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THE BLACK BODY IN THE WEST

PARIS, 17-20 JANUARY 2013

Paris, an internationally key and highly influential Western space in all things concerning the arts and modernity, is the perfect stage for *Black Portraiture[s]: The Black Body in the West*, the fifth in the series of conferences organized by Harvard University and NYU since 2004. *Black Portraiture[s]* explores the ideas of the production and skill of self-representation, desire, and the exchange of the gaze from the 19th century to the present day in fashion, film, art, and the archives.

How are these images, both positive and negative, exposed to define, replicate, and transform the black body? Why and how does the black body become a purchasable global marketplace and what are its legacies? Also importantly, what are the responses and implications? How can performing blackness be liberating for performer and audience? Can the black body be de-racialized to emphasize cultural groupings encouraging appropriation and varied performers across racial lines?

How the black body has been imagined in the West has always been a rich site for global examination and contestation. The representation and depiction of black peoples often has been governed by prevailing attitudes about race and sexuality.

The conference draws on the ideas and works of leading and emerging writers, photographers, scholars, artists, curators and filmmakers of our time and includes a broader discussion of Africa in the popular imagination. It is also significant that this project revolves around collaboration.

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Paris, scène internationale incontournable, très influente en Occident tant sur le monde des arts que sur les notions de modernité, s'avère être le lieu idéal pour la conférence, *Black Portraiture[s]: La représentation du corps Noir en Occident*, la 5e d'une série organisée par les Universités de Harvard et de New York depuis 2004.

Black Portraiture[s] a pour objectif d'explorer les différents concepts de fabrication et outils d'auto-représentation ainsi que la notion d'échange à travers le regard, du 19ème siècle à nos jours, dans les domaines de la mode, des arts plastiques et visuels, et des archives.

Comment sont exposées ces images, à la fois positives et négatives, qui définissent, reproduisent, et transforment la représentation du corps Noir ? Pourquoi et comment le corps Noir est-il devenu un produit négociable sur le marché mondial et quelle en est sa légitimité ? Tout aussi important, quelles en sont les réponses et les implications ? Comment la représentation du corps Noir pourrait-elle être libératrice tant pour le porteur de cette image que pour le regardant ? L'image du noir peut-elle être déracialisée afin d'encourager le regroupement culturel et favoriser ainsi la réappropriation et une expression diversifiée au-delà des limites de la race ?

La manière dont le corps Noir a été imaginé en Occident a toujours été un espace riche en termes d'observations et de contestations. La représentation et la description des personnes noires ont le plus souvent été dominées par des approches faites à partir de la race et la sexualité.

La conférence sera basée sur les travaux et pensées d'écrivains, d'académiciens, d'artistes plasticiens et visuels et de commissaires d'art, parmi les plus influents aujourd'hui ou émergents. Black Portraiture(s) permettra d'ouvrir ainsi une large discussion sur la place de l'Afrique dans l'imaginaire populaire. Pour sa réussite, il est important que ce projet s'appuie sur une ample collaboration.

Participants

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Christine Barthe

Heike Behrend

Nadia Benchallal

Celeste Marie Bernier

Xuly Bët

Pascal Blanchard

Ngaire Blankenberg

Nicolas Bourriaud

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Isolde Brielmaier

Kalia Brooks

Kevin Browne

Artwell Cain

Sylvie Chalaye

Diagne Chanel

Jean-François Chevrier

Adrienne Childs

Nora Chipaumire

Jean Paul Colleyn

Elizabeth Colomba

Nathalie Coutelet

Renée Cox

Alissandra Cummins

Michaela Angela Davis

Misa Dayson

Yemane Demissie

Jean-Ulrick Désert

Lydie Diakhaté

Rokhaya Diallo

Manthia Diawara

Michael Dinwiddie

Christine Douxami

Jean-Pierre Dozon

Eve Dunbar

Elvira Dyangani Ose

Erica Edwards

Angèle Etoundi Essamba

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Tuliza Fleming

John Shevin Foster

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Aja Monet

Caroline Montel-Glénisson

Idrissou Mora-Kpai

Joan Morgan

Zanele Muholi

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Mimi Plange

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Myisha Priest

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Michael Ralph

Shelley Rice

Tracy Sharpley-Whiting

Michelle Stephens

Daniele Tamagni

Hank Willis Thomas

Dominic Thomas

Allison Thompson

Lilian Thuram

Françoise Vergès

Michele Wallace

Lewis Watts

Brendan Wattenberg

Carrie Mae Weems

Michelle Joan Wilkinson

Carla Williams

Dyana Williams

Deborah Willis

Presentation venues and map

Lieux de présentation et carte

ÉCOLE NATIONALE SUPÉRIEURE DES BEAUX-ARTS

14 Rue Bonaparte – 75006

CLOSEST METRO: Saint-Germain-des-Prés, Mabillon, Rue du Bac

UNIVERSITY PARIS DIDEROT-PARIS 7

15 rue Hélène Brion – 75013

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Entrée Debilly – 37, quai Branly – 75007

Entrée Université – 218, rue de l'Université

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RER: Pont de l'Alma, Champ de Mars



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Overview of Schedule

Programme

THURSDAY

École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux Arts

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and *Salle de conférences/Palais des études (SC)*

9:30 – 4:00PM **REGISTRATION**

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Cheryl Finley and Deborah Willis, organizers

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Jean-Paul Colleyn, Awam Amkpa, Lydie Diakhaté

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Jean-Pierre Dozon and Jean-François Chevrier,
moderated by Noemie Oxley

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Lilian Thuram

2:00 – 3:30PM **EXOTISME ET AMBIGUITÉ, EXOTICISM AND AMBIGUITY (A)**

Jean-Paul Colleyn, Nathalie Coutelet, Sylvie Chalaye,
Christine Douxami, Pascal Blanchard

2:00 – 3:30PM **THE IMAGINARY AND THE BLACK BODY (SC)**

Kalia Brooks, Anne Lafont, Michelle Stephens, Adrienne L. Childs,
Alissandra Cummins, Allison Thompson, Gunja Sen Gupta, Tuliza Fleming

3:30 – 3:45PM **COFFEE BREAK / PAUSE CAFÉ**

3:45 – 5:15PM **IN THE COLLECTION: MUSEUMS AND THE ARCHIVE (A)**

Dominique Malaquais, Françoise Vergés, Bogumil Jewsiewicki,
Justin-Daniel Gandoulou, Prune Helfter, Christine Barthe,
Ngaire Blankenberg

3:45 – 5:15PM **MIRROR MIRROR: THE STEREOTYPES (SC)**

Lydie Diakhaté, Michele Wallace, Diagne Chanel, Nora Chipaumire,
Léonora Miano, Rokhaya Diallo, Trica Danielle Keaton

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Paris 7 University, Amphitheater

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Kader Attia, Jean-Ulrick Désert, Lyle Ashton Harris, Daniele Tamagni

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AND OTHER (MIS)READINGS OF PLEASURE, FEMININE ARTIFICE,
BLACK-CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN DIASPORIC PERFORMANCES
IN POPULAR VISUAL CULTURE**

Joan Morgan, Kevin Browne, Kimberli Gant, Treva Lindsey, Mark Anthony Neal

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OF BLACK STYLE, BEAUTY AND GRACE**

Sandra Jackson-Dumont, Robert O’Meally, Mimi Plange, Ekua Abudu,
Michaela Angela Davis, Catherine McKinley, Katell Pouliquen, Anna Arabindan-Kesson

4:45 – 6:15PM **SHOW UP TO SHOW OUT: THE RISE
OF GLOBAL BLACK DANDYISM**

Shantrelle P. Lewis, Michelle Joan Wilkinson, Monica Miller,
Allison Janae Hamilton, Michael McMillan, Ylva Habel

Overview of Schedule continued Programme (suite)

SATURDAY

musée du quai Branly

37 Quai Branly *Théâtre Claude Lévi-Strauss (TCL)* and *Salle de Cinéma (SC)*

9:15 – 5:00PM **REGISTRATION**

9:30 – 9:40AM **WELCOME**

Anne-Christine Taylor-Descola, musée du quai Branly

9:45 – 11:00AM **(IL)LEGIBILITIES: WHAT MAKES
THE BLACK BODY READABLE? (TCL)**

Awam Amkpa, chair

J. D. Ojeikere, Renée Cox, Heike Behrend, James Barnor,
Angèle Etoundi Essamba, Kiluanji Kia Henda

9:45 – 11:00AM **INTRICATE INTERSECTIONS:
BLACK APPARITIONS IN IMPERIAL EUROPE (SC)**

Yemane Demissie, chair

Idrissou Mora-Kpai, Dell Hamilton,
Temi Odumosu, Maaza Mengiste, Artwell Cain, Paul Kaplan

11:00-12:30PM **CURATING THE BLACK BODY (TCL)**

Lydie Diakhaté, chair

N'goné Fall, Xuly Bët, Elvira Dyangani Ose,
Nadira Laggoune

11:00 – 12:30PM **BLACK EROTICS: NEW THEORIES ON RACE AND PORN (SC)**

Nicole Fleetwood, chair

Carla Williams, Mireille Miller-Young,
Jennifer Christine Nash, Jafari Allen

12:30 – 1:30PM **LUNCH BREAK**

1:30 – 3:00PM **CONTEMPORARY VOICES: NAMING AND
BRANDING THE BLACK BODY (TCL)**

Hank Willis Thomas, chair

Alexis Peskine, Misa Dayson, Nana Adusei-Poku,
Aja Monet, Franck Freitas, and Malek Bouyahia

1:30 – 3:30PM **ON BEAUTY: FROM JOSEPHINE TO MAXINE (SC)**

Michael Dinwiddie, Anna Maria Horsford, Dyana Williams, Horace Porter,
Dominic Thomas, John Shevin Foster, Myisha Priest

3:00 – 3:15PM **COFFEE BREAK / PAUSE CAFÉ**

3:15 – 4:45PM **UNIVERSALIZING THE BLACK BODY (TCL)**

Jeff Rabhan, chair

Jason King, Tracy Sharpley-Whiting,
Ed Guerrero, Sam Pollard, Lewis Watts, Vera Grant

4:45 – 6:15PM **BLACK OPTICS: VISUALITY, THE CINEMATIC
FRAME AND THE BLACK BODY (TCL)**

Michael Gillespie, Erica Edwards, Eve Dunbar, Hiram Perez, Michael Ralph

4:45 – 6:15PM **OUT OF AFRICA: YOUNG WOMEN BEHIND THE LENS (SC)**

Shelley Rice and Jeanne Mercier, co-chairs

Zanele Muholi, Nandipha Mntambo, Maïmouna Guerresi,
Ayana V. Jackson, Nadia Benchallal

SUNDAY

Musée du quai Branly

Film Screenings in the *Salle de Cinéma (SC)*. *See film schedule.*

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DEBORAH WILLIS New York University, Department of Photography & Imaging

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HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. Harvard University, W. E. B. Du Bois Institute
for African and African American Research

NICOLAS BOURRIAUD Director, École des Beaux Arts de Paris

MANTHIA DIAWARA New York University, Institute of African American Affairs

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JEAN-PAUL COLLEYN Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Centre d'Études Africaines

AWAM AMKPA New York University, Department of Social and Cultural Analysis

LYDIE DIAKHATÉ K'a Yéléma Productions

11:00 – 12:00PM **OPENING PLENARY SESSION (A)**

NOEMIE OXLEY, moderator, Ph.D. researcher at l' Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales and Goldsmiths, University of London

JEAN-PIERRE DOZON, Directeur d'études à l' Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Directeur de recherche à l'IRD, "Régénérer la race française. Métissage et utopie coloniale." "Regenerating the French Race. Metissage and Colonial Utopia"

JEAN-FRANÇOIS CHEVRIER, History of Contemporary Art, École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux Arts, "Kerry James Marshall's Work and its Reception"

12:00 – 1:00PM **LUNCH BREAK**

1:00 – 1:45PM **SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER (A)**

LILIAN THURAM, former professional soccer player, founder Fondation Lilian Thuram: Education Contre le Racisme

2:00 – 3:30PM **EXOTISME ET AMBIGUITÉ, EXOTICISM AND AMBIGUITY (A)**

JEAN-PAUL COLLEYN, chair, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales

NATHALIE COUTELET, Université de Paris 8 Habib Benglia, "Exo/ero/tisme in the Musi-Hall : Habib Benglia and Fera Benga." "Exo/Ero/tisme au music-hall: les figures d'Habib Benglia et Feral Benga"

SYLVIE CHALAYE, University of Rennes and at Université Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris III "La Vénus noire et ses avatars scéniques de Sartjie Bartman à Josephine Baker : érotisme sauvage, corps-territoire et modernité." "The Black Venus and her variations on stage, from Sartjie Bartman to Josephine Baker : savage eroticism, body-territory and modernity."

