

Africans, African Americans, and the Abrahamic Religions Symposium Schedule
Boston University Photonics Center Colloquium Room, 9th floor PHO 906
April 19 – 20, 2012

Thursday, April 19:

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM- Registration

9:45 AM– 10:00 AM- Welcome remarks by **Linda Heywood**

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM- Session I: Africa to Pre-Emancipation U. S.

- **Linda Heywood** and **John Thornton**, “The Abrahamic Religions in Pre-Colonial Atlantic Africa”
- **Ras Michael Brown**, “Beyond Conversion: Reconceptualizing Engagements with Christianity in African American Religion”
- **Margaret Washington**, “Movin’ with Spirit: The Sea Island Gullahs and the St. Vincent Shakers”
- Moderator **Sylvia Frey**

11:30 AM – 12:15PM- Lunch

12:15 PM – 2:15 PM- Session II: Emancipation to Civil Rights

- **Sylvester Johnson**, “African Americans, Anticolonialism, and the Civilizationist Problem of Abrahamic Religions”
- **Robert Hill**, “Adam-Abraham-Anglo-Saxon, The Indomitable Lepor’ in the Royal Parchment Scroll of Black Supremacy: The Religious Challenge of Revival and the Religion of Ras Tafari in Jamaica”
- **Mechal Sobel**, “A fire in the belly: Bill Traylor’s hegira from African Baptist to Black Catholic”
- **Bettye Collier-Thomas**, “The Nexus: Women, Religion, Race, and Civil Rights”
- Moderator **Walter Fluker**

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM- Keynote Address by **Lamin Sanneh**

4:00 PM Break at **The Library Room at the Castle 225 Bay State Road Boston, MADirectionsToCastle**

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Keynote address by **Tudor Parfitt** “1930: *Annus mirabilis* for Black Judaism”

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM- Speaker Dinner at the Castle 225 Bay State Road Boston, MA

Friday, April 20:

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM- Registration

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM- Call to Order: Welcome remarks by **Linda Heywood**

9:15 AM – 10:45 AM- Session III: Civil Rights to the Present

- **Nimi Wariboko**, “Spirituality and the Weight of Blackness in Nigerian Pentecostalism”
- **Laurence Mamiya**, “Is the Black Church Dead?: An Assessment of the Black Church in the Post-Civil Rights Era”
- **Edward Curtis IV**, “A Transnational History of African American Islam”
- Moderator **Emily Budick**

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM- Break

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM- Session IV: The Abrahamic Religions and the Atlantic World

- **Patrick Sylvain**, “Vodun: In the Crossfire of Christian Hegemony”
- **Ivor Miller**, “Coded Communication between the Catholic Church and African derived institutions in 19th century Cuba”
- **Denize de Almeida Ribeiro**, “Candomble of Brazil and Religious Intolerance.”
- Moderator **Kim Butler**

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM- Break

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM- Session V: African Americans, Abrahamic Religions, and Social Justice Campaigns-Bag Lunch and Roundtable Discussion

- **Rabbi Capers Funnye**
- **Reverend Pamela Lightsey**
- **Imam Abdullah Faaruug**
- Moderator **Ambassador Charles Stith**

3:00 PM – 3:45- Closing remarks by **Albert Raboteau**