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: 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:
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  Final Reflections: What Defines African American Political Thought?
Commentators: Robert Gooding-Williams and Brandon Terry
6:00  Pick Up at Hotel
6:30  Dinner