

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Radical Tradition and a Legacy of Struggle

November 1-4, 1990

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE / NEW YORK CITY

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PROGRAM NOTES

Continuous Film Viewing: Friday, November 2nd, 1-6pm, Room S-136
 Saturday, November 3rd, 12-8pm, Room N-501

Due to negligible demand, we are not offering childcare.

Audio tapes of all sessions will be available for purchase immediately after each session.
See The Sound Gathers table in the vending area.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This conference is an activity of the Cooperative Research Network in Black Studies. We are pleased to have had the support of Chancellor Joseph Murphy, CUNY. In addition, we have had full cooperation and support from President Augusta Kappner and her staff, of the Borough of Manhattan Community College.

RECEPTION CREDITS: Participant Reception, BMCC President's Office
 Friday, BMCC Student Government
 Saturday, CRN and select organizations

CONFERENCE RULES

This is an important conference and therefore we want to establish a framework of rules so that maximum democratic freedom of expression will be possible without any disruptions and loss of order. We respectfully present these rules to provide the context for complete cooperation and participation at the conference *Malcolm X: Radical Tradition and Legacy of Struggle*.

1. *Be Respectful*

- a. Always wear your conference identification badge and respect the conference registration process¹
- b. Always listen carefully to each speaker and respect democratic discussion
- c. Always be on time and respect the conference organization²

2. *Unite*

- a. Keep your understanding of the meaning and spirit of Malcolm X at the center of the discussion
- b. Talk with other conference participants and share information to network and remain in contact
- c. Check out the literature tables and talk with representatives from the publishers and political organizations attending

3. *Act Decisively*

- a. Listen and take notes, using the program for a notepad
- b. Write out your questions, and when you speak in the sessions you attend *be clear* and *be brief*
- c. WEAR YOUR CONFERENCE T-SHIRT ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

¹ Badges are required for entrance to all sessions. Lost badges will be replaced at registration for a \$1.00 service charge.

² Reserved seating is not available. Theatre One will open one hour early for sessions 1, 2, 10, and 11. *Come Early!* Overflow seating will be available for sessions 1, 10, 11, and 25 (TV monitors) in rooms N-402, N-404, and N-405.

CONFERENCE SOUVENIR ITEMS

Conference Pak: T-SHIRT, POSTER, BUTTON	\$20.00
Individually Purchased:	
T-SHIRT	\$15.00
POSTER	\$10.00
BUTTON	\$ 2.00

CONFERENCE BACKGROUND

This Conference has been convened by the Cooperative Research Network (CRN) with the cooperation of the City University of New York, especially our host institution the Borough of Manhattan Community College. The CRN began its focus on Malcolm X in the 1985 edition of *Black Liberation Month News*, "Malcolm X: Warrior, Diplomat, Minister; Apostle of Manhood, Dignity, and Freedom." There were 75,000 copies of this publication distributed to student groups and grass roots activists in the U.S.A., the Caribbean, Europe, and Africa. (Limited copies are available at this conference.)

The CRN formed the Malcolm X Work Group (MXWG) in 1986. For the last 4 years MXWG has held 2 meetings a year, a research consultation in the Winter, and a symposium in the Spring. In addition, the CRN-MXWG has published a research newsletter, *Malcolm Studies*, which contains data and drafts of work in progress. This conference has been in the planning process for 4 years.

The conference is based on the belief that clarity about the life, leadership, and legacy of Malcolm X will strengthen our theory and practice for Black liberation. There are 25 sessions. The first part is focused on Malcolm directly (sessions 1 - 9). The second part is focused on summing up and clarifying the state of ideological and political unity of major radical forces fighting for Black liberation in the U.S.A. and the world today (sessions 10 and 11). Following this, the third part consists of nine sessions examining issues, concrete problem areas in which the struggle is taking place (sessions 21 - 24). The conference concludes with a cultural celebration for political liberation.

The CRN is committed to maximum documentation of the conference, so audio tapes will be sold at the conference, and afterwards we will be distributing both video tapes and printed transcriptions. We are serious about using this conference as a weapon in the battle for the minds of our people, in the war for liberation and social transformation.

Welcome to the conference!

1 Malcolm Remembered: 25 Years of Research and Retrospective Reflection

Chairperson: Abdul Alkalimat, Conference Convener

Spiritual Blessing: Iyalode Onisegun
Father Lawrence Lucas
Imam Talib Abdur Hashid

Welcome: Dr. Augusta Kappner, President BMCC
Dr. Betty Shabazz,
Wife of Malcolm X/Malik Shabazz

*Commemorative
Poem:* Amiri Baraka, Poet Laureate of
Black Liberation

Panel: Dr. C. Eric Lincoln, Duke University, author of
Black Muslims in America

Dr. Margaret Burroughs, founder of the DuSable
Museum of African American History,
co-editor of *For Malcolm: Poems of Celebration*

Dr. John Henrik Clarke, Emeritus Professor,
Hunter College, editor of *Malcolm X: The
Man and His Times*

Alex Haley, author of *Roots*, collaborator on the
Autobiography of Malcolm X

Theatre One will be available for seating at 7:00 pm. Upon reaching capacity seating in Theatre One, the plenary can be viewed on TV monitors in Rooms N-402, N-404, N-405.

