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ELIZABETH K. HINTON

Annual Anne Braden Memorial Lecturer

We are thrilled to announce Elizabeth K. Hinton as the 15th Annual Anne Braden Memorial Lecturer. Hinton is Associate Professor in the Department of History and the Department of African American Studies at Yale, with a secondary appointment as Professor of Law at the Law School. Hinton's research focuses on the persistence of poverty, racial inequality, and urban violence in the 20th century United States. She is considered one of the nation's leading experts on criminalization and policing.

As Hinton demonstrates in *America on Fire: The Untold History of Police Violence and Black Rebellion Since the 1960s*, the massive nationwide protest movement of 2020 that began in response to the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police had clear precursors—and any attempt to understand our current crisis requires a reckoning with the recent past. Presenting a new framework for understanding our nation's enduring strife, *America on Fire* is also a warning: rebellions will surely continue unless police are no longer called on to manage the consequences of dismal conditions beyond their control, and until an oppressive system is finally remade on the principles of justice and equality.

Fall Events Calendar

September 10 *

Barbara Lee Documentary:
Speed Cinema, 6-8 PM

September 15*

Race and Medicine Virtual Speaker:
Dr. Jelani Kerr, 12-1 PM

September 22*

City of Ali Film Screening & Campus
Conversation: SAC Ballroom, 4-6 PM

October 20*

Race and Medicine Virtual Speaker:
Dr. Oliver Rollins, 12-1 PM

October 28**

Pride Month: James Baldwin and the Disruption
of Everything, Dr. Terrance Dean, Webinar, 7 PM

November 10**

Annual Memorial Lecture:
Dr. Elizabeth Hinton
SAC Ballroom / Hybrid 6 PM

November 11**

Research meets Activism Community
Breakfast, Virtual

November 17*

Race and Medicine Virtual Speaker:
Dr. Latricia Best, 12-1 PM

November 19*

Festival of Faiths Panel, 1:30-3:30 PM

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings! I am honored and excited to take on this new role as Director of the Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research. The ABI has a long history of doing important community-engaged research on our campus and in our community, and I look forward to continuing and expanding upon that work. In case you missed it, check out my [interview with UofL News](#) back in July, where I discuss my aspirations for the ABI in more detail. Our fantastic team of Graduate Teaching Assistants and I have hit the ground running and we have been hard at work planning for the upcoming year. We have an exciting slate of events coming up this fall and are planning even more for the spring (stay tuned for some big announcements!). We began with a talk-back for the powerful documentary, *Barbara Lee: Speaking Truth to Power* at the Speed Art Museum, in collaboration with the Commonwealth Center for



the Humanities and Society. We are also partnering with the Program in Health Ethics to co-sponsor this year's fall speaker's series on Race and Medicine, which takes place, virtually, on the third Wednesday of each month. Of course, we are also very excited to welcome Dr. Elizabeth Hinton as our 15th annual Anne Braden Memorial lecturer to discuss her important work on police violence and Black rebellion. As a scholar of African American religion, I'm especially excited that the ABI will be hosting a panel session at the 25th annual Festival of Faiths, which is focused upon Faith and Race. As you can see, we are covering a range of topics related to racial and social justice- from electoral politics to public health to policing to protest to religion and much more!

To be sure, though, these are challenging times to be doing this work. In the wake of the police killing of Breonna Taylor and during an ongoing pandemic that disproportionately affects the marginalized and most vulnerable, those of us here at UofL who are committed to bridging the gap between research and action for racial and social justice have our work cut out for us. The challenges we have faced over the past eighteen months have taken a toll on all of us, and at times we struggle to find the wherewithal to remain engaged in ongoing, exhausting, and seemingly Sisyphean struggles for justice. Yet, the work of the ABI remains as important now as it's ever been. That's why I want to work together with all of our faculty affiliates, community council members, staff, students, and folks in the community to ensure that the ABI continues to be a space where we can come together, collaborate, support one another, renew our energies, imagine and enact a more just society- what Anne Braden would call "the other America." I look forward to working together in the pursuit of justice!

