

Existential Overwhelm and the Value of Nurturing Questions over Time

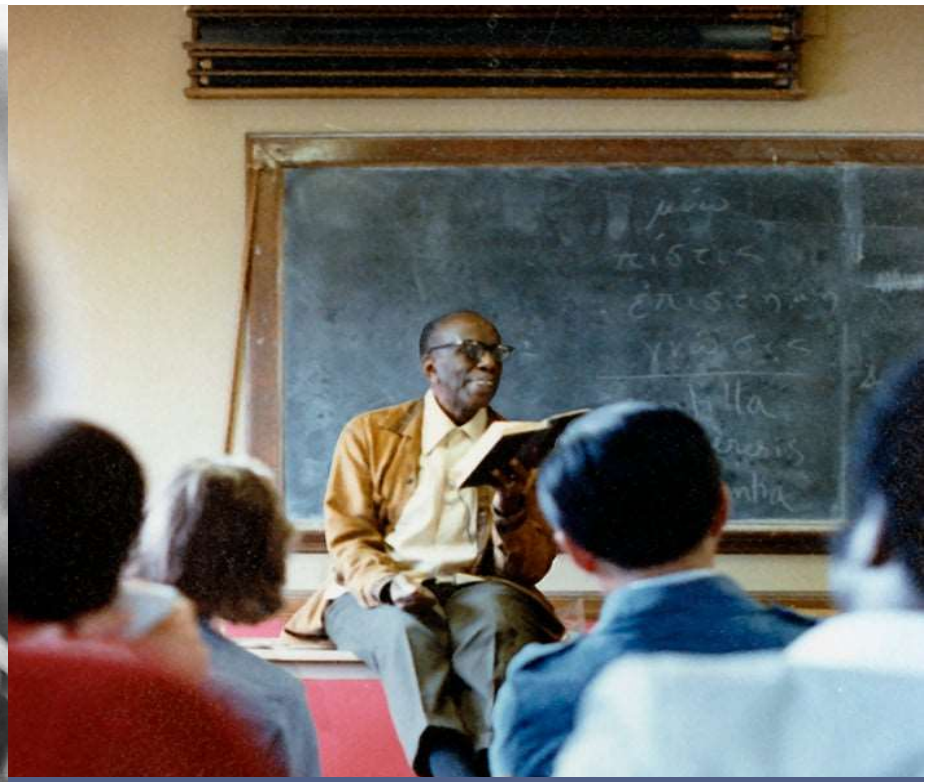
Shelly Rambo, PhD
Associate Professor of Theology
Boston University School of Theology



"Someone who can
see their total
pain."

Rev. Amy Greene, chaplaincy educator,
The Cleveland Clinic

Luce Foundation, "Educating Effective Chaplains" (2019-2021)
Lilly Endowment, "Trauma-Responsive Congregations" (2021-2024)



Howard Thurman

1899-1981



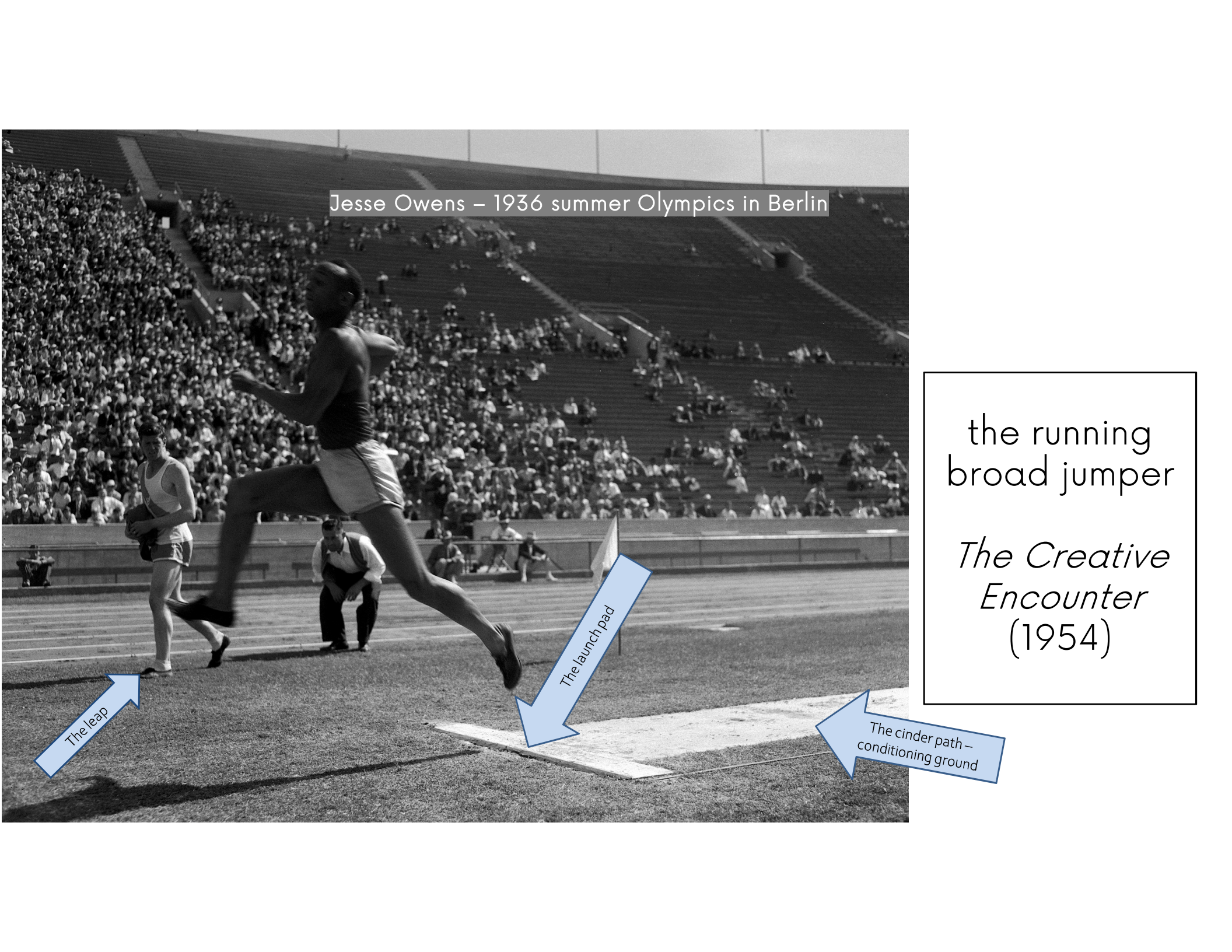
personal trauma
("left scars in my spirit")

historical
trauma
("View from the
Coast of Africa")

societal moment
(segregation)

How does the human
spirit accommodate itself
to desolation?

The human spirit can only sustain itself against disregard if it has
an experience of total regard.



Jesse Owens – 1936 summer Olympics in Berlin

the running
broad jumper

*The Creative
Encounter
(1954)*

