



The Department of Black Studies, University of Missouri presents:

## 2016 BLACK STUDIES FALL CONFERENCE

October 14-15, 2016

The Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center

### *Black Resistance in the Americas: Slavery and its Aftermath*

This year, the Department of Black Studies, University of Missouri, Columbia campus, hosts its annual Black Studies Fall Conference to explore the theme of Black Resistance in the Americas: Slavery and its Aftermath. An international gathering of scholars, activists, and students will explore the factors of both historical and contemporary black resistance, and reflect on the approaches for addressing the concerns of contemporary social justice movements against racial inequality. The topics to be discussed are some of the mechanisms that people of African descent have used to resist bondage, domination, disempowerment, inequality, and injustices resulting from their encounters with the West, from colonization to forced migration.

#### Discussion Topics

- Slave Resistance and Culture/Identity Formation
- Race, Nationalism, Politics, and Activism
- Gender, Feminism, and Masculinity
- Religion and Decolonization
- Economics, Business, and Entrepreneurship
- Language, Literature, Performing Arts, and Sportsmanship

**This event is FREE and OPEN to the public.**

#### Contributors' Institutions:

*University of Missouri; Rider University; University of Arkansas; University of the West Indies; Truman State University; Northeastern University; Emory University; University of Texas; Carleton; Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul College; Graduate Center, CUNY*

#### Our Sponsors:

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## Program

Day 1: The Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center

Friday, October 14, 2016, 1:00 pm – 8:15 pm

### 1:00 pm – 1:20 pm

Introduction by Dr. D.A. Dunkley, Conference Chair, Department of Black Studies, University of Missouri, Columbia

Welcome by Dr. Stephanie Shonekan, Chair, Department of Black Studies, University of Missouri, Columbia

*Note: Presenters have a maximum of 15 minutes to present their papers. The Q&A session will follow the presentations.*

### Presentations 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm [Q&A 2:45-3:00 pm]

#### **Panel 1: *Slave Resistance & the Struggles of Liberated Blacks***

Chair: Dr. April Langley, Departments of Black Studies and English, University of Missouri, Columbia

A. Lawrence Celani, University of Missouri, Columbia - *Title: 'No Scheme More Monstrous Could Have Been Invented': Slave Election Ceremonies and the New York Slave Conspiracy of 1741*

B. Karl Monsma, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil - *Title: Resistance and the Evaporation of Masters' Authority: Two Brazilian Cases*

C. Pearlie Peters, Rider University, New Jersey - *Title: A Grand Slave Resistance in Charles Chesnut's "The Passing of Grandison"*

D. Daniel B. Domingues da Silva, University of Missouri, Columbia - *Title: African Resistance against Colonialism: Evidence from the Census Returns of Portuguese Angola, 1776-1830*

E. Caree Banton, The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville - *Title: Barbadians Encounter the African Coast: Settlement, Identity, and Stratification in Liberia*

### 3:00 pm – 3:20 pm Coffee Break

## Thank You

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*Dear Contributors, Sponsors and Members of the Audience,*

*Thank you so much for your contributions to this year's Annual Black Studies Fall Conference. As always, we are striving to bring together as many people as possible. We are proud to have been able to bring together so many fine scholars, activists, and students. We are very grateful for the sponsorship we received and look forward to future collaborations. No conference is a true success without the participation of the audience and we therefore thank everyone that turned out to take advantage of the fine presentations.*

*Sincerely,*

*D.A. Dunkley, Ph.D.*

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Day 2: The Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center  
Saturday, October 15, 2016, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

### 1:20 pm – 2:10 pm Film Presentation & Discussion

Moderators: Professor Anand Prahlad, Department of English, University of Missouri, Columbia, and Dr. Christopher A.D. Charles, University of the West Indies, Jamaica

*Film Title: Big Chief* (30 mins.) by Alexandra Sascha Just, Graduate Center, CUNY [Big Chief follows Black Indian Chief Darryl Montana of the Yellow Pocahontas tribe as he prepares his suit, reminiscent of those worn by Native American chiefs, and rehearses with his tribe for Carnival, culminating with Montana's performance on Mardi Gras Day.]

### 2:10 pm – 3:00 pm

Closing Remarks, Conference Chair, Dr. D.A. Dunkley  
Refreshments & Performance by *Talking Drum*



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### Presentations 3:20 pm – 4:35 pm [Q&A 4:35-4:50 pm]

#### Panel 2: *African-American Narratives of Resistance*

Chair: Dr. Christina Carney, Departments of Black Studies and Women's & Gender Studies, University of Missouri, Columbia

A. Tanesha Williams, Northeastern University, Boston - *Title: 3959: The Gun as the Modern Day Noose*

B. Carol Bennett, Truman State University, Kirksville - *Title: Policing The Black Female Body: From Sojourner Truth to Sandra Bland*

C. Huseyin Altindis, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville - *Title: Power, Resistance, and Discourse: Intersectionality and Reconstructing Black Female Sexuality in Gayl Jones's Corregidora*

D. Angela M. Haeny & Oscar F. Rojas Perez, University of Missouri, Columbia - *Title: Healing from Racial Injustices*

### 4:50 pm – 5:30 pm Supper

Keynote Address, "*We Fight!*" *Red Tails, Black Soldiers, and the Civil Rights Movement*, Leadership Auditorium, MU Student Center, University of Missouri, Columbia, 6:00 pm – 8:15 pm

By Prof. Carol Anderson, Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor and Chair of African American Studies, Emory University, Atlanta  
Introductions by Dr. Garnett S. Stokes, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, University of Missouri

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### Presentations 9:00 am – 10:00 am [Q&A 10:00-10:20 am]

#### **Panel 3: *Imagining New Spaces: Race, Nation, & Resistance in the Caribbean***

Chair: Dr. Stephanie Shonekan, Department of Black Studies and School of Music, University of Missouri, Columbia

A. Mamadou Badiane, University of Missouri, Columbia - *Title: Race and Nation in Caribbean Nation Building*

B. Sheri-Marie Harrison, University of Missouri, Columbia - *Title: Silencing the Singer: National Identity as Commodity in Caribbean Literature*

C. Cristina Mislán, University of Missouri, Columbia - *Title: Cuba as an Alternative Space: US Black Power, Racial Democracy, and the Cuban Revolution of 1959*

D. Flore Zéphir, University of Missouri, Columbia - *Title: The Centrality of Haitian Creole in the Haitian National Project For Social Democracy*

**10:20 am – 10:40 am Coffee Break**

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### Presentations 10:40 am – 11:55 pm [Q&A 11:55 am - 12:20 pm]

#### **Panel 4: *Racism, Religiosity & Black Experiences in the Americas***

Chair: Dr. Stephen Graves, Departments of Black Studies and Political Science, University of Missouri, Columbia

A. Beth Colón Pizzini, University of Texas, Austin - *Title: La Resistencia: Cultural & Social Resistance of Black Women in Puerto Rico*

B. Joshua Reason, Carleton College, Northfield - *Title: Local and Transnational Conceptions of Blackness in Latin America*

C. Christopher A.D. Charles, University of the West Indies, Jamaica - *Title: The Representations of Race in the Decennial Censuses of the United States from 1790-2010*

D. Aurélia Mouzet, University of Missouri, Columbia - *Title: Rewriting the Bible: The Jesus Figure in Black Atlantic Women's Literature*

E. Abdoulaye Gaye, Independent Scholar - *Title: 'Africa Is Born In Us': The Reggae Revivalist as an Organic Intellectual*

**12:20 pm – 1:20 pm Lunch Break**