2 THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES ON MALCOLM X

Chairperson: Pat Wagner, New York Activist Educator

Panel: Lou Turner, News and Letters, co-author of
*Frantz Fanon, Soweto, and American
Black Thought*

Molefi Kete Asante assisted by James Conyers,
Temple University, author of *Kemet,
AfroCentricity, and Knowledge*

Clarence J. Munford, University of Guelph (Canada),
author of *Production Relations, Class and
Black Liberation: A Marxist Perspective in
African American Studies*

Abdul Alkalimat, 21st Century Books, author of
*Introduction to Afro-American Studies:
A Peoples College Primer*

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3 MALCOLM X IN NEW YORK

Chairperson: Preston Wilcox, Malcolm X Lovers Network

Panel: Kwame M. A. Somburu, Socialist Action

Yuri Kochiyama, Activist, close associate of Malcolm X

Bill Epton, Activist, author of *The Black Liberation Struggle Within The Current World Struggle*

FRIDAY 1:00 PM / ROOM N-405

4 MALCOLM X IN GHANA

Chairperson: Biodun Jeyifo, Cornell University

Panel: Robert Coles, Hampshire College

Vicki Garvin, Activist, worked with
Malcom X in Ghana

Alice Windom, Lecturer, worked with
Malcolm X in Ghana

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5 MALCOLM X AND MUHAMMAD SPEAKS NEWSPAPER

Chairperson: Arthur Lewin, Bernard Baruch College

Panel: Tim Johnson, *Peoples Daily World*, author of
*Malcolm X: A Comprehensive Annotated
Bibliography*

John Woodford, University of Michigan,
former Editor in Chief of *Muhammad Speaks*
Newspaper

Joe Walker, Trade Unionist, former New York
Editor of *Muhammad Speaks* Newspaper

FRIDAY 1:00 PM / THEATRE TWO

6 MALCOLM X, ISLAM, AND BLACK LIBERATION

Chairperson: Michael Williams, Simmons College

Panel: Benjamin Kareem, former associate of Malcolm X

Margarita Asha Samad-Matias, City College of
New York

Yusuf Nurrudin, John Jay College

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7 MALCOLM X, ART AND CULTURE

Chairperson: Maryemma Graham, Northeastern University

Panel: Herb Boyd, cultural critic publishing in
Amsterdam News and *The Guardian Newspapers*

Tom Porter, cultural critic, author of "Social
Roots of African American Music"

St. Clair Bourne, award winning film maker

Malik Edwards, Malcolm X Day Committee of
Washington, D.C.

8 MALCOLM X AND THIRD WORLD LEADERSHIP

Chairperson: Omayemi Agbeyegbe, Queens College CUNY

Panel: Don Rojas, Executive Editor of *Amsterdam News*

David Johnson, George Washington University

9 NEW RESEARCH ON MALCOLM X

Chairperson: Ron Bailey, Northeastern University

Panel: William Sales, Seton Hall University,
author of *Southern Africa: Same Struggle,
Same Fight*

Bell Hooks, Oberlin College, author of *Yearning:
Critiques of Race, Gender, and Class*

James Cone, Union Theological Seminary, author of
*Martin and Malcolm: American Dream or
Nightmare?*

Theatre One will not be available for early seating. Upon reaching capacity seating in Theatre One, the plenary can be viewed on TV monitors in Rooms N-402, N-404, N-405.

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10 BLACK LIBERATION AND SOCIAL REVOLUTION: U.S.A. PERSPECTIVES

Chairperson: Abdul Alkalimat, 21st Century Books

Chokwe Lumumba, New African Peoples
Organization, *By Any Means Necessary*
Newspaper

Linda Burnham, Frontline Political Organization,
Crossroads Magazine

Bill Fletcher, Freedom Road Organization,
Forward Motion Journal

Nelson Peery, Communist Labor Party,
Peoples Tribune Newspaper

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THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT AND SOCIAL NETWORKING ON THE INTERNET

Abstract: This paper explores the role of social networking sites in the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement. It examines how these platforms have facilitated the spread of information, the organization of protests, and the building of community among Black people and allies. The paper also discusses the challenges faced by the movement, such as online harassment and the co-opting of the movement's message by white supremacists.

Keywords: Black Lives Matter, social networking, internet, community, protest, harassment.

1. Introduction

The Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement is a social and political movement that seeks to end racial inequality and police brutality against Black people. It was founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of George Zimmerman in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin. The movement has since gained global momentum, with protests and rallies taking place in cities around the world.

One of the key factors in the success of the BLM movement has been its use of social networking sites. Platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram have played a crucial role in spreading information about the movement, organizing protests, and building a sense of community among Black people and allies.