CHRISTINE DOUXAMI, Université de Franche Comté, CEAF, "Le corps noir brésilien et son auto-représentation dans le théâtre militant: exotisme ou auto-affirmation?" The Brazilian Black body and its self-representation in activist theater: exoticism or self-affirmation?

PASCAL BLANCHARD, Historian, co-director of the Groupe de recherche Achac, "L'invention du corps noir" "The Invention of The Black Body"

2:00 – 3:30PM **THE IMAGINARY AND THE BLACK BODY (SC)**

KALIA BROOKS, chair

ANNE LAFONT, INHA, "The Pendule au Nègre"

MICHELLE STEPHENS, Rutgers University, "Defacing the Portrait in Contemporary Caribbean Art"

ADRIENNE L. CHILDS, Fellow, W.E.B. Du Bois Institute, Harvard University, "The Blackamoor and the Lady: The Decorative Black Body, Luxury and Fashion"

ALISSANDRA CUMMINS, Director, Barbados Museum and Historical Society, Coordinator of Black Diaspora Visual Arts Programme

ALLISON THOMPSON, Director, Division of Fine Arts, Barbados Community College, Coordinator of Black Diaspora Visual Arts Programme, "The Unnamed Body: The commodification and codification of colour"

GUNJA SEN GUPTA, Professor of History, Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center, CUNY, "Images of Uplift: The Visual Politics of African American Reform in the Progressive Era"

TULIZA FLEMING, NMAAHC, Smithsonian, "Disappearing Acts: The Eradication of Black Male Agency in Charles Webber's The Underground Railroad"

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DOMINIQUE MALAQUAIS, Centre d'Études des Mondes Africains, C.N.R.S., chair

FRANÇOISE VERGÉS, Goldsmiths, University of London, "L'esclave" dans les collections du Louvre. "The Slave in Le Louvre Museum collections"

BOGUMIL JEWSIEWICKI, Université Laval, Québec, Canada, "La dignité et le désir : autoreprésentations des corps et visages 'modernes' dans la peinture et de la photographie congolaises." "Dignity and desire: self representations of 'modern' bodies and faces in Congolese painting and photography"

JUSTIN-DANIEL GANDOULOU, Université Rennes II, "Politique et élégance visuelle" "Politics and visual elegancy"

PRUNE HELFTER, Founder/Director of House of African Art, "Représentation du corps noir : le cas du Japon," "Representation of the Black Body: the case of Japan"

CHRISTINE BARTHE, musée du quai Branly "1842/2008, Visibilités"

NGAIRE BLANKENBERG, Head of Strategy/Principal Consultant, Lordcultre, "From Representation to Engagement: Making space for black people in the new museums"

3:45 – 5:15PM **MIRROR MIRROR: THE STEREOTYPES (SC)**

LYDIE DIAKHATÉ, chair

MICHELE WALLACE, Writer & Activist, US, "Change II: 100 Pound Weight Loss Story Quilt and Other Self-Portraits by Faith Ringgold"

DIAGNE CHANEL, Painter & Visual artist, Senegal / France, "Fatales Mirors"

NORA CHIPAUMIRE, Choreographer Zimbabwe / US

LÉONORA MIANO, Writer, Cameroon / Paris, "Erase in order to reveal"

ROKHAYA DIALLO, Columnist and Activist, Senegal / France

TRICA DANIELLE KEATON, Vanderbilt University, "'Au Nègre Joyeux': Everyday Anti-blackness on rue Mouffetard"

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CHERYL FINLEY, Cornell University, chair

PAMELA NEWKIRK, New York University; “Ota Benga in the Archive”

ROSHINI KEMPADOO, University of East London, “Imagining Her(story):
Memory and portraiture in postcolonial archives”

CELESTE MARIE BERNIER, University of Nottingham, “Imaging Slavery: Representing and
Remembering the Black Body in Contemporary African American and Black British Portraiture”

BRENDAN WATTENBERG, Director of Exhibitions, The Walther Collection Project Space,
New York, “Performing the Archive: The Black Body and the Borrowed Image.”

RENÉE MUSSAI, Autograph ABP (London) Portraiture and Desire”

11:00 – 12:30PM **ROUNDTABLE—BLACK BODIES: LIVE AND UNCENSORED**

ISOLDE BRIELMAIER, PH.D., chair, Chief Curator, SCAD Museum of Art/SCAD Galleries

SIMON NJAMI Independent curator “The Black Body as an Artistic Metaphor”

CARRIE MAE WEEMS, artist, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York

ELIZABETH COLOMBA, Paris, “What’s in a name” (NY)

KADER ATTIA, Visual artist, Algeria / France / Berlin

JEAN-ULRICK DÉSSERT, Artist, Germany (Haiti)

LYLE ASHTON HARRIS, Artist, New York University in Ghana, “Out in Africa”

DANIELE TAMAGNI, Photographer, Milan, Italy, “from Gentlemen of Bacongo to Afrometals:
global streetlife & old/new African urban subcultures”

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(MIS)READINGS OF PLEASURE, FEMININE ARTIFICE, BLACK-CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN
DIASPORIC PERFORMANCES IN POPULAR VISUAL CULTURE**

JOAN MORGAN, chair, Cultural Critic, Author of “When Chickenheads Come Home
to Roost” and American Studies Ph.D. student New York University

KEVIN BROWNE, Assistant Professor of Rhetoric, Syracuse University, “When the Myth Gazes
Back...And Smiles: Contemporary Masqueing and the Construction of a ‘Caribbean’ Icon”

KIMBERLI GANT, University of Texas, Austin, “Icons Brought Forward: Renee Cox’s
Queen Nanny of the Maroons and The Discreet Charm of the Bougies”

TREVA LINDSEY, Assistant Professor of Women Studies and Gender, University of Missouri,
“(Mis)Reading Ri-Ri, (Mis)Identifying Nicki: Black Women’s Performative Alterity”

MARK ANTHONY NEAL, Professor of Black Popular Culture, Duke University,
“N*ggas in Paris or Hip-hop in Exile”

3:00 – 3:15PM **COFFEE BREAK / PAUSE CAFÉ**

3:15-4:45PM **SWEET SWAGGER: EXPLORING REPRESENTATIONS OF
BLACK STYLE, BEAUTY AND GRACE**

SANDRA JACKSON-DUMONT, Seattle Art Museum, chair

ROBERT O’MEALLY, Columbia University, “What Does it Mean to be Cool? A few Jazz Examples”

MIMI PLANGE, Fashion Designer, Mimi Plange

EKUA ABUDU, Lawyer, Educationist and Fashion Author, “I REPRESENT...”

MICHAELA ANGELA DAVIS, writer fashion expert and image activist

CATHERINE MCKINLEY, New York University, “Six Ways of Looking at A Dress: Fashion,
Genocide, Diaspora Artists and the Sartorial Legacy of Namibia’s Herero Women”

KATELL POULIQUEN, journalist, *L’Express*; author of “Afro, a celebration”, La Martiniere editions.

ANNA ARABINDAN-KESSON, Ph.D. Candidate, Yale University, “Portraits in Black:
Styling, Space, and Self in the work of Barkley Hendricks and Elizabeth Colomba”

4:45-6:15PM **SHOW UP TO SHOW OUT: THE RISE OF GLOBAL BLACK DANDYISM**

SHANTRELLE P. LEWIS, chair, Independent Curator and Director of Exhibitions & Public
Programming, Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute (CCCADI), “Sartorial
Shenanigans: The Global Black Dandy and Fashionable Manifestations of Eshu”

MICHELLE JOAN WILKINSON, moderator, Director of Collections and Exhibitions,
Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture

MONICA MILLER, Barnard College, “The beauty without which we cannot seem to live’:
Black/Queer Dandyism”

ALLISON JANA E HAMILTON, New York University, “Mythic Beings: Black Women
and the Aesthetics of Resistance in Art and Culture”

MICHAEL MCMILLAN, University of the Arts London, “Saga Bwoys and Rude Bwoys:
Migration, Grooming and Dandyism”

YLVA HABEL, Media and Communication Studies, Södertörn University, Sweden,
“Afrodiasporic Dandy-narrative claims territory: Congolese counterpublics performing
European identities in geographic and digital landscapes”

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SATURDAY

musée du quai Branly

37 Quai Branly *Théâtre Claude Lévi-Strauss* (TCL) and *Salle de Cinéma* (SC)

9:30 – 5:00PM **REGISTRATION**

9:30 – 9:40AM **WELCOME** Anne-Christine Taylor-Descola, musée du quai Branly

9:45 – 11:00AM **(IL)LEGIBILITIES: WHAT MAKES THE BLACK BODY READABLE? (TCL)**

AWAM AMKPA, chair, New York University

J. D. OJEIKERE, Photographer—Nigeria, Beauty

RENÉE COX, Photographer, USA, Afro-Futurism

HEIKE BEHREND, Visual Artist, Germany, “‘The Couple’: Distance, Proximity and Intimacy in Popular Photographic Portraits in East Africa”

JAMES BARNOR, Photographer, London

ANGÈLE ETOUNDI ESSAMBA, Amsterdam/Cameroon

KILUANJI KIA HENDA, Visual Artist, Angola

9:45 – 11:00AM **INTRICATE INTERSECTIONS: BLACK APPARITIONS IN IMPERIAL EUROPE (SC)**

YEMANE DEMISSIE, chair, New York University

IDRISSOU MORA-KPAI, Filmmaker, Benin

TEMI ODUMOSU, Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellow, EUROFAST, “Caught between irreverent lines: African characters and caricatures from 18th century British print culture”

MAAZA MENGISTE, New York University, Creative Writing Program, author of *Beneath the Lion’s Gaze*

ARTWELL CAIN, Founder/Director, Institute of Cultural Heritage and Knowledge, Netherlands, “The black body as a problem in the Netherlands”

PAUL KAPLAN, Art and Art History, Purchase College, State University of New York, “‘A Mulatto Sculptor from New Orleans’: Eugène Warburg in Europe, 1853-1859”

