

AFRICAN HERITAGE STUDIES ASSOCIATION



THE 53RD ANNUAL AHSA CONFERENCE

PROGRAM

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22, 2022

Virtual Conference

Afrofuturism:

BUILDING ON OUR
HERITAGE FOR A
BETTER TOMORROW



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2022 AHSA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

**AFROFUTURISM: BUILDING ON OUR
HERITAGE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW**



10:00-10:15 AM

PROCESSIONAL

Recorded music by Baba Olatunji

10:15-10:30 AM

LIBATION

Leonard Jeffries, Department Chair Emeritus
Black Studies, City College of New York

10:30-10:45 AM

WELCOME & CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Gayle Watts
AHSA Conference Chair, Organizational
Development Consultant
Clark Atlanta University

10:45-10:55 AM

GREETING & INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Darlita Moyé
President, AHSA
Administrative Director, Mandela Washington
Fellowship for Young African Leaders
Clark Atlanta University

10:55-11:00 AM

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Gayle Watts

11:00AM-12:00PM

AFROCENTRIC HISTORY AND CONTEXT OF AFROFUTURISM: SETTING THE TONE

Daniel Black, Professor of African
American Studies, Clark Atlanta
University

12:00-12:10 PM

BREAK



IF WE ARE GOING TO BE
MASTERS OF OUR DESTINY,
WE MUST BE MASTERS OF
THE IDEAS THAT INFLUENCE
THAT DESTINY.
-JOHN HENRIK CLARKE

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12:10-1:10 PM

AFROFUTURISM IN FILM/MUSIC

Tony Browder, Founder and
Director of IKG Cultural Resource
Center

1:10-1:15 PM

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS

Gayle Watts

1:15-1:45 PM

DIGITAL HUMANITIES PROJECT: THE ENSLAVED REVOLT INTERACTIVE MAP

Ife Williams, Professor Political Science, Delaware
County Community College

1:45-2:15 PM

HALLOWED GROUNDS, PAN-AFRICANISM, AND GHANA: THE CASE OF THE W.E.B. DU BOIS, GEORGE PADMORE, AND KWAME NKRUMAH BURIAL SITES

J. Vern Cromartie, Professor of Sociology, Contra
Costa College

2:15-2:45 PM

BREAK

2:45-2:50 PM

INTRODUCTION OF ROUNDTABLES AND PANELS

Gayle Watts

2:50-3:50 PM

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: BLACK WOMEN SCHOLARS DISCUSS THEORIES AND BUILDING BLOCKS OF AFROFUTURISM

Panelists: Tiffany Willoughby-Herard, Professor
African American Studies, University of California,
Irvine // Claire A. Nelson, Chief Visionary Officer,
The Futures Forum, Founding President Institute
of Caribbean Studies // Rev. Charlotte S. Williams,
ABD, Interdenominational Theological Centre,
Minister, Social Activist

Moderator: Sheila Flemming, Professor Clark
Atlanta University, Founder of Black Rose
Foundation

IF WE DON'T UNITE, CHANCES
ARE WE WILL GO BACK INTO
SLAVERY.
-JOHN HENRIK CLARKE



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3:50-4:50PM

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: HOW DO WE USE
AFROFUTURISM TO
BRING ABOUT CHANGE?**

Panelists: Yul Anderson, MA, Future Studies, President Yul Anderson Consulting // Chad Eric Smith, Award-winning Actor, Musician, and Filmmaker
Moderator/Panelist: William Jones, Clark Atlanta University, Founder Afrofuturism Network; Radio talk show host "the Afroverse"

4:50-5:00PM

BREAK

5:00-6:00PM

**PANEL DISCUSSION: "REPAIRING THE BLACK
NATION" THROUGH LENS OF AFROFUTURISM
CULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Panelists: Guardian Sky Jones, 16, Campbell High School // Guardian Anthony Martin, "Billionaire Toot," 16, Drew Charter School // Guardian Ahsir Asar, 12, Homeschool HUEniversity // Danie Marshall, Georgia State University, Doctoral student
Moderator: Melissa Speight-Vaughn, Georgia State University, Founder of African Research Collaborative. Transnational Partnerships and Community Engagement South Africa/HBCU

6:00-6:25PM

AHSA TRIBUTE

J. Vern Cromartie & Darlita Moyé

6:25-6:35PM

CLOSING REMARKS

Leonard Jeffries

6:35-6:40PM

CLOSING PRAYER

Rosalind Jeffries, Professor School of Visual Arts

6:40-6:45PM

BREAK

6:45-7:30PM

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Darlita Moyé

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