

7th Annual Philosophy Graduate Student Association Conference



“The Social Ontology of Race in the ‘Post-Racial’ Era”

Friday, February 11, 2011 (UC River Room)

Introductory Remarks

4:30pm - “Philosophy Beyond Disciplinary Decadence” by Lewis Gordon, Temple University

Keynote Address

5:00pm - “Only The Boot On Your Neck Is Real: Radical Realism, Morphing Hierarchies of Oppression, and What We Have Forgotten” by Jennifer Lisa Vest, University of Central Florida

Saturday, February 12, 2011 (UC Bluff Room)

Session 1

9:00am - “Race, Ambiguity and Modernity” by Mark S. Fagiano, Emory University

Commentator: Paul Hammond, University of Memphis

10:00am - “PostRace: Becoming Black” by Amir Jaima, SUNY Stony Brook

Commentator: Justin Sledge, University of Memphis

11:00am - “Wait... You Want To Do What?: A Critique of Naomi Zack’s Eliminativism” by Stephanie Rivera Berruz, SUNY Buffalo

Commentator: Timothy Golden, University of Memphis

Session 2

2:00pm - “Wittgenstein and the Meta-Race Narrative” by John Gavin White, Fordham University

Commentator: Nicholas Drozd, University of Memphis

3:00pm - “Misunderstood Connections: A Critique of Appiah’s Racial Eliminativism” by Lauren Woomer, Michigan State University

Commentator: Samaiyah Jones-Scott, University of Memphis

4:00pm - “The Contagious Body: Healthcare and the (Illegal) Alien” by Natalie Cisneros, Vanderbilt University

Commentator: Heidi Samuelson, University of Memphis

5:00pm - “Sartre and Fanon on ‘Creation’” by Ronke Oke, Pennsylvania State University

Commentator: Matthew Lexow, University of Memphis

Conference Organizers: Tina Botts, Alice Everly, Desirée Ramacus-Bushnell, and John Torrey

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