lasell University, Massachusetts, USA, *Tagore's Story "Kabuliwallah": Real or Virtual or Both?*
- Monika Kirloskar-Steinbach, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands, *Resisting Conceptual Hegemony: DuBoisian and Tagorean Proposals*
- Henry Paget, Brown University, Rhode Island, USA, *Rabindranath Tagore and Caribbean Poeticism*

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XXIV. Charting Shifting the Geography of Reason

Moderator: Yomaira C. Figueroa-Vásquez, Michigan State University, Michigan, USA

- Gabriel Petatan García, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico, *The Myths of Western Metaphysics: Latin America and the Critique of Geographical Reasoning*
- Deivison Mendes Faustino, Universidade Federal de São Paulo, Brazil, *Frantz Fanon and the Creolization of Hegel: Colonialism, the Interdiction of Dialectics and Emancipation*
- Caree A. Banton, University of Arkansas, Arkansas, USA, *Shifting Frontiers of Freedom, Citizenship, and Nationhood in Caribbean Post-Emancipation*
- Tacuma Peters, Michigan State University, Michigan, USA, *Remapping the Afterlives of 18th century Garifuna Resistance*

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XXV. Afro-Brazilians, Indigenous People and Kongo-Angolan Influence in Brazil

Moderator: Rosemere Ferreira da Silva, Universidade do Estado da Bahia, Brazil

- Rosemere Ferreira da Silva, Universidade do Estado da Bahia-UNEB, *Brasil Democrático ou Genocida? O Extermínio de Afro-brasileiros e Indígenas / Democratic or Genocidal Brazil? The Extermination of Afro-Brazilians and Indigenous People*
- Liliane Braga Ndembwemin, Pesquisadora associada ao Centro de Estudos Culturais Africanos e da Diáspora da Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo (CECAFRO), Brazil and Alexandre Araujo Bispo, Antropólogo, crítico de arte e curador independente. Membro do Coletivo ASA, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil, *Dois reis. Duas diretoras: milongas e poéticas audiovisuais entre espaços e tempos*

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XXVI. Creole Literary Legacies

Moderator: Douglas Ficek, University of New Haven, Connecticut, USA

- Graciela Maglia, Penn State University, Pennsylvania, USA, *Afro-Creole Oral Literature in Palenque, Colombia*
- Corey McCall, Penn State Humanities Institute, Pennsylvania, USA, *Baroque Prophecies: Benjamin and Glissant on the Meaning of the Baroque*
- Miguel Gualdrón-Ramírez, University of North Texas, Texas, USA, *Lo Real Maravilloso and the Baroque: Approaches to the Status of Latin American Reality*

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XXVII. Charting the Matriarchal Shift: Rastafari Woman's Reasoning

Chair and moderator: Daive Dunkley, University of Missouri, Missouri, USA

- Jahzani Kush, founder of Lalibela Institute, Inc., *Blue Fyah: The Current in Rastafari Women's Leadership*
- Deena-Marie Beresford, Catholic University of America, Washington D.C., USA, *Charting the Matriarchal Shift in RasTafari*
- Daive Dunkley, University of Missouri, Missouri, USA, *Women and the Politics of the Black Freedom Struggle: Edna Fisher and Early Rastafari*

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XXVIII. Race, Invisibility and Decolonial Narratives in Critical Jewish Studies Scholarship

Moderator: Tacuma Peters, Michigan State University, Michigan, USA

- Remy Ilona, University of California-Riverside, California, USA, *How Africanness Kept Igbos out of Jewish Studies*
- Yirmiyahu E. Danzig, Independent Scholar, Afro-Jewish Studies Association, *Decolonial Narrative as Response to the Erasure of Africana and Caribbean Judaism*
- Andre E. Brooks-Key, Claflin University, South Carolina, USA, *The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Jew*

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XXIX. Négritude

Moderator: Hanétha Vété-Congolo, Bowdoin College, Maine, USA

- Guirdex Massé, Augusta University, Georgia, USA, *The Harlem Renaissance, the Négritude Movement, and the Case for a Multi-Cultural Body Politic*
- Patrick Goodin, Howard University, Washington, D.C., USA, *Just Who is Caliban: Shakespeare, Césaire, Lamming and the Metaphysics of Modernity and Coloniality*
- Sanyu Mulira, California State University, California, USA, *After Négritude Ends: An Intellectual Biography of Léon Gontran Damas*

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XXX. Aproximaciones de la literatura del caribe: Sargazo, antología literaria de jóvenes quintanarroenses, 2020

Chair and moderator: Viviana Genoveva Caamal Estrella, Mexico

- Viviana Genoveva Caamal Estrella, Escritora e investigadora independiente, México, *¿Qué es Sargazo? Breve presentación de la antología literaria de jóvenes quintanarroenses, 2020*

- Lucy Alejandra Muñoz Castán, Docente e investigadora independiente, México, *Análisis a nuevos horizontes literarios en Quintana Roo: Sargazo*
- Laura Viridiana Angulo Ruíz, Docente y escritora, México, *Consideraciones sobre la literatura hecha por mujeres en el caribe mexicano a partir de “Sargazo”: antología literaria de jóvenes quintanarroenses*
- Christian Olivier Lozano Villanueva, Docente e investigador independiente, México, *Caribeñidad estelar*

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