

BHSA INAUGURAL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

AUGUST 30, 2024

BLACK HUMANIST STUDIES ASSOCIATION

BLACK HUMANIST STUDIES
HISTORY, THEORY, METHOD,
APPLICATION

Register @
blackhumaniststudies.org

PROGRAM

All times are EST

9:00-9:05 am

Opening Remarks
Christopher Cameron & Anthony Pinn

9:05-10:35 am
Session 1

The Black Human in Humanism

Chair: Anthony Pinn

Presenters:

Joseph Winters, Duke University
"Black/Human"

Calvin Warren, Emory University
"Rethinking Black Suicide: On the Limits of Humanistic Thought"

Philip Butler, Iliff School of Theology
"Three Iterations of Black Posthumanity"

10:45-12:35 pm
Session 2

Historical Contours of Black Humanism

Chair: Christopher Cameron

Presenters:

Mtangulizi Sanyika, Black Humanist Fellowship

"Black Humanism in the Black Power Era: The First Modern Generation"

Carol Wayne White, Bucknell University
"Exploring James Baldwin's Black Humanism and Energizing a Different Kind of Humanistic Affirmation"

Colin Bossen, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston
"Grace Lee Boggs and Black Humanism in Detroit"

Adam Lawrence Dyer, University of Virginia
"Free at Last: Liberating Black Leadership from Religion"

12:35-2:00 pm

Lunch Break

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2:05-3:40pm
Session 3

Theory and Method in Black Humanist Studies

Chair: **Anthony Pinn**

Presenters:

William Hart, Macalaster College

"What is Black humanism and what is it for?"

Alexandra Hartmann, Paderborn University

"Against the Antiblack World: Black Humanist Theorizing in Contemporary US Popular Culture"

Juan M. Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt Divinity School

"Living on Borrowed Time..." MF DOOM as Black Humanist Hip Hop Icon"

4:00-5:50pm
Session 4

Application Beyond the Academy

Chair: **Christopher Cameron**

Presenters:

Terrence Johnson, Harvard Divinity School

"Politics and Black Humanist Thought"

Candace Gorham, Mental Health Professional and Secular Activist

"Broken Promises: How Christianity Has Let Down the Black Community"

Mandisa L. Thomas, Black Nonbelievers Inc.

"The Case for Black Humanist Celebrants: Providing Much Need Services for a Growing Community"

Sabrina Dent, BJC Center for Faith, Justice, and Reconciliation

"Religious Freedom as a Tool of Black Resilience: Holding Space Between Faith and Unbelief"

5:50-6:00pm

Closing Remarks

Christopher Cameron & Anthony Pinn