

50 Years of African and African American Studies at Harvard

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Schedule

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020 HARVARD MEMORIAL CHURCH

1:30 PM: OPENING REMARKS

Tommie Shelby, Chair of the Department of African and African American Studies, Caldwell Titcomb Professor of African and African American Studies and Professor of Philosophy, Harvard University

1:45 PM: THE KUUMBA SINGERS OF HARVARD COLLEGE

2:00 PM: WELCOMING REMARKS

Claudine Gay, Edgerley Family Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Wilbur A. Cowett Professor of Government and of African and African American Studies, Harvard University

2:15 PM: ROUNDTABLE: FOUNDERS AND EARLY DAYS

Henry Louis Gates Jr. (moderator), Alphonse Fletcher University Professor; Director of the Hutchins Center for African & African American Research, Harvard University

Lee A. Daniels '71, Journalist and Writer

Jeffrey P. Howard '69, Founder and President of the Efficacy Institute

Octavia Hudson '71, CEO, Weall Media

Orlando Patterson, John Cowles Professor of Sociology, Harvard University

Henry Rosovsky, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Emeritus, Geyser University Professor Emeritus, Harvard University

4:00 PM BREAK

4:15 PM KEYNOTE ADDRESS: *"Fixed and Calmly Brilliant: Fifty Years of African and African American Studies at Harvard"*

Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham (introduction), Chair of the Department of History; Victor S. Thomas Professor of History and African and African American Studies, Harvard University

Farah Jasmine Griffin '85, Chair of the Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies; William B. Ransford Professor of English and Comparative Literature and African-American Studies, Columbia University

5:30 PM: YOSVANY TERRY QUINTET

Ingrid Monson (introduction), Chair of the Department of Music; Quincy Jones Professor of African American Music, supported by the Time Warner Endowment; Professor of African and African American Studies, Harvard University

Yosvany Terry, saxophonist, composer, percussionist

Manolo Mairena, singer and percussionist

Julian Miltenberger, percussionist

Osmany Paredes, pianist, composer and arranger
Yunior Terry, bassist, violinist, composer

6:00 PM ART EXHIBIT AND RECEPTION AT HUTCHINS CENTER

Dell M. Hamilton presents "The Extraordinary Commission: Student Activism and the Birth of Afro-American Studies at Harvard" at the Rudenstine Gallery, Hutchins Center, 3rd Floor

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020

TSAI AUDITORIUM (CGIS)

8:15 AM COFFEE AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 AM: WELCOMING REMARKS

Lawrence D. Bobo, Dean of Social Science; W. E. B. Du Bois Professor of the Social Sciences, Harvard University

9:15 AM: ALUMNI REFLECTIONS

Brandon M. Terry '05 (moderator), Assistant Professor of African and African American Studies and of Social Studies, Harvard University

Terence Carter '01, Co-President, Head of TV, Westbrook Studios

Sulee Stinson Clay '92, Chair of the Corporate Group and Managing Partner at McKennon, Shelton & Henn LLP

Sangu Delle '10, Entrepreneur, investor, and author; Managing Director of Africa Health Holdings

Myles V. Lynk '71, Peter Kiewit Foundation Professor of Law and the Legal Profession, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

Sharifa Rhodes-Pitts '00, Writer and journalist

10:45 AM: BREAK

11:00 PM: THE PHD: CHALLENGES AND POSSIBILITIES

Tommie Shelby (moderator)

Martha Biondi, Lorraine H. Morton Professor of African American Studies and Professor of History; Director of the Center for African American History, Northwestern University

Jennifer C. Nash, Associate Professor of African American Studies and Gender & Sexuality Studies, Northwestern University

Barbara Savage, Geraldine R. Segal Professor of American Social Thought, Department of Africana Studies, University of Pennsylvania

Olufemi Táíwò, Professor of African Political Thought and Department Chair at the Africana Studies and Research Center, Cornell University

12:30 PM: LUNCH BREAK

2:00 PM: KEYNOTE ADDRESS: "*Contesting Africa's 'Dissimilarity': Reflections on Global African Studies*"

Emmanuel Akyeampong (introduction), Ellen Gurney Professor of History and of African and African American Studies; Oppenheimer Faculty Director of the Center for African Studies, Harvard University

Wale Adebaniwi, Director of the African Studies Centre; Rhodes Professor of Race Relations, University of Oxford

3:30 PM: BREAK

3:45 PM: SCHOLAR-ACTIVISM AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Elizabeth Hinton (moderator), Professor of History and of African and African American Studies, Harvard University

Carole Boyce-Davies, Professor of Africana Studies and English, Cornell University

Imani Perry, Hughes-Rogers Professor of African American Studies, Princeton University

Aurora Vergara-Figueroa, Director(a) del Centro de Estudios Afrodiaspóricos, Universidad Icesi

Cornel West '74, Professor of the Practice of Public Philosophy, Harvard University

5:15 PM: CLOSING REMARKS

Tommie Shelby