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African American Political Thought: Past and Present

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Friday, May 15, 2015

- 8:45** Pick Up
- 9:00 – 9:30** Coffee and Pastries
- 9:30 – 9:45** *Welcoming Remarks*
Melvin L. Rogers (UCLA)
- 9:45 – 11:30** *Panel 1: Walker, Delany, and Douglass*
- Presenters:*
Robert Gooding Williams (Columbia University), “*Martin Delany’s Two Principles*”
- Sharon Krause** (Brown University), “*Non-sovereign Freedom and Resistance in Frederick Douglass*”
- Chair/Commentator: **Richard Yarborough** (UCLA)
- 12:00 – 1:30** Lunch
- 2:00 – 4:00** *Panel 2: Washington, Du Bois and Locke*
- Presenters:*
Michael Rudolph West (Holy Cross), “*Off To See the Wizard: Booker T. Washington and the Idea of Race Relations*”
- Paul Taylor** (Penn State), “*W. E. B. Du Bois: The Politics of Inquiry and The Ethics of Perfection.*”
- Leonard Harris** (Purdue), “*Alain Locke and Liberation: What, then, is Liberation?*”
- Chair/Commentator: **Brandon Terry** (Harvard)
- 6:00** Pick Up at Hotel
- 6:30** Dinner

Saturday, May 16, 2015

9:15 Pick Up

9:30 – 9:45 Coffee and Pastries

9:45 – 11:45 *Panel 3: Hurston, Hughes, and Wright*

Presenters:

Farah Griffin (Columbia), “*Zora Neale Hurston’s Complex Nationalisms*”

Jason Frank (Cornell), “*The Poetry and Politics of Langston Hughes*”

Tommie Shelby (Harvard), “*Richard Wright: Realizing the Promise of the West*”

Chair/Commentator: **Yogita Goyal** (UCLA)

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:45 *Panel 4: Rustin and Newton*

Presenters:

George Shulman (NYU), “*Bayard Rustin: Between ‘Protest’ and ‘Politics’*”

Cedric Johnson (University of Illinois, Chicago), “*Huey P. Newton and the Last Days of the Black Colony*”

Commentator: **Peter Hudson** (UCLA)

3:00 – 4:00 Roundtable: *What Defines African American Political Thought?*

Commentators: Robert Gooding-Williams, Sharon Krause, and Brandon Terry

6:00 Pick Up at Hotel

6:30 Dinner