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Race Matters@25

Conference & Celebration

Friday, July 13—4:30-6:00 pm

Moore Theater

Keynote Speaker—Farah Jasmine Griffin

William B. Ransford Professor of English and
Comparative Literature and African-American
Studies, Columbia University

“Soulful Kenosis in Narcissistic Times”

Welcome Reception Baker Lawn 6:00-7:30

Saturday, July 14, 2018

9:00-11:00 Session 1, Moore Theater

Cornel West and His Intellectual Genealogy

Moderator: Rashauna Johnson, Associate Professor of History, Dartmouth

Paul Bove, Distinguished Professor, Department of English,
University of Pittsburgh

“Reading *Race Matters* Again for the First Time”

Saidiya Hartman, Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Columbia University

“The Poetics of Hope and Despair”

Lucius Outlaw, Jr., Professor of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University

“Race and U.S. American Democracy: W.E.B. Du Bois and Cornel West”

11:15-1:15 Session 2

Black Prophecy in a Transnational Context

Moderator: Steve Swayne, Jacob H. Strauss 1922 Professor of Music, Dartmouth

Eddie Glaude, William S. Tod Professor of Religion and African Studies,
Chair, Center for African American Studies, Princeton University

“On Cornel West and His Global Critique”

Elliot Ratzman, Postdoctoral Fellow, Religious Studies, Lawrence University

“Honorable Prophets, Pariah States, and the Politics of Love: Cornel West on Jewish Matters”

Andrew Prevot, Assistant Professor, Theology Department, Boston College

“Not Nothing: A Mystical Theological Reading of “Nihilism in Black America”

2:30-4:30 Session 3

‘Race Matters’ Then and Now

Moderator: Eng-Beng Lim, Associate Professor of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Dartmouth

Matthew Briones, Associate Professor of History Department, University
of Chicago

“Race (& Love) Matters More Than Ever Now”

Tabetha Ewing, Associate Professor of History, Chair, Social Studies
Division, Bard College

“Modern Suicide: Race, Slavery, and Life Insurance in the 18th-Century French
Atlantic”

Tommie Shelby, Caldwell Titcomb Professor of African and African
American Studies and of Philosophy, Harvard University

“Race, Class, and Solidarity: Old and New Challenges”

Sunday, July 15, 2018

9:00-11:00 Session 4, Moore Theater

Why Race and Racism Matter Now More Than Ever

Moderator: Susan Brison, Eunice and Julian Cohen Professor for the Study of Ethics and Human Values, Professor of Philosophy, Dartmouth

Bryan Cheyette, Professor of English, University of Reading

“Race Matters, Democracy Matters, Do Ghettos Matter?”

Brandon Terry, Assistant Professor of African and African American
Studies and Social Sciences, Harvard University

“On Black Nihilism and the Critique of Pessimistic Reason”

Kimberly Benston, President and Francis B. Gummere Professor of
English, Haverford College

“From Traumatic Nihilism to Transformative Negation: C. West, Malcom X, and the
‘Politics of Conversion’”

1:00-4:00 Roundtable Discussion and Closing Remarks

Moderator: N. Bruce Duthu, Samson Occom Professor of Native American Studies, Dartmouth

Reggie Williams, Former professional football player for Cincinnati
Bengals, 1976-1988.

Kimberlyn Leary, Associate Professor of Psychology, Harvard Medical
School

Ilyko Day, Associate Professor of English; Chair of Critical Social Thought, Mount Holyoke

Dylan Rodriguez, Professor and Chair of the Academic Senate, University of
California, Riverside

Cornel West, Professor of the Practice of Public Philosophy, Harvard Divinity School