

RACE AND ANARCHY

MARCH 26-27, 2015

Discussions of anarchy often elide concerns of race, gender, and sexual orientation, although the history of discourses of anarchy reveals contributions by women and men of color, such as Lucy Parsons and Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin. Moreover, critical concerns of state violence, as witnessed over the past year, take heavily racialized form as black and Latino/a women and men have been major targets. This two-day symposium will offer explorations on theories and the history of anarchy when examined through the lens of critical work on class, gender, indigeneity, race, and sexuality.

Thursday, March 26th

Dodd Research Center

2:00 PM–3:20 PM Special exhibit of anarchist and race-related papers in the Archives & Special Collections in the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, curated by Graham Stinnett (reception with refreshments will be in the hall)

Class of 1947 Room, Babbidge Library:

3:30 PM–3:45 PM Opening Remarks: Jane Anna Gordon, Political Science and Africana Studies, and Lewis R. Gordon, Philosophy and Africana Studies

3:45 PM–4:45 PM *Reflections on Anarchy at UCONN*

Introduced and moderated by Donald Baxter, Philosophy, UCONN
Leonard Krimerman, Philosophy, UCONN

4:45 PM–6:00 PM *Keynote Address*

Introduced and moderated by Jeffrey Ogbar, History and Center for Popular Music, UCONN
John Bracey, Afro-American Studies, UMASS-AMHERST

9:30 AM–10:45 AM *American Perspectives on Anarchism and Race*

Introduced and moderated by Fred Lee, Political Science and Asian and Asian-American Studies, UCONN
Jorell Melendez, History, UCONN
Edward Avery-Natale, Sociology, North Dakota State University

10:45 AM–12:00 PM *Decolonization and Decoloniality*

Introduced and moderated by Elisa Cicchinato, University of Paris-East and Deivison Mendes Nkosi, Federal University of Brazil
George Ciccariello-Maher, Political Science and History, Drexel University
Nejm Benessaiah, Anthropology, University of Kent

12:00 PM–1:00 PM *Buffet lunch at the African American Cultural Center with a special welcome from Jelani Cobb, History and Director of the Africana Studies Institute*

African American Cultural Center, 4th Floor, Student Union, UCONN

1:00 PM–2:45 PM *Indigeneity, Race, Sexuality*

Introduced and moderated by Melina Pappademos, History, UCONN
Irene Calis, Political and International Studies, Rhodes University, South Africa
Tshepo Madlingozi, Law, University of Pretoria, South Africa
Tanya Saunders, Africana Studies, Ohio State University

2:45 PM–3:00 PM *Next Steps*

Edward Avery-Natale
George Ciccariello-Maher

3:00–3:15 PM *Concluding remarks: Jane Gordon and Lewis Gordon*

Friday, March 27, 2015

African American Cultural Center, 4th Floor, Student Union, UCONN

9:00 AM–9:30 AM *Morning refreshments and opening remarks, Lewis R. Gordon and Willena Price, Director of the African American Cultural Center*

This event is free and open to the public

This event is co-sponsored by the African American Cultural Center, Africana Studies Institute, Asian and Asian American Studies Institute, El Instituto, the Humanities Institute, the Philosophy Department, the Department of Political Science, and the Rainbow Center at UCONN.

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