African American Political Thought: Past and Present

May 15—16, 2015
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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”

               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