Economic Justice in An Age of Abundance and Scarcity



Sixth Annual Conference

Philosophy and Religion in Africana Traditions

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM October 25^{th} and 26^{th} , 2018 in NYC

The conference is free and open to the public

The age of abundance is here and it is not only among the super-rich. The availability of goods and services for many ordinary citizens in many developed countries have superseded any period in human history. Yet among the citizenry in these same countries and regions there is lack of access and lack of means to acquire the basics for sustenance which lead sometimes to starvation and death. The radical disparity in education, health, housing and basic amenities among peoples within nations is the fundamental scandal on modern life. Abundance everywhere and scarcity all around and within us to the extent that the human person, and society collectively seem to be afflicted with the poverty of the spirit, that is, the ability to cultivate interpersonal relations and maintain a sense of cooperation. This conference will seek to address the stupendous economic disparity that exists in the U.S.A. and in other countries, large and small and how socio-economic conditions lead to breakdown in social relations. Join us in this endeavor to create a more just and humane society. For more information contact: J. Everet Green

Friday, October 25
10:00 am - 6:00 pm
The Graduate Center of
The City University of New York
Room 9205
365 Fifth Avenue b /n 34th & 35



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Saturday, October 26 10:00 am- 6:00 pm Mayday Community Space 176 St. Nicholas Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11237 info@maydayspace.org L Train to DeKalb Ave.



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365 Fifth Avenue

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MORNING SESSION

10:30am - 1:30pm

10:30am - 10:40am

Greetings and opening statement: J. Everet Green – Mercy College

Greetings: Mary Taylor – CUNY The Graduate Center

10:40am - 12:30am

"Economic Justice in an Age of Scarcity and Abundance"

Speaker: Blanche Curry, Ph.D. - Fayetteville State University

Chair: Brittany O'Neal, Ph.D. - Lehman College City university of New York

12:45pm - 2:00pm

LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00pm - 6:00pm

2:00pm - 2:15pm

Greetings and Introduction: J. Everet Green

2:20pm -4:00pm

Speaker: Maurice Carney - Friends of the Congo

Topic: "The Scramble for Africa and Pan African Resistance in the 21st Century" Chair: Jameliah Shorter-Bourhanou, Ph.D. - Georgia College and Holy Cross, MA

4:15pm - 5:30pm

Speaker: Matthew Hutcherson Ph.D. -Paine College **Topic:** "What is the Meaning of Black Suffering?"

Chair: Blanche Curry, Ph.D., Fayeteville State University

4:40pm - 5:40pm

Saturday October 27, 2018

10:30am - 6:00pm

MayDay Community Space

176 Saint Nicholas Avenue

Brooklyn NY 11237

MORNING SESSION

10:30am - 1:15pm

10:30am - 12:00 pm

Speaker: Richard Hoyen -Activist

"Dem Belly Full, But we Hungry" Reggae Philosophy of Inequality.

Is inequality characteristic of capitalism and imperialism, its global expression?

Chair: Jameliah Shorter-Bourhanou Ph.D.- Georgia College and Holy Cross, MA

LUNCH

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AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00pm - 6:00pm

1;30pm - 3:00pm

Speaker: Brittany O'Neal, Ph.D. - Lehman College City university of New York

Topic: "The Particular Problem of Race within a Society of Oppression"

Chair: Zay D. Green

3:00pm - 4:00pm

"Economic Justice in an age of Abundance and Scarcity: A Students Perspective."

Chair: Brittany O'Neal

4:00pm - 5:45pm

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Members of the PRAT Committee

J. Everet Green/Brittany O'Neal - Co-Directors

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Book Recognition

Kamari Maxine Clarke's "Affective Justice" Duke University Press 2019

FOR THE SAKE OF ALL MANKIND

We humans have never before been responsible for the fate of all life on earth. Are we neurologically, morally, and intellectually equipped for so enormous a task? I fear the answer may be no, for our habits of thought and instinctual responses, indeed, the very structures of our brains, were shaped eons ago, within the narrow confines of tribal and village existence. It took a very long time for an inclusive concept of "mankind" to emerge out of disparate local identities. Yet we revert back, again and again, to hatred and division, behaving in irresponsible ways that threaten the very survival of life on our increasingly damaged planet. Let us finally grow beyond our ancient predispositions, at long last thinking and acting globally, for the sake of all mankind.