

University of California, Irvine
School of Humanities

Co-sponsored by African American Studies
and the Humanities Collective

presents

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

1:00 to 5:00 PM

Humanities Gateway 1030



Racial Blackness and the Discontinuity of Western Modernity
A Celebration of the Legacy and Life of Lindon Barrett (1961-2008)

Racial Blackness and the Discontinuity of Western Modernity (University of Illinois Press, 2014) is a brilliant and pathbreaking re-examination of the relationship between the black experience and Western modernity. Written by Lindon Barrett, who was tragically murdered in 2008, the conference aims to outline the making of this posthumously published volume, critically assess its contribution while locating it within the wider context of Barrett's life and legacy. With the exception of the last year of his life, Lindon Barrett spent his entire academic career serving the University of California, Irvine campus. Recruited in 1990 as an Assistant Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Barrett rose to become a full professor and distinguished himself as a founding member of the Program in African American Studies, which he served as Director from 2004 to 2007. He joined the University of California, Riverside in 2007. Barrett also authored *Blackness and Value: Seeing Double* (Cambridge University Press, 1999) and numerous scholarly essays and book chapters, including in the flagship journal *Callaloo*, which he served as Associate Editor from 1997 to 2000.

RACIAL
BLACKNESS
AND THE
DISCONTINUITY
OF
WESTERN
MODERNITY

LINDON
BARRETT

edited by
JUSTIN A. JOYCE, DWIGHT A. MCBRIDE,
AND JOHN CARLOS ROWE

Speakers include:

Dean Georges Van Den Abbeele, School of Humanities, UC Irvine
Winston James, UC Irvine
Justin Joyce, Northwestern University
Katherine Kinney, UC Riverside
Fred Moten, UC Riverside
Janet Neary, Hunter College
Vorris Nunley, UC Riverside
Rajagopalan Radhakrishnan, UC Irvine
John Carlos Rowe, University of Southern California
Traise Yamamoto, UC Riverside

For additional information or assistance with disability services, please contact Donna Iliescu at diliescu@uci.edu or 949-824-7440. A campus map can be located at the UC Irvine website: <http://www.uci.edu/visit/maps.php/>