DELL M. HAMILTON, W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research, Harvard University “‘Native’ Dahomey at the Paris Exposition Universelle of 1900”

11:00 – 12:30PM **CURATING THE BLACK BODY (TCL)**

LYDIE DIAKHATÉ, chair

N’GONÉ FALL, curator, Paris/Dakar, “La non représentation du corps noir en Afrique,” “The non-representation of the Black Body in Africa”

XULY BËT, Fashion designer & Visual artist, Senegal/Mali/France

ELVIRA DYANGANI OSE, Curator, International Art, supported by Guaranty Trust Bank Plc, Tate Modern, Spain / Equatorial Guinea/UK “Being the black body. Exhibition making as self-representational narrative”

NADIRA LAGGOUNE, curator, Algeria “Le noir du corps n’est pas une couleur” “Black is not a color for the body”

11:00 – 12:30PM **BLACK EROTICS: NEW THEORIES ON RACE AND PORN (SC)**

NICOLE FLEETWOOD, Rutgers University, chair “Erotic Violence and Black Female Desire”

CARLA WILLIAMS, Rochester Institute of Technology “Getting [It] In: The Nude Black Body in the Domestic Space”

MIREILLE MILLER-YOUNG, University of California, Santa Barbara, “Confessions of a Black Feminist Academic Pornographer”

JENNIFER CHRISTINE NASH, GWU, “Race-Pleasure on the Pornographic Screen”

JAFARI ALLEN, Yale University, “Re-framing the Favela: ‘Pomblography’ and Diasporic Circuits of Black Gay Desire”

12:30 – 1:30PM **LUNCH BREAK**

1:30 – 3:00PM **CONTEMPORARY VOICES: NAMING AND BRANDING THE BLACK BODY (TCL)**

HANK WILLIS THOMAS, chair, “Branded: The Black Male Image”

ALEXIS PESKINE, Paris, “Masters of the Universal”

MISA DAYSON, Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles, “Uncoupling Fascism and Racism: A Critical Re-Reading of The Origins of Totalitarianism”

NANA ADUSEI-POKU, Lecturer, Media Arts Department, University of the Arts- Zürich, “Iwishiwis-Visual Disobedience and Diasporic Interconnectivity”

AJA MONET, Poet, Paris/New York, “Surrendering to the Metaphor: A Search for Meaning”

FRANCK FREITAS AND MALEK BOUYAHIA, University of Saint Denis Paris 8, “The remembrance of the black body: when Walter Benjamin’s jetzzeit ‘raps’ History!”

1:30-3:30PM **ON BEAUTY: FROM JOSEPHINE TO MAXINE (SC)**

MICHAEL DINWIDDIE, chair, New York University, “Maxine Powell: the Motown Mystique in Relation to (Male and Female) Sensuality”

ANNA MARIA HORSFORD, actress, Los Angeles

DYANA WILLIAMS, publicist, co-founder International Association of African American Music Foundation, “Rihanna and Racial Notions of Beauty”

HORACE PORTER, University of Iowa, “James Baldwin’s Portraits of Black Boys and Native Sons in Paris: Reading ‘This Morning, This Evening so Soon’”

DOMINIC THOMAS, Professor, Chair, French and Francophone Studies, University of California Los Angeles, “Afropean Bodies”

JOHN SHEYIN FOSTER, Brooklyn Academy of Music, “Black Male Personae in Hip-Hop and Hip Hop Education”

MYISHA PRIEST, New York University, “Picturing the Princess: Black Girls Coming of Age”

Detailed Schedule continued Programme Détailé continué

3:00 – 3:15PM **COFFEE BREAK / PAUSE CAFÉ**

3:15-4:45PM **UNIVERSALIZING THE BLACK BODY (TCL)**

JEFF RABHAN, chair, Clive Davis Institute of Recorded Music, New York University

JASON KING, Clive Davis Institute of Recorded Music, New York University,
“Michael Jackson’s Iconic Body as Visual Spectacle in ‘This Is It’”

TRACY SHARPLEY-WHITING, Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Distinguished
Professor of African American and Diaspora Studies and French,
Vanderbilt University, “Miss Baker Regrets”

ED GUERRERO, Cinema Studies/Africana Studies, New York University,
“Bamboozled: Self-representation and It’s Discontents”

SAM POLLARD, Filmmaker/Editor, New York University

LEWIS WATTS, University of California Santa Cruz, “New Orleans Suite
and Migration in the Diaspora”

VERA GRANT, Director of the Cooper Gallery, Harvard University, “The Goetz Medals:
The Enduring Visual Registers of Lurid Patriotism”

4:45 – 6:15PM **BLACK OPTICS: VISUALITY, THE CINEMATIC FRAME
AND THE BLACK BODY (TCL)**

MICHAEL GILLESPIE, Ohio University, chair, “Let Me Rub You Down: Noir et Blanc,
Adaptation and Queer/Postcolonial Horror”

ERICA EDWARDS, UC Riverside, “The Other Side of Terror: The Picture of Black Intimacy
with U.S. Counterinsurgency after 9/11”

EVE DUNBAR, Vassar College, “Doing Violence to the Screen: Generational Gazes,
Blaxploitation, and Black Female ‘Freedom’ in Martha Southgate’s Third Girl From The Left”

HIRAM PEREZ, Vassar College, “Framing Black Angels: Imitation of Life in Mexican
Cinema and Telenovela”

MICHAEL RALPH, New York University, “Risk and Liability in Camp de Thiaroye (1987)”

4:45 – 6:15PM **OUT OF AFRICA: YOUNG WOMEN BEHIND THE LENS (SC)**

SHELLEY RICE, co-chair, Arts Professor, New York University

JEANNE MERCIER, co-chair, co-founder and editor of *Afrique en Visu*

ZANELE MUHOLI, Photographer, South Africa

NANDIPHA MNTAMBO, Artist, Swaziland/South Africa, “Re-looking”

MAÏMOUNA GUERRESI, Artist, Milan, Italy, “The Mystic Black Body:
A Journey through Inner Beauty”

AYANA V. JACKSON, Artist, US/France/South Africa “Projection Surface”

NADIA BENCHALLAL, Photographer, France/Algeria

SUNDAY

Musée du quai Branly

Film Screenings in the Salle de Cinéma (SC)

11:00AM – 11:15AM **WELCOME & PRESENTATION**

11:15AM – 11:30AM **LES PRINCES NOIRS DE SAINT-GERMAIN-DES-PRÉS
(14’, 1975) by Ben Diogaye Beye**

A satire about young men who are prepared to make the most outrageous promises
in order to satisfy the longings of young women for exotic experiences.

11:30AM – 12:45PM **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ELEGANT
(69 min, 2004) documentary by George Amponsah**

This is the story of one of the most unusual clubs in the world: La SAPE.
Its members, the Sapeurs, come from the Democratic Republic of Congo and have
elevated fashion to the status of a religion. Set to the soundtrack of Congo’s
extraordinary music, the film follows the sapeurs’ spiritual leader, Papa Wemba,
the world-famous musician known as ‘The King of la Sape’.

1:00PM – 1:45PM **NORA
(30 min, 2008) documentary by Alla Kovgan & David Hinton**
In the presence of Nora Chipaumire

“Nora” is based on true stories of the dancer Nora Chipaumire, who was
born in Zimbabwe in 1965. In the film, Nora returns to the landscape of her
childhood and takes a journey through some vivid memories of her youth.
Using performance and dance, she brings her history to life in a swiftly-moving
poem of sound and image.

2:00PM – 4:00PM **SHAFT
(100 min, 1971) by Gordon Parks, Original music by Isaac Hayes.**
Introduction by Ed Guerrero

An action film with elements of film noir, Shaft tells the story of a black
private detective, John Shaft, who travels through Harlem and to the Italian mob
neighborhoods in order to find the missing daughter of a black mobster.

4:15PM – 6:00PM **MONA LISA
(1 hr. 44 min., 1986) Drama Directed by Neil Jordan**

Bob Hoskins plays George, a tough but basically goodhearted British mob flunky,
recently released from prison, where he’d served a term to cover up for his gangster
boss (Michael Caine). Still willing to be everyone’s doormat, George agrees to act as
chauffeur for Simone (Cathy Tyson), a haughty, high-priced call girl.

Participant biographies

Biographies des participants

EKUA ABUDU was born in Nigeria to a Ghanaian father and Nigerian mother, she is a product of both the rich Fante and Yoruba cultures. She spent her early education in Lagos and moved to England in 1980 to finish her schooling in England where she studied law. A lawyer and educator, Abudu set up one of the top Schools in Lagos, Greenwood House School and then went on to get both a Montessori Diploma and a post graduate in education. The daughter of one of the well known fabric designers and retailers in Lagos, she explored her creative side by dabbling into Interior Designing and Fashion being the first to publish a book recognizing notable Nigerian fashion designers in different parts of the world “Celebrating Fashion Today”. She is currently Owner/Administrator of Greenwood House School, President of AISEN (Association of International School Educators in Nigeria), Vice President of IDAN (Interior Designers Association of Nigeria), Past President of IWS (International Women’s Society), a benefactor of MUSON (Musical Society of Nigeria). She is on the board of many institutions and is dedicated to several charities.

NANA ADUSEI-POKU is a theorist of Visual Culture, critic and award winning lecturer for Visual Culture at the University of the Arts in Zurich (ZHdK) Media Arts Department. She holds a master’s degree in Media and Communications from Goldsmiths College London and has studied in at the Humboldt University Berlin, Ghana University Legon, London School of Economics and Political Sciences and the Columbia University New York. From 2009–2012 she was a doctoral fellow within the interdisciplinary program ‘Gender as a Category of Knowledge’ at Humboldt University. She examines in her Ph.D. project “Conditions of Existence” contemporary Black artists from the US and Germany in connection to the curatorial concept post-black and hetero-temporality.

JAFARI S. ALLEN holds a joint appointment in the departments of African American Studies, and Anthropology at Yale University. Professor Allen works at the intersections of [queer] sexuality, gender, and blackness. The author of the critical ethnography of race, sexuality and revolution, *¡Venceremos?: The Erotics of Black Self-Making in Cuba*; and editor of *Black/Queer/Diaspora—a special issue of GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies*, Professor Allen teaches courses on the cultural politics of race, sexuality and gender; Black feminist theory and queer theory; critical cultural studies; ethnographic methodology; Cuba and the Caribbean. He is currently working on a new book project—*Black Queer Here and There: Movement and Sociality in Diaspora*—which traces cultural and political circuits of transnational queer desire—in travel, tourism, migration, art, and activism, in and between nations and sites of struggle.

AWAM AMKPA is a dramatist, documentary filmmaker and an Associate Professor of Drama at NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts, Associate Professor, in Africana Studies Social and Cultural Analysis, College of Arts and Sciences at New York University, and

a scholar of theatre and film. He is the co-founder and co-curator of the annual Real Life Pan- African Documentary Film Festival in Accra, Ghana—a festival dedicated to African and African Diasporic filmmaking, and a curator of the photographic exhibition “Africa: See You, See Me” and co-curator of photo exhibition—“They Won’t Budge: Africans in Europe”. His documentary films include ‘Winds Against Ours Souls,’ ‘It’s All About Downtown,’ ‘The Other Day We Went to the Movies,’ ‘A VeryVery Short Story of Nollywood’ and feature film ‘Wazobia!’ Professor Amkpa has written and directed plays and is also the author of *Theatre and Postcolonial Desires* (London: Routledge, 2003) and several articles on the Black Atlantic and postcolonial theatre and film.

