

Keep us Flying! Tuskegee Airman Robert W. Diez, Betsy Graves
Reyneau, 1943

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KHABY LAME, THE EVERYMAN OF THE INTERNET



WATCH INSIDE ITALY'S BLM MOVEMENT



STREAMING NOW

ATLANTICS

Streaming on: Netflix
In a popular suburb of Dakar, workers on the construction site of a futuristic tower, without pay for months, decide to leave the country by the ocean for a better future. Among them is Souleiman, the lover of Ada, promised to another.

BESSIE

Streaming on: HBO Max
An exploration of the life of Bessie Smith, including her rise to the top in the 1920s, and her status as a legendary blues performer. The film focuses on her transformation as a struggling young singer into "The Empress of the Blues".

KENYA'S THANDIWE MURIU: STANDING OUT IN CAMOUFLAGE














CAN YOU SEPARATE THE ART FROM THE ARTIST?

Vote for your answer on the AFAM Twitter page @BU_AFAM

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AFAM SPOTIFY PLAYLIST: FACULTY FAVORITES

#	TITLE
1	 Fuchsia Thed Jewel
2	 Haunted House Sir Babygirl
3	 Gul Bahar Kugelplex
4	 Orbit Nao
5	 If You Ever (feat. 6LACK) Nao, 6LACK
6	 Anna From Woohside (Beat Suite) Stretch And Bobbito, The M19s Band
7	 Good Days SZA
8	 Think About You - Notion Mix Tiana Major9
9	 Roll Jordan Roll (feat. Chiwetel Ejiofor & Cast) Topsy Chapman, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Cast
10	 Fool to Love Nao
11	 Ladies First Queen Latifah, Monie Love

INTERESTING READS



FOSTER BY BRYAN WASHINGTON

My brother's instructions were simple: feed the cat twice a day, and give him plenty of water. Keep him away from open doors. The cat could be left on his own for an infinite amount of time. The cat had three siblings, apparently, and they'd been given suitable homes elsewhere, but at the very last minute the fourth home had fallen through. Which made me the cat's final resort. If he had thumbs, my brother wrote, we wouldn't need you.



ART OF STORY BY JOHN EDGAR WIDEMAN

Stories are graves. Empty. Nothing there. All living and dying in them fake. Pretend. No story unless someone reads, tells it. Empty. No one's time inside a story. Time needed to live and die, to tell stories. But stories not time. Stories graves. No entering or leaving them without time. Nothing breathing inside them. Lost nor found. No time. Only stories. Only words. Pretend words. Pretend time.

KWAME NKRUMAH AND ISRAEL

ISRAEL PROJECTED ITSELF AS A PLUCKY POSTCOLONIAL NATION. MANY AFRICAN NATIONS AND LEADERS BOUGHT INTO IT. ISRAEL'S OCCUPATION OF THE SINAI IN 1967, CHANGED THAT.

• By Yotam Gidron

WHEN THE WAR IS OVER

IN HIS NEW BOOK, THE UGANDAN ACADEMIC MAHMOOD MAMDANI ARGUES THAT BREAKING CYCLES OF VIOLENCE REQUIRES COLLECTIVE ACTION. HE FINDS HOPE IN THE UNFINISHED PROJECT OF SOUTH AFRICA'S ANTI-APARTHEID STRUGGLE.

By Sean Jacobs

CONVERSATIONS ON CAMPUS

BOSTON UNIVERSITY'S GRADUATE PROGRAM IN RELIGION STUDENT ASSOCIATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THEIR VIRTUAL GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE ON "RELIGION AND (BREAKING) BOUNDARIES."




Boston University
Graduate Program in Religion Student Association
Presents a Virtual Conference:
**Religion & (Breaking)
Boundaries**
Sunday October 3, 2021

CALL FOR PAPERS

Boundaries define communities, institutions, and epistemologies. Yet, these boundaries are never completely secure and are often contested, negotiated, or broken, despite efforts to maintain them. Migrants cross nation state borders, queer people challenge gender and sexuality binaries, ritual participants generate communitas within liminal spaces, and interdisciplinary studies bridge categories of scholarship. What is the work of religion in creating, negotiating, or breaking boundaries? What can we learn through the process of studying boundaries – both those built by others and those we employ ourselves? How is the study of religion aided or limited by their construction or contestation?

Boston University's Graduate Program in Religion Student Association is pleased to announce a virtual Graduate Student Conference on "Religion and (Breaking) Boundaries." We invite papers from many disciplinary and theoretical perspectives and welcome creative and provocative presentations that open new avenues of inquiry. For more information, contact Tyler J. Fuller at BUreligionconference@gmail.com

Note on COVID-19 Impact:
COVID-19 continues to impact public health, economic stability, institutional access, travel restrictions, and research possibilities. Thus, BU Religion Conference Committee has decided to make this year's graduate conference on religion virtual, following the success of last year's virtual conference.



**Religion & (Breaking)
Boundaries**

Possible Topics Include:

Boundaries: Exclusion and Protection
Boundaries can both exclude and protect. How do groups pushed to the margins invoke religion to contest such status, push back, and create new boundaries? How do dominant groups create and constitute boundaries to exclude others?

Political and Geographical Borders
How has religion factored into the historical or current construction of political and/or geographic borders? How has religion shaped post-colonial structures and thought? How have migrants created sacred space after crossing borders?

Identities and Subjectivities
When and how have boundaries around religious identities been created? How have the boundaries of religious identities been connected to other identities, such as political identities, gender and/or sexual identities, racial or ethnic identities?
What role does religion play in delineating and expanding the "self"?

Ritual, Performance, and Materiality
How do groups use rituals to make or break boundaries? In what ways are boundaries performative? When has material culture or exchange been part of constructing or deconstructing boundaries?

Academic Boundaries and Interdisciplinary Research
What boundaries do various academic disciplines create in order to define and study "religion"? What boundaries does interdisciplinary research on religion break - what strengths or limitations do these approaches hold?

Please submit a CV and a 250-word abstract by July 9, 2021 to
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