



## PHILOSOPHY BORN OF STRUGGLE XXV 2019 CALL FOR PAPERS

### NEGLECTED PHILOSOPHERS OF STRUGGLE

**NOVEMBER 1–2, 2019**  
**EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON, GRAND RAPIDS,  
MICHIGAN**

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JULIET HOOKER (BROWN UNIVERSITY)



The 25<sup>th</sup> Philosophy Born of Struggle conference will be held at Embassy Suites by Hilton in Grand Rapids, Michigan. **Philosophy Born of Struggle** asks for papers or roundtable/panel proposals on neglected philosophers whose works can be considered contributions to philosophies born of struggle.

We welcome submissions inspired by the conference theme. We especially welcome submissions on the one or more of the following topics:

- The work of neglected philosophers and how their work is related to philosophies born of struggle. A *neglected philosopher* can be (a) someone who is not normally considered a philosopher, (b) someone whose work has not been duly acknowledged for its philosophical contributions, or (c) someone who is neither considered a philosopher nor has had their work duly acknowledged for its philosophical contributions. Among those who can be considered neglected philosophers are M. Jacqui Alexander, Tanella Boni, Lydia Cabrera, Luisa Capetillo, Carlos A. Cooks, Joyce Mitchell Cook, Bachir Souleymane Diagne, William H. Ferris, Édouard Glissant, Eugene C. Holmes, William R. Jones, Jamaica Kincaid, Mahmoud Mamdani, Albert Memmi, Es'kia Mphahlele, José Esteban Muñoz, Derek Walcott, and Sylvia Wynter.
- What it means for a philosopher to be a neglected figure and how to reintroduce that philosopher into contemporary controversial issues.
- The resources that neglected philosophers can provide to scholars and activists as they confront present-day ethno-nationalism throughout the globe, particularly in the Americas and in Africa.

The submission deadline is **August 15, 2019**.

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The Philosophy Born of Struggle (PBOS) conference was first organized in 1993 by J. Everet Green at Rockland Community College, and officially took on the name Philosophy Born of Struggle several years later to continue the study and traditions announced by Leonard Harris's anthology *Philosophy Born of Struggle: Anthology of Afro-American Philosophy from 1917*. Every year PBOS enjoys being hosted by universities, colleges, and community colleges throughout the country. For over two decades, PBS has remained a traveling conference dedicated to bringing Africana philosophy to various communities, be they academic or not, in the United States. Over the last several years, PBOS has sought to be a home to voices that hear and speak to new, historically excluded, immigrant, déclassé, discriminated against, gendered and non-gender conforming philosophers.

PBS is an interdisciplinary and open philosophical community. We welcome interlocutors from all traditions, including but not limited to Afrocentrism, womanism, feminism, queer/trans theory, Marxism, Pan-Africanism, pragmatism, and existentialism. We also welcome participants regardless of discipline and professional affiliation. More information on Philosophy Born of Struggle including interviews of African American philosophers, past keynote speakers, and various literatures can be found at: <http://pbos.com/> and <http://earchives.lib.purdue.edu/cdm/search/collection/msp194>.

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**SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:** Please submit either 1) a paper abstract of approximately 500 words, 2) a roundtable or panel abstract of approximately 500 words, or 3) a complete paper no longer than 3000 words (excluding notes and bibliography) as a Microsoft Word document to [PBSconference@gmail.com](mailto:PBSconference@gmail.com) by **August 15, 2019**.

Each submission should be accompanied by the following information either in a separate document or in the email's body: (1) title, (2) kind of submission (that is, a paper or a roundtable/panel proposal), (3) name of institution, (4) rank or occupation, and (5) email addresses of presenters or panelists. Please use "PBOS 2019 Submission" as the subject of the email.

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