ANNA ARABINDAN-KESSON is a doctoral candidate in the History of Art and African American Studies Departments at Yale University. She is currently at work on a dissertation entitled *Threads of Empire: Art and the Cotton Trade in the Indian and Atlantic Ocean Worlds, 1840-1900* that examines the global connections created through the intersection of cotton textiles, visual culture and colonialism in the United States, England, India and West Africa. A chapter drawn from her dissertation research will be published in the edited collection *Global Trade and Visual Arts in Federal New England* and a chapter on representations of South Asians in nineteenth-century Jamaica will be published in the volume *Victorian Jamaica* later this year. At Yale Anna curated an exhibition *Embodied: Black Identities in American Art from the Yale University Art Gallery* and has also curated shows in Washington DC. Anna’s received fellowships from the Terra Foundation for American Art Predoctoral Fellowship at the Smithsonian American Art Museum and a Winterthur Museum, Library and Gardens Dissertation Fellowship. Currently, based in Cambridge, England, she is a Junior Fellow at the Paul Mellon Center for Studies in British Art.

KADER ATTIA was born in 1970 into an Algerian family in Paris. He studied both Philosophy and Fine Art in Paris and spent a year at Barcelona’s School of Applied Art in 1993. His childhood between France and Algeria, going back and forth between the Christian Occident, the Islamic Maghreb and the Jewish Algerian Sephardic world, has had a profound impact on his work and time spent living in the Congo-Kinshasa, as well as Venezuela has further informed his vision. His work tackles the increasingly difficult relationship between Europe and immigrants, particularly those of Islamic faith.

Attia’s first solo exhibition was held in 1996 in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He gained international recognition at the 50th Venice Biennale (2003) and at the Lyon Biennale (2005). Recent exhibitions include *La Force de l’Art*, the Paris Triennial and the Havana Biennale. In 2010, Attia was included in the Sydney Biennial and the Smithsonian Artist Research Fellowship Program. Attia is also one of the winners of the 2010 Abraaj Capital Art Prize, an award granted specifically to artists working in the Middle East, North Africa or South Asia.

JAMES BARNOR (born 6 June 1929) is a pioneering Ghanaian photographer whose career spans six decades. In his street and studio photography he represents societies in transition: Ghana moving toward Independence, and London becoming a multicultural metropolis. He is credited with introducing colour processing to Ghana. Appreciation of octogenarian Barnor's work as a studio portraitist, photojournalist and Black lifestyle photographer has been heightened since 2010 as a result of a series of exhibitions of his work in the UK, the USA, France and South Africa. His photographs have been collated by the London-based charity Autograph ABP during a four-year project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and in 2011 became part of the new Archive and Research Centre for Culturally Diverse Photography.

CHRISTINE BARTHE is curator of the photographic collection at the Musée du Quai Branly in Paris, France. She is in charge of acquisitions, curates exhibitions and is involved in research projects related to historical and contemporary photography. She is the author of *Camera Obscura* (2007) and *Le Yucatan est ailleurs : Expéditions photographiques (1857–1886) de Désiré Charnay*.

HEIKE BEHREND has been teaching as a professor of Anthropology at the Institute of African Studies of the University of Cologne. She has conducted intensive ethnographic research in Kenya and Uganda in the field of violence, war and religion as well as in media anthropology. Since the early 1990s, she has been working together with popular photographers in Kenya and Uganda. She has published extensively on photographic practices in Eastern Africa and worked as curator of the exhibition “‘Snap me One’: Studio Photographers in Africa” (1998) in Munich and Amsterdam (together with Tobias Wendl) and “Studio Photography as a Dream Machine” in Tokyo (2010). She is living now in Berlin.

NADIA BENCHALLAL is a Franco-Algerian and award-winning photographer who lives in Paris. She studied photography at the International Center of Photography (ICP) in New York City, and she is currently developing an in-depth project on Muslim women called “Sisters.” <http://www.nadiabenchallal.com/>

CELESTE MARIE BERNIER is a Professor of African American Studies at the University of Nottingham, UK, and Associate Editor of the *Journal of American Studies* (Cambridge University Press). She has published articles in edited collections and in journals such as *Slavery and Abolition*, *American Nineteenth Century History*, *Journal of Atlantic Studies* and *Journal of American Studies*. Awarded a Philip Leverhulme Prize in Art History, Bernier is the author of *African American Visual Arts: From Slavery to the Present* (2008) and the forthcoming “*Characters of Blood:*” *Black Heroism in the Transatlantic Imagination*.

XULY BËT was born December 28, 1962 in Bamako, Mali. Xuly Bët, born Lamine Badiang Koutaté, studied art in Senegal, then went to France to study architecture in Strasbourg and Paris. He set up the Xuly Bët Funkin' Fashion Factory in 1989. (Xuly Bët is an idiomatic

Wolof expression that translates as “watch out” and “keep an open mind.”) He caught the attention of the fashion world with his streetwise creations made from recycled materials. He was recognized by and has been featured in French fact *Vogue* and *Glamour* magazine. His success is illustrated by the fact that his merchandise was chosen to be featured in all stores of the French Galeries Lafayette chain. Xuly Bët was the designer who used the clothing tag externally as part of the overall effect in his clothing. Embraced as a street-savvy fashion designer, he is favored by many rap artists as well as such pop luminaries as INXS, Neneh Cherry, and Soul II Soul. Xuly Bët is one of a number of designers who exists side by side with the musical fraternity to propagate his fashion message. In common with that same school of fashion savants, his end-wearers are the ordinary working class.

PASCAL BLANCHARD is co-director of the ACHAC research group on colonialism, immigration and postcolonialism. He writes here as a representative member of *Towards a Real Debate*, a collective founded in response to the official French debate on national identity. He has organized several exhibitions on the theme of colonization and of immigration, including *Images of Empire* (1996) *The call to Empire* (1997) and *Images et Colonies* (1993). He has published or collaborated on books and journals on these topics and several series of articles, produced several television documentaries (*The Zoos human Arte*, 2002; *colors Paris*, France 3, 2005, *The black color. The history of Afro-Caribbean players and New Caledonia France team football*, Canal 2008) and has contributed to over a dozen films and documentaries. He regularly participates in debates and in the media to promote another report of this colonial past and the relationship to the history of immigration “of the South” (colonial and post-colonial) in France.

NGAIRE BLANKENBERG is a Principal Consultant and the Head of Strategy and Management at Lordculture, an international museum and cultural planning consultancy in Paris, with affiliate offices in Toronto, New York, Mumbai and Beijing. Ngaire is an innovative and creative practitioner and an astute and insightful planner. She is also a cross-disciplinary storyteller, passionate about sharing stories, and ensuring that all people are given space and empowered to tell their own stories. She has worked with museum clients worldwide. Currently based in Paris, she has lived and worked in Toronto and Johannesburg, South Africa, where she spent twelve years working in television and documentary film and developing sustainable cultural programmes in museums and urban developments. Documentary credits include the award-winning documentary *Morris Fynn Goes Native* (2005), *Nkosi's Mission* (with Inigo Gilmore, 2001), as well as a number of edutainment drama and actuality television series broadcast in South Africa.

NICOLAS BOURRIAUD is a French curator, writer, art critic, and author of theoretical essays on contemporary art. He is currently head of the evaluation and studies service at the French ministry of culture. Bourriaud was the Gulbenkian curator of contemporary art at Tate Britain, London, where he curated *The Tate Triennial: Altermodern* (2009). He co-founded and was co-director of the Palais de Tokyo, Paris, from 1999 to 2006. He founded the

contemporary art magazine *Documents sur l'art*, of which he was director from 1992 to 2000, and worked as a Parisian correspondent for *Flash Art* from 1987 to 1995. His writings have been translated into over 15 languages, and his publications include *Radical* (Sternberg Press/Merve Verlag, New York/Berlin, 2009), *Postproduction* (Lukas & Sternberg, New York, 2002, English edition, Les presses du réel, Dijon, 2004, French edition), *Formes de vie. L'art moderne et l'invention de soi* (Editions Denoël, Paris, 1999), and *Relational Aesthetics* (Les presses du réel, 1998, French edition, English edition, 2002).

MALEK BOUYAHIA is a Ph.D. student in Political Science at University Paris 8. His work focuses on medical discourses and their impact on the processes of the making of postcolonial identities. He published “Genre, sexualité et médecine coloniale. Les impensés de l'identité indigène” (Gender, sexualité and colonial medicine. The unthoughts of the Indigenous identity), in *Cahier du Genre* (2011) and “Penser la figuration chez Donna Haraway avec Walter Benjamin : un espace métaphorique de résistance” (“Thinking the figuration with Donna Haraway and Walter Benjamin: a metaphorical space of resistance”, in *Penser avec Donna Haraway* (2012).

ISOLDE BRIELMAIER is Chief Curator of Exhibitions at Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) where she oversees the curatorial staff that organizes exhibitions at the SCAD Museum of Art, and SCAD's galleries worldwide. While at SCAD, Isolde has curated exhibitions with several noted artists including Dario Escobar, Bharti Kher, Richard Mosse, Angel Otero, Ivan Navarro, and Fred Wilson.

In 2011, she curated “Stargazers: Elizabeth Catlett in Conversation with 21 Contemporary Artists,” at the Bronx Museum of Art. Since 2005, she has curated exhibitions with artists such as Kader Attia, Lalla Essaydi, Ellen Gallagher, Wangechi Mutu, and Mickalene Thomas, to name a few. Isolde has authored many essays, reviews and books, including most recently “Nan Goldin: Scopiphilia” (*Art in America*, Feb 2012); “Jose Parla: Painting and Performing the Past and the Present” (2011); as well as photographer Zwelethu Mthethwa's first monograph (2010). She has developed contemporary art programs for ARCO Contemporary Art Fair in Madrid, Art Expo Chicago, The Armory Show/Volta NY, Krug Champagne and the fashion house Versace.

She is the recipient of numerous grants and fellowships from institutions including the Ford Foundation and the Mellon Foundation. She holds a Ph.D. from Columbia University.

KALIA BROOKS is a New York based independent curator and writer. Brooks is currently an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Photography and Imaging at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, and a Ph.D. Candidate in Aesthetics and Art Theory with the Institute for Doctoral Studies in the Visual Arts. She received her M.A. in Curatorial Practice from the California College of the Arts in 2006, and she served as Public Programs Coordinator at The Studio Museum in Harlem and was a Helena Rubinstein Fellow in Critical Studies at the Whitney Independent Study Program 2007/2008. She is the 2012 Curatorial Fellow with *A Blade of Grass* in New York City.

KEVIN A. BROWNE is an Assistant Professor of Writing and Rhetoric at Syracuse University. He specializes in contemporary rhetorical theory, vernacular rhetoric, and rhetoric(s) of the Caribbean and the African Diaspora. He is currently exploring representative frameworks for rhetorical activities that occur in the Caribbean and wherever people of Caribbean descent reside. This work challenges the adequacy of a normative Western gaze with an exploration of rhetorical methods in the analysis of a vast range of vernacular themes. His work also resists the assumption that texts produced by non-Caribbeans are somehow out of analytical reach when a Caribbean method is applied, even if the “subjects” of those texts are Caribbean. His book, *Tropic Tendencies: Rhetoric and Popular Culture in the Anglophone Caribbean* is forthcoming from University of Pittsburgh Press.

