



2015 Conference

**REPAIRING COMMUNITY: FAITH-BASED RESPONSES TO RACIAL
DISPARITIES AND CONFLICT**



June 30-July 3, 2015

London, England

Birkbeck, University of London

Whitelands College, University of Roehampton

Conference Schedule At-A-Glance

Sun-Tues, June 28-June 30: Pre-Conference Program

June 28, 9:00 a.m. Depart Tavistock Hotel (London) for International Slavery Museum
June 29, evening Return from Liverpool to Tavistock Hotel
June 30, 1:30-4:30 Pre-conf. symposium, Whitelands College, Univ. of Roehampton (Lon.)

Wednesday, July 1:

9:30 a.m. Invocation
Introduction and Welcome (Dr. Althea Legal-Miller and Dr. R. Drew Smith, Co-Conveners)
9:40 Welcome, Prof. Miriam Zukas, Exec. Dean, SSHP, Birkbeck, Univ. of Lon.
9:45-10:00 Framing the Context (Dr. William Ackah, Co-Convenor)
10:00 Plenary 1: The Other Side of Progress: Immigrants and Socio-Economic Outgroups
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Plenary 2: Racism, Social Otherness, and Monotheistic Traditions in the Global North
3:00 Tea Break
3:15 Concurrent Panels 01 and 02
5:00 Adjourn afternoon session
6:30 Evening session at East London Mosque (discussants include Dr. Iva Carruthers, USA; Archbishop Christopher Ede, Nigeria; and Centre leaders)

Thursday, July 2

9:00 a.m. Recap and preliminary synopsis, (Dr. R. David Muir, Co-Convenor)
9:15 Plenary 3: Race-Based Policing: From Brixton to Baltimore and Beyond
11:00 Tea Break
11:15 Concurrent Panels 03 and 04
12:45 Lunch
1:30 Plenary 4: Beyond Western Religious Normativity: Diverse Pathways in African Contexts
3:15 Concurrent Panels 05 and 06
5:00 Adjourn afternoon session

Friday, July 3:

9:00 a.m. Recap and preliminary synopsis (Mr. Itumeleng Mothoagae, Co-Convenor)
9:15 Plenary 5: Emerging Theologies in Africa and the Diaspora
11:00 Tea Break
11:15 Plenary 6: Community Development, Youth Prospects, and Faith-Based Strategies
1:00 Lunch
2:00 Plenary 7: Media, Music, and Alternative Platforms for Faith-Based Activism
3:45 Tea Break
4:00 Final Overview and Challenge
5:00 Benediction (Dr. Elizabeth Henry, Co-Convenor)
6:30 Evening dinner TBD (separate charge)

Panels, Workshops, and Speakers

PRE-CONFERENCE: Symposium on Faith, Politics, and Race:

Faith and Politics: Dr. Elizabeth Henry, Church of England; Dr. R. David Muir, University of Roehampton; Ms. Dionne Gravesande, Christian Aid, UK; Prof. Gus John, Univ. Coll. London--Institute of Education; Ms. Jennifer Crook, Methodist Church, UK;

Dialogue on Race: Dr. Althea Legal-Miller, University College London; young adults from Ferguson, Missouri (USA) and from London, England (UK).

CONFERENCE: *(All conference sessions take place in main Birkbeck building, Malet Street)*

Plenary Panel 1: The Other Side of Progress: Immigrant and Socio-Economic Outgroups (Rm. B36)

Dr. Elina Hankela, UNISA/Univ. of Helsinki (moral responses to anti-immigrant conflict in South Africa)

Rev. Nkhumise Mulaudzi, Univ. of South Africa (Biblical perspectives on xenophobia in South Africa)

Dr. Carmen Fracchia, Birkbeck, Univ. of London (faith-based organizing and the Afr. diaspora in Spain)

Mr. Chinonso Okolo, Nigeria (caste and discrimination in Nigeria)

Plenary Panel 2: Racism, Social Otherness, and Monotheistic Traditions in the Global North (B36)

Dr. Nasar Meer, University of Strathclyde (Muslims and socio-cultural challenges in the UK)

Prof. David Feldman, Birkbeck, University of London (Judaism and recent European anti-Semitism)

Dr. Aurélien M. Gampiot, GSRL-CNRS, Paris (Congolese diaspora, Kimbanguism, and western response)

Prof. R. Drew Smith, Pittsburgh Theo. Seminary (Christian racial nationalisms within the US)

Plenary Panel 3: Race-Based Policing: From Brixton to Baltimore and Beyond (B36)

Rev. Michael McBride, PICO National Network (excessive police violence against African Americans)

Mr. Paul Kassman, Changing the Game, UK (black criminalization, incarceration, and responses—UK)

Rev. Dr. Doreen Morrison, Prison Chaplain, UK (black diaspora, colonialism, and incarceration)

Prof. Mokhele Madise, Univ. of South Africa (resisting the empire without and within South Africa)

