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

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

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 Cicchino, University of Paris-East and Deivison Mendes Nkosi, Federal University of Brazil
George Ciccarelli-Maher, Political Science and History, Drexel University
Nejm Benesassiah, 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 African Studies Institute

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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