ARTWELL CAIN, PH.D. is founder/director of Institute of Cultural Heritage & Knowledge. Before that he was from 2009 to August 2012 director of NiNsee (National institute of Dutch Slavery Past and Legacy). He attained his masters degree in cultural anthropology at the University at Utrecht in 1989. Afterwards, Cain gathered expertise as a science researcher in Utrecht among other places. He directed the Foundation for the Furtherance of the Well-being of Antilleans and Arubans at Rotterdam (1991 – 2000). He obtained his Ph.D. in 2007 at the University at Tilburg, which dealt with the upward social mobility of migrant directors in Dutch organizations. He has edited the book *Tula slave rebellion in Curacao* (2009) and written and published various papers and essays pertaining to integration, citizenship, representation, issues of identity, the aftermath of Trans-Atlantic slavery and social mobility.

SYLVIE CHALAYE is a drama critic, a specialist in theaters of black francophone Africa, a professor at the University of Rennes 2-Haute-Bretagne and an associate member of the Research Laboratory of the CNRS Performing Arts (2004). She is also a member of the editorial board of the journal “Africultures” (2004).

DIAGNE CHANEL accomplished her first study travel to Florence in 1980 and therefore still influenced by Renaissance architecture patterns, geometric constructions, sophisticated pavings; her steady portrayed plump figures offer a strong contrast with her quadrate compositions. Diagne Chanel was born in Paris. Her chromatic scale is vivid, although tightened around few blues, greens, ochers, browns and gold tones. Africa also taught her the use of thrifter materials as cardboard, brownpaper, watercolors, pastels, charcoal on carton she masters to process into much sophisticate textures. Her work seems quite distant of any African influence until the late 80's, when all of a sudden, a deep change occurred to her. The articulated titles of the series she then delivers reveal this true and sudden emergence of Africa: “*Back from Africa*”, “*A Season in Southern Sudan*”, “*Poung Zulus*” where dark and chubby infants are outlined against flat and shiny tints. She is the présidente of Sudan Comitee an Vice presidente of Urgence Darfour.

JEAN-FRANÇOIS CHEVRIER is an art historian, art critic and exhibition curator. He lives and works in Paris as professor in the History of Contemporary Art at l'École Nationale

Supérieure des Beaux-Arts. In his essays Chevrier has examined the place of photography – and by extension modern and contemporary art – among the arts and the media. Exhibitions and catalogues he has curated and co-edited include *Matter of Facts* (Nantes et al., 1988), *Une autre objectivité / Another Objectivity* (London, 1988), *Photo Kunst* (Stuttgart, 1989), *Craigie Horsfield* (London, 1989), *Lieux communs, figures singulières* (Paris, 1991), *Walker Evans and Dan Graham* (Rotterdam, 1992) and *Craigie Horsfield. La ciutat de la gent* (Barcelona, 1996). He has written essays on Jean-Marc Bustamante, John Coplans, Ken Lum, Michelangelo Pistoletto, Gerhard Richter and Brassai.

ADRIENNE L. CHILDS is an independent scholar, art historian and curator. She specializes in race and representation in European and American art from the eighteenth century through the twentieth century, with a particular interest in exoticism and the decorative arts. She served as curator at the David C. Driskell Center for the Study of the Visual Arts and Culture of African Americans and the African Diaspora at the University of Maryland. She has received fellowships from the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute at Harvard University, The Sterling and Clark Institute, The David C. Driskell Center, and the University of Maryland Graduate School. Recent curatorial projects include *Creative Spirit: The Art of David C. Driskell; Tradition Redefined*. Recent publications include “Tanner and ‘Oriental’ Africa” in *Henry Ossawa Tanner: Modern Spirit*, “Sugarboxes and Blackamoors: Ornamental Blackness in Early Meissen Porcelain” in *The Cultural Aesthetics of Eighteenth-Century Porcelain*, and the monograph *Margo Humphrey*. She is a contributing author to the upcoming Volume V in the *Image of the Black in Western Art*. Dr. Childs is currently co-editing the volume of essays *Representing Blacks and Blackness in European Art of the Long Nineteenth Century: Spectacles of Blackness*.

NORA CHIPAUMIRE was born in Mutare, Zimbabwe and is currently a resident of New York City. Nora Chipaumire has been challenging stereotypes of Africa and the black performing body, art, and aesthetic for the past decade. She has studied dance in many parts of the world including Africa (Senegal, Burkina Faso, Kenya, and South Africa), Cuba, Jamaica and the U.S. A graduate of the University of Zimbabwe’s School of Law, Chipaumire holds an M.A. in Dance and M.F.A. in Choreography and Performance from Mills College (CA). Ms. Chipaumire is a 2012 Alpert Award in the Arts recipient and 2011 United States Artist Ford Fellow. She is also a two-time New York Dance and Performance (aka “Bessie”) Awardee: in 2008 for her dance-theater work, *Chimurenga*, and in 2007 for her body of work with Urban Bush Women. She is the recipient of the 2009 AFROPOP Real Life Award for her choreography in the film, *Nora*. She has also been awarded the 2007 Mariam McGlone Emerging Choreographer Award from Wesleyan University Center for the Arts, and a MANCC Choreographic Fellowship in 2007-2008.

JEAN-PAUL COLLEYN anthropologist and documentary filmmaker, is Professor at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, director of the Center for African Studies (EHESS-IRD) and has taught at New York University. He is the author and director of thirty documentary films, fourteen books and many articles on visual anthropology and on

Mali, where he has been doing fieldwork since 1972. His documentaries include *Nkpiti ; resentment and the prophet, Baraka ; Murid Merchants Publications ; Bamana: Visions of Africa, The World of the Anthropologist*, among others.

ELIZABETH COLOMBA was born and raised in France, on the outskirts of Paris, amid the rich inspiring Caribbean heritage of her family. Elizabeth Colomba attended the high school of art in Paris. After receiving her degree in applied arts she continued her studies, continuing to paint and to intensively develop her own style. Colomba later moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career in painting and storyboarding, working on feature films like *Romeo and Juliet*, *One Hour Photo*, *Jesse James*, and several others. Colomba is an astute portraitist one who often begins by drawing nude figures; she then follows by creating sketches of several clothed figures, settled in a space, surrounded by meaningful objects. When asked who her artistic heroes are, Elizabeth Colomba eloquently replies, “I’d like to have Sargent’s touch, Caravaggio’s light, Degas’ vision, Vermeer’s inscrutability and Velázquez’s knowledge”. The influence of each can be seen in Colomba’s work. For Elizabeth Colomba, painting is primal. She can’t think of living without doing it. To say it in other words, she lives to paint. The roots of her artistic expression are cerebral: Leonardo da Vinci was right, ‘Painting is a mental act.’

NATHALIE COULETEL received her Ph.D. in Aesthetics, Science and Technology of Arts at l’Universite Sorbonne de Nouvelle Paris III. She has continued research on the history of the theater, especially the turning point in the history of staging of the late nineteenth century to the first half of the twentieth century. She has spoken about the original place of black artists in the history of entertainment in France (2007–2010).

RENÉE COX is photographer, political activist, curator, and mother. One of the most controversial African-American artists working today, Cox has used her own body, both nude and clothed, to celebrate black womanhood and criticize our racist and sexist society. She was born in Colgate, Jamaica and later moved with her family to Scarsdale, New York. Cox began studying photography at Syracuse University and received her master’s degree at the School of Visual Arts in New York City. From the very beginning of her career, her work showed a deep concern for social issues. Cox self-portraits are performative, she created a superhero named Raje who led a crusade in trying to overturn black stereotypes. Cox’s photograph, “Yo Mama’s Last Supper” ignited a maelstrom of controversy when it was shown in the exhibit *Committed to the Image* at the Brooklyn Museum in 2001. In 2006 Cox exhibited her series *Queen Nanny of the Maroons* at the Jamaican Biennial shown at the National Gallery of Jamaica. Cox continues to push boundaries, questioning society and the roles it gives to blacks and women with her elaborate scenarios and imaginative visuals that offend some and exhilarate others.

ALISSANDRA CUMMINS is the Director of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society. An authority on Caribbean heritage, museum development and art, she is a Fellow of the Museums Association. She has been a lecturer in Caribbean Heritage, Art and Museum Studies

with the University of the West Indies for more than two decades. Ms. Cummins has served as the President of the International Council of Museums (ICOM), Chairperson of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation (ICPRCP). In November 2011, Ms. Cummins was elected as Chairperson of the Executive Board of UNESCO. She is the author of several articles and chapters on Caribbean art, museums and heritage in various publications, most recently contributing to *Touching the Intangible: Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage*, and *Caribbean Heritage*. She is co-editor of the recently published *Curating in the Caribbean* (2012) and a contributor and co-editor of the forthcoming *Plantation to Nation: Caribbean Museums and National Identity*. In November 2011 Alissandra Cummins was appointed Editor in Chief of the *International Journal of Intangible Heritage*.

MICHAELA ANGELA DAVIS was presented the Phenomenal Woman Award in 2011 by the New York Chapter of the NAACP in its centennial celebration. Davis is an image activist. Her career has been connected to a core commitment to create, celebrate, and support authentic, progressive, and beautiful images and ideas of diversity in media. Currently, she is part of an elite brain trust that is working to reimagine the image of the largest media brand for African Americans, BET Network. For over 20 years Davis has explored the power of beauty, urban style, women's politics, and hip-hop culture. Her magazine career began in 1991 at *Essence* magazine. In 2004 she returned as their only executive fashion and beauty editor while simultaneously directing the culture section. While at *Essence* she launched the groundbreaking initiative "Take Back the Music," a multimedia campaign bringing awareness to the hyper-sexualized representation and lyrical disrespect of young women of color in mainstream media. Other bold moves in publishing include being the first fashion director of *Vibe* magazine. Davis was also fashion director and the last editor-in-chief of *Honey*, the first book for the 18-34 stylish urban American woman.

MISA DAYSON is a Ph.D. candidate in Anthropology at the University of California, Los Angeles. Currently a 2012-2013 Alexander von Humboldt Foundation German Chancellor Fellow, she is based in Berlin. She explores how art spaces and visual culture in the city are used to foster discussions about contemporary racial, cultural, and national identity formations in Germany. She also researches the relationship between space, place, race, and memory, which she writes about in the recently published *Witnessed* anthology, *The Little Book of Big Visions: How to be an Artist and Revolutionize the World* (Edition Assemblage). Misa received her B.A. in African American and Film Studies at Wesleyan University, her M.A. in Anthropology at UCLA, and is the recipient of the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, and the German Academic Exchange Service German Studies Research Grant. She is also a filmmaker whose interests lie in how documentary work is most effectively used to engage social justice issues.

YEMANE DEMISSIE teaches film, television and documentary production, writing and cinema studies classes at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts Maurice Kanbar

Institute of Film & Television. Prior to his move to New York, Yemane taught writing, directing and producing classes at the USC School of Cinematic Arts and UCLA Extension. An independent writer, producer, and director, Yemane has received numerous national and international grants and fellowships for his work including the John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, the Locarno Film Festival Production Grant, the AFI Filmmaker's Grant, the Fonds Sud Writing Grant, and the California Arts Council Artists Fellowship. Yemane recently completed two films: "Dead Weight," a narrative feature that he directed, edited, and produced "Twilight Revelations: Episodes in the Life & Times of Emperor Haile Selassie," a one-hour documentary that he produced and directed for a seven-part series entitled "Great Africans." The series was produced by MNET, a South African broadcaster that airs programming in numerous African countries. His first narrative feature, "Tumult" screened at over forty international film festivals. "Tumult" was a Best Picture nominee at M-NET's All Africa Film Awards and a First Place winner at NBPC's (PBS) Prized Pieces Film & Video Competition.