Plenary 4: Beyond Western Religious Normativity: Diverse Pathways in African Contexts (B36)

Prof. Mahmoud Baballah, University Abdelmalek, Morocco (Muslim veils as empowerment symbols)

Rev. Themba Ngcobo, Univ. of South Africa (amaZulu mythology and post-colonial missiology)

Dr. Leepo Modise, Univ. of South Africa (racism, yoga consciousness, oneness, and South Afr. churches)

Plenary Panel 5: Emerging Theologies in Africa and the Diaspora (B36)

Rev. Ronald Nathan, Evangelical Association of Caribbean (Caribbean theology and empowerment)

Rev. LeAnn Corkins Seto, Methodist Theol. School, Ohio (womanist theology and incarcerated women)

Dr. Daniel Morris-Chapman, Presby. Theo. Seminary, Cameroon (pluralism and Cameroonian theology)

Rev. Cobus van Wyngaard, Univ. of South Africa (assessment of critical theologies of whiteness)

Plenary Panel 6: Community Development, Youth Prospects, and Faith-Based Strategies (B36)

Mr. Mbhekeni Nkosi, University of the Western Cape (youth unemployment and policies in South Africa)

Dr. Rosie McNeil, Basic Care International (educational disparities and holistic approaches in S. Africa)

Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith, Bread for the World (child hunger, poverty, and faith-based mobilizations)

Atty. Joy Ogbonnaya, Pleasant Gathering Club, Nigeria (faith-based youth leadership and skill training)

Ms. Jasmine Jackson, Garrett-Evangelical Theo. Seminary (faith-based community organizing in the US)

Plenary Panel 7: Media, Music, and Alternative Platforms for Faith-Based Activism (B36)

Ms. Rahiel Tesfamariam, Urban Cusp (media as a tool of liberation theology and racial justice)

Rev. Eugene Baron, University of South Africa (moral-ethical formation of South African journalists)

Prof. Robert Beckford, Canterbury Christ Chu. Univ. (musical genres and radical readings of Biblical texts)

Dr. Chikukuango Cuxima-Zwa (diasporic Angolan religion, music, and ritual narratives)

CONCURRENT PANELS

Panel 01: Social Antagonisms and Structural Oppression in African Boom Nations (B02)

Prof. Tinyiko Maluleke, University of Pretoria (race, poverty, and identity in African Pentecostalism)
Atty. Udensi Godwin, Nigeria (caste and discrimination in Nigeria)
Mr. Ithapeleng Sebetseli, University of South Africa (race and poverty in South Africa)
Prof. JNJ Kritzinger, University of South Africa (white responses to black theology in South Africa)

Panel 02: Empowerment, Disempowerment, and Racial Symbolism (B29)

Mr. Itumeleng Mothoagae, University of South Africa (racialization of black bodies)
Dr. Lillian Dube, University of San Francisco (bias against women of color within academic professions)
Dr. Eva Shaw-Taylor, Global Institute for Diasporan and Afr. Culture (reforming faith-based institutions)
Dr. Melinda Contreras-Byrd, Generations Center, USA (renderings of evil within Black Theology)

Panel 03: Faith, Health, and Social Struggle (B02)

Mr. Rampaul Chamba, University of Essex (mental health and race among Caribbean populations)
Dr. Paula Owens Parker, Union Presbyterian Seminary (racism and psychic healing)
Dr. Joy Bostic, Case Western Reserve University (black social movements and an ethic of rage)
Mr. L.S. Carlos Thompson, University of Aberdeen (blackness and differently-abled populations)

Panel 04: Holistic Ministry at the Social Margins (B29)

Prof. C L Nash, Univ. of Gloucestershire (violence and atonement in church and society)
Dr. Ekwutosi Offiong, University of Calabar (church social services in Nigeria)
Dr. Julie Fairchild, Methodist Theological School, Ohio (missional ministries and healthy neighborhoods)
Dr. Forrest Harris, Vanderbilt University Divinity School (theological reflection on justice for the poor)

Panel 05: Social Difference and Reconciliation Strategies in Church and Society (B02)

Rev. Christopher Asadu, Enugu State Govt., Nigeria (religion and conflict resolution in Nigeria)
Dr. Reggie Nel, University of South Africa (analysis of racial progress in South African Reformed Church)
Mr. Cory May, University of Aberdeen (oppression, psychoanalysis, theology, and emancipation)
Ms. Pamela Fields, Bethel Seminary (reconciliation strategies and exercises)

Panel 06: Justice and Faith-Based Urban Organizing (B29)

Rev. Michael McBride, PICO National Network, USA
Mr. Emmanuel Gotor, The East London Communities Organisation
Ms. Ebony Fitchue, Howard U. and Dr. Leah Fitchue, Payne Th. Sem. (black youth critical thinking skills)
Dr. Chris Jones, University of Stellenbosch (local ecologies of community development in South Africa)

CONFERENCE CO-CONVENERS

William Ackah, Birkbeck, University of London	R. Drew Smith, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
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