Peace,
Michael Brandon McCormack



The 25th Annual
FESTIVAL of FAITHS

SACRED CHANGE

ESSENTIAL CONVERSATIONS ON FAITH & RACE

FESTIVAL OF FAITHS

This year marks the 25th annual Festival of Faiths. The 2021 Festival of Faiths will examine issues of systemic racism in America and the role of spirituality in healing from the trauma of oppression. Sacred Change: Essential Conversations on Faith and Race seeks to celebrate the unique beauty, power and strength of the Black faith experience while facing the profoundly brutal outcomes of genocide, slavery and “profit at any cost.” Join us Nov. 18-20, 2021, as renowned speakers and artists help us challenge prevailing narratives and explore pathways to truth, repair, and hope in framing a future defined by justice. Below is a layout of the events by day. The Anne Braden Institute will be partnering with the Festival of Faiths, and our very own Dr. Michael Brandon McCormack, Professor in the Departments of Pan-African Studies and Comparative Humanities, will be moderating and presenting on Friday November 19, 2021, from 1:00 pm to 3:20 pm. For more information, please visit info@interfaithrelations.org

Thursday November 18, 2021

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Keeping Emmet’s Casket Open:
Racial Reckoning in America and Louisville
Hosted by Simmons College, an HBCU College

Friday November 19, 2021

8:30 am to 9:30 am
The Inner Work of Racial Justice with
Rhonda Magee: Part I

9:30 am to 4:30 pm
Multifaith Blood Drive with the American Red Cross

10:00 am to Noon
Black Faith’s Encounter with Black Trauma, Pain and Nihilism
Hosted by Baptist Seminary of Kentucky

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
**The Ghosts and Growing Edges of Black Faith: Intersectional
and Interreligious Conversations**
Hosted by University of Louisville Pan African Studies
Department and Anne Braden Institute*

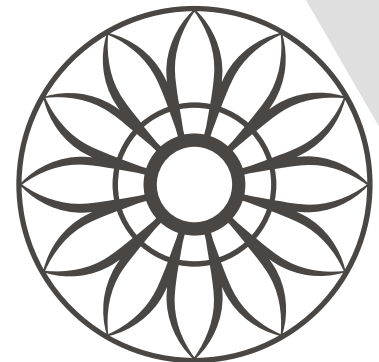
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
After Hours: Artistic Expressions of Racial Healing and Repair

Saturday November 20, 2021

8:30 am to 9:30 am
The Inner Work of Racial Justice with Rhonda Magee:
Part II

10:00 am to Noon
Truth and Repair
Hosted by Spalding University and Louisville
Presbyterian Theological Seminary

12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Walk of Truth and Repair
Hosted with (Un)Known Project



FESTIVAL of FAITHS

FACULTY PROFILE



This fall, the ABI is proud to highlight the work of Dr. Karl Swinehart. As a linguistic anthropologist, Dr. Swinehart's research centers around the ways language and racism intersect. Focusing on the Aymara of Bolivia, Dr. Swinehart investigates the importance of Indigenous language in the resistance against colonial structures. He is currently working on several projects including a book manuscript about Aymara language activism among media and music professionals in Bolivia. Dr. Swinehart's interest in language justice began during his experience as a school teacher in the Los Angeles school system, when he witnessed initiatives to ban

bilingual education. Dr. Swinehart noted it was clear that prejudice took shape around questions of language. His work is deeply connected to the mission of the ABI because part of social justice is the right and freedom of language--liberation includes the right to speak one's native language. Through his research, Dr. Swinehart has also seen how the Aymara, in their struggle for liberation, have drawn inspiration from the Black Freedom Struggle in the United States. Dr. Swinehart notes the importance of transdisciplinary research, stating that, in dealing with the numerous crises facing the world, perspectives from across academic disciplines will bring better solutions. Dr. Swinehart's work is an example of bridging the gap between academic research and community activism for racial and social justice. The ABI is grateful to have Dr. Swinehart as a faculty affiliate.

Meet our Grad Students!



Benjamin Harlan Anthropology

Ben Harlan is a MA student in anthropology and is interested in understanding how racialized identities form and are formed by nationalisms. Ben has served as a graduate assistant for the ABI since summer 2021.



Barbie Johns Pan African Studies

Barbie Johns is a second year PhD student in Pan African studies. She received her masters from Walden University in human and social service and her undergraduate degree at UofL in PAS. She has also served 7 years in the Kentucky national guard and is a mother of two.



Flora K. Schildknecht Comparative Humanities

A doctoral student in Humanities in the Public Arts and Letters track, Flora K. Schildknecht's research and creative writing explores intersections of literature and contemporary global art practices with issues of social justice and of identity.

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