JEAN-ULRICK DÉSSERT was born in Port-au-prince Haiti, Jean-Ulrick Désert received his degrees at Cooper Union and Columbia University (New York). He has lived in Paris and currently works in Berlin. Désert has lectured and been invited as critic at Princeton, Yale, Columbia, Humboldt University and l'école supérieur des beaux arts. Désert's visual-art spans many mediums and methods. Emerging from a tradition of conceptual-work engaged with social/cultural practices, his artworks vary in forms such as billboards, actions, paintings, site-specific sculptures, video and objects. Known for his "Negerhosen2000" and his provocative "Burqa Project," Désert often combines cultural iconographies and historical metaphor to disrupt, alter and shift pre-supposed meaning. He has said his practice may be characterized as visualizing "conspicuous invisibility." Désert has exhibited widely at such venues as The Brooklyn Museum, Cité Internationale des Arts, The NGBK in galleries and public venues in Munich, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Ghent, Brussels. He is the recipient of awards, public commissions, private philanthropy, including LMCC, Villa Waldberta/Muenchen-kulturreferat and Cité des Arts (France). Désert represented Haiti and Germany in the 2009 Havana Biennial

LYDIE DIAKHATÉ is an independent film Producer, curator and art critic specializing in the arts and cultures of Africa and its Diaspora, co-founder and co-director of the annual Real Life Documentary Film Festival in Accra (2006). She received her diploma from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris (Visual Anthropology Department) and her MA (Museum Studies), from The Graduate School of Arts and Science at New York University. Her recent works include the curating of *The World of Frédéric Bruly Bouabré, and his object teaching* (Kimmel Center NYU, 2012); *Stars of Ethiopia. A solo photo exhibition with Chester Higgins* (Kimmel Center, NYU, 2011); *Algiers PANAF: 1969 – 2009*, a photo and video exhibition (New York/2010, Washington/2011) and the publication of "Museum Ethics, Missing Voices and the Case of the Maisons Tropicales" in *New Direction in Museum Ethics* (September 2012); *Salif Traoré, photographer without borders* (Editions de l'Oeil, Paris, 2011), *Documentary Film in Africa and its Diaspora* (Sextante,

Lisbon, 2011). Her film productions include the documentaries *Edouard Glissant: One World in Relation* (52 min., France/USA, 2010); *Conakry kas* (82min., Guinée/France/USA, 2004).

ROKHAYA DIALLO is the founder and former president of *Les Indivisibles*, a French organization that uses humor and irony to fight racism and stereotypes, which organized the “Y’a Bon Awards”—a humoristic parody of the Academy Awards that “honored” those public personalities (such as politicians, journalists, and artists) who authored the most racist remarks.

Ms. Diallo regularly contributes to *RTL*, the main radio station in France. She is also a columnist and commenter on the TV channels *Canal Plus* and *i-Tele*. She has her own cultural show on the youth radio *Le Mouv’* (Fresh Cultures). Since September 2011 she is hosting and co-directing *Egautx, mais pas trop* (Equal but not too much) a series of reports about equality and diversity issues in France for *LCP/AN-La Chaine Parlementaire* (the parliamentary channel). Since fall 2012, Rokhaya Diallo is part of the new Bruce Toussaint’s broadcast on France 2: “Vous trouvez ça normal ? !”

In 2012 Rokhaya won the COJEP International Award for her involvement against racism and discriminations. Ms. Diallo is the co-author of *L’Appel Pour une Republique Multiculturelle et Postraciale* (Respect Magazine editions). Her books *Racisme: mode d’emploi* was published in 2011 (Larousse) and *A Nous La France* in 2012 (Michel Lafon).

MANTHIA DIAWARA is Director of NYU’s Institute of Afro-American Affairs. A native of Mali, Professor Diawara received his education in France and later traveled to the United States for his university studies. He has taught at the University of California at Santa Barbara and the University of Pennsylvania. He is the author of *African Film: New Forms of Aesthetics and Politics* (2010), *We Won’t Budge: An African Exile in the World* (2003), *Black-American Cinema: Aesthetics and Spectatorship* (1993), *African Cinema: Politics and Culture* (1992), and *In Search of Africa* (1998). He has published widely on the topic of film and literature of the Black Diaspora. Professor Diawara also collaborated with Ngûgî wa Thiong’o in making the documentary *Sembene Ousmane: The Making of the African Cinema*, and directed the German-produced documentary *Rouch in Reverse, Who’s Afraid of Ngugi?* (2006), *Masion Tropicale*, (2008) and the 2010 film *Edouard Glissant: un monde en relation* [Edouard Glissant: One World in Relation].

MICHAEL DINWIDDIE is an associate professor at the Gallatin School of Individualized Study, New York University whose course offerings include *Migration and American Culture; Dramatizing History I and II; Poets in Protest: Footsteps to Hip Hop; James Reese Europe and American Music; Sissle, Blake and the Minstrel Tradition; Guerrilla Screenwriting*; and *Motown Matrix: Race, Gender and Class Identity in “The Sound of Young America.”* Michael holds the M.F.A. in Dramatic Writing from the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University. An award-winning dramatist whose works have been produced in New York, regional and educational theatre, he has been a playwright-in-residence at Michigan State University, Florida A&M University, and St. Louis University. He has conducted playwriting workshops at SUNY Stony Brook, California State University at San

Bernardino, The College of New Rochelle, Wayne State University and La Universidad de Palermo in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In Hollywood Michael was an inaugural Fellow in the Walt Disney Writers’ Program at Touchstone Pictures and worked as a staff writer on ABC-TV hit series *Hangin’ With Mr. Cooper*. His screenplay *Nowadays* was a Sundance Finalist, and he was awarded a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Playwriting. In 2005 he was the recipient of NYU’s Distinguished Teaching Award, and in the following year he was named a Faculty Fellow in Residence at Hayden Hall. Michael is a member of the Dramatists Guild (DG), the Writers Guild East of America (WGA), and currently serves as president of the Black Theatre Network (BTN).

CHRISTINE DOUXAMI is Lecturer in Art show at the University of Franche-Comté and researcher at the Centre for African Studies at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes (EHESS), Paris. Since 2006, she co-organized a research seminar at the musée du quai Branly, entitled “Art in Africa, international gigantism corner”, where she is responsible for the section on theater in Africa and in the diaspora. It was organized in April 2007 an international conference entitled “Policies Theatres” at the University of Franche-Comté. she continues to travel to Brazil for long periods, and examines the dramatic events in the country and the place given to Afro-Brazilians and their culture in rural areas in the state of Bahia. These different forms of theater studies therefore led the researcher to focus on the Brazilian theaters in Africa, with Agudas Benin and more widely in Africa theater in its political aspects. Christine Douxami research supports these movies and pictures what it seems it makes them more accessible.

JEAN-PIERRE DOZON is an anthropologist and research director at l’Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), studies the links between religious movements and the state of power in Africa. His research confronts backlashes of political and religious developments in two francophone African countries—Ivory Coast and Senegal. Dozon has acted as a member of the International Scientific Committee of the Encyclopedia of Massacres and Genocides, the editorial board of the EHESS-CEAF series “African Issues”, Committee and Office of Scientific Research Institutes in Africa as Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and published a number of articles and essays on the anthropology and movements of contemporary African society.

SANDRA D. JACKSON-DUMONT plays dual roles at the Seattle Art Museum (SAM). She is the Deputy Director for Education + Public Programs/ Adjunct Curator, Modern & Contemporary Art Department. She also serves as adjunct faculty at the University of Washington. Prior to her appointment at SAM, Jackson-Dumont worked at the Studio Museum in Harlem and the Whitney Museum of American Art, Rhode Island School of Design and New York University Tisch School of the Art, Photography and Imaging Program among other cultural organizations. Known for her ability to blur the lines between academia, popular culture and non-traditional art-going communities, Jackson-Dumont is invested in curating experiences that foster dynamic exchanges between art/artists, past/present, public/private and people/places. She has organized numerous exhibitions, lectures, performances, symposia

and education initiatives and she has contributed essays to a host of publications and worked with numerous artists. Recent projects include the SAM exhibition *Theaster Gates: The Listening Room and Record Store*, a roving social practice project initially installed in an urban storefront in partnership with Olson Kundig Architects and Seattle's Bumbershoot featuring listening parties fronted by a wide cross-section of artists, curators, community/public figures, cultural producers and others. She is also an independent curator/writer and organizational change consultant working across communities, disciplines and sectors.

EVE DUNBAR is an Associate Professor of English at Vassar College in New York. She specializes in African American literary studies, with an emphasis on black diaspora studies, mid-20th century African American literary production, and black feminist studies. She is the author of *Black Regions of the Imagination: African American Writers Between the Nation and the World* (Temple University Press 2012).

ELVIRA DYANGANI OSE was recently appointed Curator, International Art, supported by Guaranty Trust Bank Plc at Tate Modern. Born in Cordoba, Spain, Dyangani Ose, is a curator and scholar in the field of African art. She will curate the Guaranty Trust Bank annual project for Tate Modern as well as contribute her expertise to the Collection and Tate programmes. Ose is completing her Ph.D. in the History of Art and Visual Studies at Cornell University. She holds a Master's degree in Theory and History of Architecture, from the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, and a BA degree in Art History, from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Her recent curatorial projects have included two solo exhibitions: the retrospective, *Carrie Mae Weems: Social Studies* (2010) and the survey show, *Nontsikelelo Veleko: Welcome to Paradise* (2009); She was the General Curator of the Arte invisible programme—a multidisciplinary project showcasing artists, artist collectives, curators, and other experts in the field, from Africa and the Diaspora—at ARCOmadrid, in 2009 and 2010.

ERICA EDWARDS is Associate Professor of English at the University of California, Riverside and the author of *Charisma and the Fictions of Black Leadership* (University of Minnesota Press, 2012). Her work on African American literature, politics, and gender critique has appeared in journals such as *Callaloo*, *American Quarterly*, *American Literary History*, and *Women and Performance*; she is currently working on a book about African American literature and the War on Terror.

ANGÈLE ETOUNDI ESSAMBA was born in Douala and grew-up in Yaoundé. As a young girl, she went to Paris where she received her education. Later on she moved to the Netherlands, where she trained at the Nederlandse Fotovakschool (Netherlands professional school of photography). Etoundi Essamba gained international recognition with exhibitions all over the world. Her photographs were first displayed in 1985 at the Maison Descartes in Amsterdam. Exhibitions followed throughout the world (Africa, Europe, Asia, South America and the United States), and her work has appeared in a number of

publications: *Passion* 1989, *Contrasts* 1995, *Symboles* 1999, *Noirs* 2001; *La Métamorphose du sublime*, 2003, *Dialogue* 2006, *Voiles & Dévoilements*, 2008, *Africa Rising*, 2010; *I-dentity-Eye-dentity*, 2010; *As it is*, 2010; *Africa see you, see me*, 2011, *Black & Red, beyond color*, and is also part of several public and private collections.

N'GONÉ FALL (Senegal) is art curator, art publisher and consultant in cultural policies. As an editor with the Paris-based publisher Revue Noire, she co-edited *Anthology of African Art: The 20th Century* (2002), a survey of art production across the continent. Fall has also curated numerous shows in Europe and the continent. Focused on themes of African identity, her work seeks to unearth hidden biases of the contemporary art world and expose the West's appetite for difference in global cultural relations. The Thami Mnye Foundation invited N'Goné Fall to stay at the Thami Mnye studio for her participation at the Res Artis conference for international residency centers in Amsterdam. N'Goné Fall took part in the workshop panel Issues of Africa.

CHERYL FINLEY is Associate Professor in the Department of the History of Art and Visual Studies, Acting Director of Visual Studies, and Faculty-in-Residence at Cornell University. Trained in the history of art and African American Studies at Yale University, Finley is the author of *Committed to Memory: the Slave Ship Icon in the Black Atlantic Imagination*, forthcoming with Princeton University Press. Dr. Finley served on the editorial board of the innovative interdisciplinary text, the *Atlas of the Transatlantic Slave Trade* (2010). Her publications include *Teenie Harris, Photographer: An American Story* (2011), and *Harlem: A Century in Images* (2010). Also a noted curator of contemporary art and photography, Dr. Finley's "Diaspora, Memory, Place: David Hammons, Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons, Pamela Z" (Prestel, 2008) documented her 2004 Dak'Art Biennial exhibition 3x3: Three Artists Three Projects. Her current research includes an interdisciplinary project, *Re-Imagining the Grand Tour: Routes of Contemporary African Diaspora Art*. The recipient of numerous awards and grants, an Alphonse Fletcher Sr. Fellowship, the Ford Foundation, the Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, among others.

NICOLE FLEETWOOD is Associate Professor in the Department of American Studies at Rutgers University. She researches and teaches in the areas of visual culture and media studies, black cultural studies, gender theory, and culture and technology studies. Her articles appear in *American Quarterly*, *Signs*, *Social Text*, *tdr: the journal of performance studies*, and edited anthologies. Her book *Troubling Vision: Performance, Visuality, and Blackness* (University of Chicago Press 2011) is the recipient of the 2012 Lora Romero First Book Publication Prize of the American Studies Association. Fleetwood has worked as a consultant and has collaborated with a number of arts organizations and programs. She has served on the Constance Rourke Prize Committee for best essay published in *American Quarterly* (2007–2009) and the Minority Scholars' Committee of the American Studies Association (2004–2007). Her current book project is a study of prison art and visibility. She examines a range of

visual art and practices emerging inside prisons and about prison life, including photography, painting, and collaborative works with arts organizations and commissioned artists.

TULIZA FLEMING is a Museum Curator at the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC), Smithsonian Institution. She received her B.A. from Spelman College (1994) and her M.A. and Ph.D. in American art history from the University of Maryland, College Park (1997 and 2007). In her current capacity, Dr. Fleming is responsible for researching, curating, and scripting museum exhibitions, locating objects for the museum's collection by working with potential donors, creating the collections plan for the museum's visual art collection, and contributing to the development of the Center of African American Media Arts (CAAMA). In 2010, Dr. Fleming served as the co-curator and contributing essayist for the NMAAHC's traveling exhibition and book titled, *Ain't Nothing Like the Real Thing: How The Apollo Theater Shaped American Entertainment*.

JOHN SHEVIN FOSTER is a playwright, director and producer. An August Wilson scholar, he holds a BA in Dramatic Studies and a BS in Education from Shaw University, a MA and Ph.D. in theatre from New York University, with additional study and certification from the University of Leeds, London. Professionally, he has served as Artistic Director of the Department of Dramatic Studies at Shaw University, for eight years as the Director of Theatre at Virginia State University and as the visiting professor of theatre at NYU. He currently serves as the Education Manager and produces at BAM/Brooklyn academy of Music and is the Founding Artistic Director of NYC Rep/New York City Repertory Theatre. His work centers on accurate and honest portrayals of African American life. His play "Plenty of Time: A Black Love Story" is currently running at the Billie Holiday Theatre.

FRANCK FREITAS studied political science at the l'Université de Vincennes Saint-Denis. He is a member of the Laboratory of Political theories, where he dissects how bodies become commodities and ethnic identities are turned. Freitas contributed to the winter edition of Volume! in "Blackness à la demande", based on a clip of 50 Cent, describing the collision of gangsta rap and marketing saying, "rap stimulates an imaginary racial legacy of slavery".

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KIMBERLI GANT is an Art History Ph.D.. student at the University of Texas Austin specializing in African and African Diasporan Arts. She was the Director of Exhibitions at the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts (MoCADA) in Brooklyn, New York, where she curated several solo and group exhibitions. In 2010 she guest-curated *There is No Looking Glass Here* for Deutsche Bank. She has also written reviews for the journal *Art Lies*.

HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR. is the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor at Harvard University, as well as director of the W. E. B. Du Bois Institute for African and African

American Research. Professor Gates is Editor-in-Chief of *TheRoot.com*, a daily online magazine focusing on issues of interest to the African American community. He is the author of several works of literary criticism and editor and co-editor of several academic journals. Professor Gates earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in English Literature from Clare College at the University of Cambridge. He received a B.A. in English Language and Literature, summa cum laude, from Yale University in 1973. Before joining the faculty of Harvard in 1991, he taught at Yale, Cornell and Duke Universities. Professor Gates has received 51 honorary degrees, as well as a 1981 MacArthur Foundation "Genius Award." In addition, Professor Gates was named one of *Time* magazine's "25 Most Influential Americans" in 1997, and one of *Ebony* magazine's "100 Most Influential Black Americans" in 2005, and he was selected for *Ebony*'s "Power 150" list for 2009 and its "Power 100" list for 2010. He received a National Humanities Medal in 1998, and in 1999 was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters. In 2006, he was inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution after tracing his lineage back to John Redman, a Free Negro who fought in the Revolutionary War.

MICHAEL GILLESPIE is an Assistant Professor of Film in the School of Interdisciplinary Arts, School of Film, and Department of African American Studies at Ohio University. His research focuses on film theory, black visual and expressive culture, and visual historiography. He is currently completing a manuscript entitled *Film Blackness: American Cinema and the Idea of Black Film*. He is also co-editing two collections, *Black Cinema Aesthetics Revisited* and *New Chester Himes Criticism*. Professor Gillespie's teaching and research includes film theory, genre studies, black visual and expressive culture, historiography, global cinemas, and adaptation theory. His teaching and research is driven by an interdisciplinary regard for the study of art and culture. Professor Gillespie's publication includes "Reckless Eyeballing: Coonskin, Film Blackness, and the Racial Grotesque," *Contemporary Black American Cinema: Race, Gender and Sexuality at the Movies*, ed. Mia Mask (2012), "To Do Better": Notes on the Work of Kevin Jerome Everson." *Kevin Jerome Everson* (2011) and "Do The Right Thing" *Fifty Key US Films*, eds. Sabine Haenni and John White (2009).

THELMA GOLDEN has been the Director and Chief Curator at The Studio Museum in Harlem since 2000. She has organized a number of exhibitions, including 'Chris Ofili: Afro Muses 1995-2005', 'harlemworld: Metropolis as Metaphor', 'Black Romantic' and 'Isaac Julien: Vagabondia' among many others. Before her appointment, she was a curator at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City from 1996–1998, Associate Curator and Director of Branch Museums from 1993–1996, and from 1991–1993 she was Director and Exhibition Coordinator at the Whitney Museum at Phillip Morris. At the Whitney Museum, Golden organized many exhibitions including the 1993 Biennial Exhibition (directed by Elisabeth Sussman); 'Black Male: Representations of Masculinity in Contemporary Art' (1994–1995) and 'Bob Thompson: A Retrospective' (1998) among others. Golden teaches and lectures at several institutions internationally including

Columbia University, Yale University and the Royal College of Art in London. Golden is also a prolific writer and has contributed essays to publications about Lorna Simpson, Carrie Mae Weems, Bill T. Jones, Kara Walker, and Glenn Ligon.

VERA GRANT is the Director of the Cooper Gallery at the W. E. B. Du Bois Institute of Harvard University, and previous Sheila Biddle Ford Foundation Fellow at the Du Bois Institute 2011–12, and Visiting Scholar at the Center on Intersectionality and Social Policy at Columbia Law School, 2011–12. She has an M.A. in Modern European History, at Stanford University; a B.A. in History, at City College in New York City; a Fulbright Scholarship at the University of Hamburg, Germany; a City College Fellowship; and was an Aaron Diamond Fellowship at The Graduate Center, CUNY. She previously served as Executive Director at the Du Bois Institute from 2008–11, and as Senior Fellows Officer in 2007–2008. Prior to joining the Du Bois Institute; she was a lecturer and Associate Director of the African and African American Studies Program at Stanford University.

ED GUERRERO is an Associate Professor of Cinema Studies, and Africana Studies, at New York University. His books, *Framing Blackness* (Temple U. Press), and *Do the Right Thing* in the ‘Modern Classics’ series (British Film Institute), explore black cinema, its critical discourse and political economy. Professor Guerrero has also written extensively on black cinema, its movies, culture and politics for such journals as *Sight & Sound*, *CINEASTE*, *Film Quarterly*, *Discourse*, *Journal of Popular Film and Television*, *Callaloo*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. Ed Guerrero has served on numerous editorial and professional boards including Cinema Journal, Quarterly Review of Film and Video, Race/Ethnicity and the National Film Preservation Board of the Library of Congress.

MAÏMOUNA GUERRESI is a photographer, sculptor, and video and installation artist. She lives and works in Verona and Milan, Italy, and regularly travels to Dakar, Senegal. Her early works were inspired by the European Body Art movement of the 1960s and 70s. She soon developed her own very personal style, which combines Afro-Asian themes and symbolism with the traditions of Western classical iconography. Through this hybrid visual language she communicates the discomfort and beauty of cultural diversity and contemporary multiracial issues. Her photographic work often depicts the mystical figures of Islamic Africa. Early in her career she was invited to participate in the Italian pavilion at the Venice Biennale (1982 and 1986), as well as Documenta K18 (1987) in Kassel, Germany. In 1991 Maïmouna travelled to various African countries and converted to Islam in Senegal. This marked her new identity and another direction for her work. She adopted the name Maïmouna, referring to the recurrent themes of multiculturalism and feminine spirituality.

GUNJA SEN GUPTA is a Professor of History at Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York. She is the author of *From Slavery to Poverty: The Racial Origins of Welfare in New York, 1840–1918*. (2009) and *For God and Mammon: Evangelicals and Entrepreneurs, Masters and Slaves in Territorial Kansas* (1996), as well as

articles in journals like the *American Historical Review*, the *Journal of Negro (now African American) History*, and *Civil War History*. She is currently working (with Awam Amkpa) on a study of Black Atlantic history through film, as well as transnational and comparative histories of slavery and abolition in the Atlantic and Indian Ocean Worlds.

YLYA HABEL is Assistant Professor in Media and Communications Studies at Södertörn University. She finished her dissertation in 2002, *Modern Media, Modern Audiences: Mass Media and Social Engineering in the 1930s Swedish Welfare State*. Habel’s current research project, “Dandified globetrotters: La SAPE’s spatialized fashion practices” revolves around the assertive presence of the Congolese fashion movement La SAPE (La Société des Ambianceurs et des Personnes Élégantes) in Paris and other European metropolises.

ALLISON JANA E HAMILTON is a visual artist living and working in New York City. Her work integrates the fields of fashion theory and visual culture in order to explore themes of embodiment and representation. Her recent photographic exhibitions at Rush Arts Gallery, chashama Gallery, and the Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute have raised questions about resistance, futurism, gender, desire, dress, and geography. As a doctoral student in American Studies at New York University, Allison’s research has centered on the legacy of resistance found in black protest style. Locating the dressed body as a critical expressive mechanism, Allison examines the visual rhetoric of black resistant dress from the New Negro period through the Black Power era. She has presented her work at a number of institutions, including the University of Manchester (UK), Columbia University, Northwestern University, The Brooklyn Museum and others.

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boundaries, Harris reexamines the ways that ethnicity, desire and masculinity operate in the broader social and cultural dynamic. In his Ghana series, Harris intersects these abiding themes along with contemporary globalization and cosmopolitanism within modern day Ghana. His recent photos and collages are colorful quests uprooting the confluence between western and Ghanaian culture. Known for his self-portraits and usage of pop culture icons, Harris inhabits and teases our notions of perception. Ranging from Michael Jackson to Billie Holiday and Silvio Berlusconi to Zinedine Zidane. His book *Excessive Exposure* was published in 2012. His work has been shown internationally, including exhibitions at the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Guggenheim Museum, and the 52nd Venice Biennale. He currently divides his time between New York and Accra, Ghana.

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ANNA MARIA HORSFORD was born and raised in Harlem, New York. Her parents immigrated to the United States from island nation of Antigua & Barbuda in the West Indies during the 1940s. Anna grew up not really feeling American but not West Indian either, just somewhere in between. However, she vacationed in the Caribbean, and this stoked her desire to see the world. After high school she went to Stockholm, Sweden, to attend college. She attended the New York High School of Performing Arts. As she recollects, “My first big break came when I auditioned at the New York Shakespeare Festival.” Working in many

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AYANA V. JACKSON (1977) received her BA from Spelman College and in 2005 studied under Khaterina Sieverding at the University of Arts Berlin (Germany). Based in Johannesburg and New York, she has exhibited her work in association with Gallery MOMO (Johannesburg, RSA), Galerie Baudoin Lebon (Paris), Primo Marella Gallery (Milan), A Gathering of the Tribes (USA), Galerie Peter Herrmann (Germany), San Francisco Mexican Museum (USA) the Franklyn H. Williams CCC/African Diaspora Institute (USA) and CulturesFrance (FR). She has received grants from the Marguerite Casey Foundation, Inter America Foundation and Puma Creative, the latter supporting her participation in the 2009 Bamako African Photography Biennial. Public art exhibitions include Round 32 of Project Rowhouses in Houston’s 3rd ward (USA). Her photography has been featured in publications including the exhibition catalogue for her series African by Legacy, Mexican by Birth, “Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society” (Columbia University), Camera Austria, Afrique in Visu, Dutch based ZAM magazine, Art South Africa, and Le Journal des Arts (Paris). Her work can be found in public collections including the University of South Africa (UNISA), The Wedge Collection, Lucent and the World Bank Foundation. Residencies include Light Work, The Bakery Photographic collective, and recently, the Cite International des Arts in Paris.

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1995 to 2000. She has been on numerous juries of plastics arts in Algeria and abroad including the Arab Fund for Culture (AFAC). Today she is a permanent member of the Fund for Assistance to the Algerian Cinematographic Production, of IIAC. She has written extensively on contemporary art in general and mainly on actual Algerian art, its development and question of gender in art. She is the curator of many international and local exhibitions, such as the Panafrican Festival of Algiers in 2009, the International Festival of Contemporary Art in Algiers (FIAC 2009 and 2011). She was one of the curators of the Dak'Art Biennial 2012. Nadira Lagoune-Aklouche lives and works in Algiers, where she works to give visibility to new generations emerging in the field of contemporary art in Algeria and the African continent.

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LÉONORA MIANO Born in Douala (Cameroon), Léonora Miano has been living in France since 1991. Her literature deals with the experiences of people from sub-Saharan Africa and of African descent. Through her characters whose individuality she wishes to make prominent, the writer questions history's impact on daily life. For Léonora Miano, it is necessary to focus on the intimacy of people who have often been considered mainly from the outside, as if they could be reduced to their physical expression. Her work also aims at replacing black people (from Africa and the diaspora) in a more global human experience. Miano is the author of six novels, two books of short-stories and a play.

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AJA MONET became the youngest individual to ever win the legendary Nuyorican Poet's Cafe Grand Slam champion title in 2007 at the age of 19. Her craft is an in depth reflection of emotional wisdom, skill, and in depth activism. In her work with innercity youth, she uses poetry as a holistic healing tool. Known for an indomitable stage presence and voice that belies her appearance, Aja Monet has performed at various venues, colleges, and universities across the nation. In 2008, she was invited by the UN Youth Delegates to perform for ambassadors, national politicians, diplomats, and directors of various agencies at the United Nations in New York City. In fall of that same year, she was invited to perform for NAACP's Barack Obama Inaugural event in Washington DC. Aja Monet independently published her first book of poetry, *The Black Unicorn Sings* (Penmanship books) and recently collaborated with poet/musician Saul Williams on the book *Chorus: a literary mixtape* (MTV books/Simon&Schuster). Her first CD *Scared to Make Love/Scared Not To*, a testament to her creative lens and a social commentary on the discussion of love, was independently released through Bandcamp.

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J. D. OJEIKERE was raised in rural Southwestern Nigeria in a village where photography was an exotic luxury. In 1950, he bought a modest Brownie D camera, and a neighbor taught him the rudiments of photography. In 1951 he began to seek work from the Ministry of Information in Ibadan, repeatedly sending the same letter: “I would be very grateful if you would use me for any kind of work in your photographic department.” His persistence paid off in 1954, when he was offered a position as a darkroom assistant. Just as Nigeria was shedding colonial rule in 1961, he became a still photographer for Television House Ibadan, a division of the Western Nigerian Broadcasting Services, the first television station in Africa. In 1963 he moved to Lagos to work for West Africa Publicity. In 1967 he joined the Nigerian

Arts Council. *The Hairstyle series*, which consists of close to a thousand photographs, is the largest and the most thorough segment of Ojeikere's archive. For Ojeikere, this is a never ending project as hairstyles evolve with fashion: “All these hairstyles are ephemeral. I want my photographs to be noteworthy traces of them. I always wanted to record moments of beauty, moments of knowledge. Art is life. Without art, life would be frozen.”

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ALEXIS PESKINE was born in Paris, in 1979. Alexis Peskine is a 2004 Fulbright scholar who holds a B.F.A. from Howard University an M.A. and M.F.A. from the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA). Peskine's use of graphic and commercial images in fine art is informed by his early start in graphic design. Peskine bridges the gap between graphic design and fine art by using the same commercial design aesthetic to appeal to the masses while focusing on issues of race, religion, identity, nationalism and sectarianism, and touching on the ideologies of consumerism and mass consumption. At 27, his seminal solo show, *The French Evolution: Race, Politics, and the 2005 Riots*, opened in May 2007 to critical acclaim at Brooklyn's (MoCADA). Alexis' largest nail piece was exhibited throughout South Africa during the 2010 World Cup, and his work was exhibited at the 3rd Black Arts World Festival in Dakar, Senegal in December of 2010, and his work was acclaimed during Casablanca's first International Biennial in 2012. He is a skilled photographer and he has designed several French magazine covers including ones for the socially conscious.

MIMI PLANGE was born Ghana and raised in Southern California. Plange began her eponymous luxury ready-to-wear label, formally known as Boudoir D’huitres, in 2007 with a desire to create American sportswear inspired by Victorian and African historical fashion. Plange began her career in New York City as a merchandiser for a jewelry firm. She then went on to work as a designer for various sportswear brands, collaborating with Patricia Field and working under Rachel Roy before establishing her own fashion-consulting firm, SB&P Designs, LLC, the parent company of Mimi Plange.

Since its inception, Mimi Plange has been featured in *Vogue.com*, *New York Times/T Magazine*, *Vogue UK*, *WWD*, *Harper’s Bazaar*, *Essence Magazine*, *Marie Claire*, *Glamour Magazine*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Time Out Dubai*, *Genlux*, *Nylon*, and *Zink* and worn by the Princess Astrid of Belgium, Rihanna, Vanessa Hudgens, Shenae Grimes, Jennifer Missoni, Janelle Monae, Regina King, Alicia Keys, Estelle, Katerina Graham, Michelle Trachtenberg, and Golden Globe-nominated Piper Perabo, among others.

SAM POLLARD’s professional accomplishments as a feature film and television video editor, and documentary producer/director span almost thirty years. He is a professor in film and television at New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts. Sam Pollard is the editor of the Edward Norton feature length documentary, *By The People: The Election of Barack Obama*, airing on HBO. He served as Executive Producer on the documentary *Brother Outsider*, Official Selection 2003 Sundance Film Festival. His first assignment as a documentary producer came in 1989 for Henry Hampton’s Blackside production *Eyes On The Prize II: America at the Racial Crossroads*. For one of his episodes in this series, he received an Emmy. Between 1990 and 2000, Mr. Pollard edited a number of Spike Lee’s films: *Mo’ Better Blues*, *Jungle Fever*, *Girl 6*, *Clockers*, *Bamboozled*. As well, Mr. Pollard and Mr. Lee co-produced a couple of documentary productions for the small and big screen: *Spike Lee Presents Mike Tyson*, a biographical sketch for HBO for which Mr. Pollard received an Emmy, and *Four Little Girls*, a feature-length documentary about the 1965 Birmingham church bombings which was nominated for an Academy Award. He is the director of the documentary, *Slavery by Another Name* (2012)

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MYISHA PRIEST’S teaching and research focus on African American literature and material culture. She has published articles mining this fruitful intersection in *The Crisis*, *Meridians*, and *Emmett Till in Literary Memory and Imagination*. She is currently completing a book manuscript, “The Children’s Miracle: The Impact of Children’s Literature on African-American Writing”, an interdisciplinary project that considers how figures of children and children’s literature impact African American writing. Her most recent publication, “The Nightmare is Not Cured,” appeared in the spring volume (March 2010) of *American Quarterly*. Professor Priest was a recipient of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture Fellowship (2009–2010) and most recently, the Paul Cuffe Memorial Fellowship.

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Artforum, *The Village Voice*, *Tate Papers*, *French Studies* and *Etudes Photographiques*, and she is the recipient of awards like a Guggenheim Fellowship, two Fulbright Grants (to France and Turkey), National Endowment for the Humanities and the Arts Awards, a Hasselblad Research Fellowship and the PEN/Jerard Award for Non-Fiction Essay. In 2009 she was named a Chevalier in the Order of Arts and Letters in France and for much of 2012 she served as the Invited Blogger for the online magazine of the Jeu de Paume Museum in Paris.

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LILIAN THURAM born in Pointe-à-Pitre (Gaudeloupe), is a former professional soccer player and was the most capped player in the France national side history, record hold

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FRANÇOISE VERGÈS was awarded the 2006 Françoise Seligmann Foundation Prize Against Racism for her last book, *La Mémoire enchaînée. Questions sur l'esclavage* (Paris : Albin Michel, 2006). She shares it with Esther Benbassa, Jean-Christophe Attias. The award ceremony was held in the Hotel de Ville Paris on 17 January 2007. The Seligmann Prize Against Racism was created in 2004 by Françoise Seligmann, honorary president of the League for Human Rights in memory of her husband François-Gérard Seligmann. Both fought against Nazism and for the independence of Algeria.

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