2. The Role of Social Networking Sites

Social networking sites have provided a space for Black people to share their experiences of racism and police brutality. They have also allowed people to find others who share their views and to organize protests and other forms of activism. For example, the BLM Facebook page has over 10 million members, and it has been used to coordinate protests in cities across the United States and around the world.

Twitter has also been a key platform for the BLM movement. It has been used to spread information about protests and to call for action from politicians and the media. The hashtag #BlackLivesMatter has become one of the most popular on the platform, with over 100 million tweets.

Instagram has also played a role in the BLM movement. It has been used to share photos and videos of protests and to build a sense of community among Black people. The BLM Instagram page has over 1 million followers.

3. Challenges Faced by the Movement

While social networking sites have been instrumental in the success of the BLM movement, they have also presented challenges. One major challenge is online harassment. Black people who speak out against racism and police brutality often face threats and harassment on social media. This can be particularly dangerous for Black women, who are often targeted with threats of sexual violence.

Another challenge is the co-opting of the movement's message by white supremacists. Some white supremacists have used the BLM movement as a platform to promote their own agenda, which is based on the idea of white supremacy. This has led to confusion and controversy within the movement.

4. Conclusion

The BLM movement is a powerful force for change, and its use of social networking sites is a key factor in its success. However, it also faces challenges, such as online harassment and the co-opting of its message by white supremacists. It is important for the movement to continue to use social networking sites effectively while also addressing these challenges.

11 BLACK LIBERATION AND SOCIAL REVOLUTION: WORLD PERSPECTIVES

Chairperson: Julialynn Walker, Ida B. Wells Institute of
Memphis, Tennessee

Panel: Gus John, Black Parents Movement, (London)

Edwin Madunagu, *Guardian* Newspaper (Nigeria)

Lydia Turner, Institute for Educational
Research (Cuba)

Erroll McCleod, Oilfields Workers Trade
Union (Trinidad-Tobago)

Abdul Rahman Muhammad Babu, author of
African Socialism or A Socialist Africa

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12 YOUTH CULTURE AND REBELLION

Chairperson: Joe Wood, *Village Voice*

Panel: Charles Webster, Independent African Youth Movement

Lisa Jones, co-author of *Mo Better Blues*

Michael LaRose, Association for A Peoples Carnival in London

Ms Melody, Rap Artist

KRS-1, Rap Artist

SATURDAY 1:00 PM / ROOM N-402

13 CAN WE MAKE SCHOOLS WORK IN COMMUNITIES THAT DON'T?

Chairperson Don Murphy, New York Activist Educator

Panel: Bruce Hare, Syracuse University

Larry Rushing, Vassar College

Bob Law, radio talk show host

Gus John, Black Parents Movement (London)

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14 CAN BLACKS AND LATINOS TRUST EACH OTHER?

Chairperson: Palmira Rios, New School for Social Research

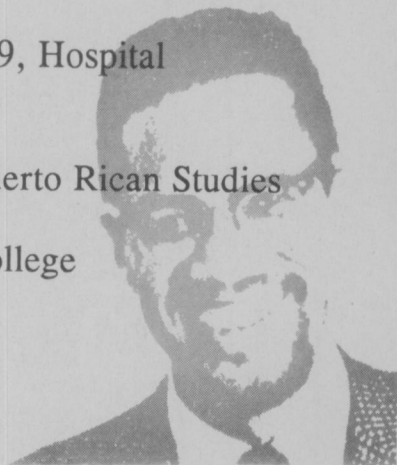
Panel: Richie Perez, Community Service Society

Estella Vazquez, Local 1199, Hospital Workers Union

Andy Torres, Center for Puerto Rican Studies

George Priestly, Queens College

Esperanza Martel, Activist



SATURDAY 1:00 PM / ROOM S-370

15 DOES THE SOUTHERN STRUGGLE STILL EXIST?

Chairperson: Ebon Dooley, Little 5 Points Community Center (Atlanta)

Panel: Saladin Muhammad, Black Workers for Justice (Rocky Mount, North Carolina)

Akinjele Umoja, New African Peoples Organization (Atlanta)

Albert Thrasher, Afro-American Liberation League (New Orleans)

Gary Washington, Local 527 Graphics Communications Union

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16 FIGHTING THE PLAGUES OF AIDS AND DRUGS

Chairperson: Sam Anderson, Network of
Black Organizers

Panel: Clarence Lusane, National Alliance of Third
World Journalists

Cedric Hendricks, Ward 4 Substance Abuse
Action Team

Sylvia Hill, University of District of Columbia

Robert Fullilove, HIV Center, Columbia University

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17 PROGRESSIVE PUBLISHERS AND MEDIA WARS

Chairperson: Michael Warr, Journalist
and progressive poet

Panel: Utrice Leid, *City Sun* Newspaper

Howard Wright, Committee to Preserve the
Image of Malcolm X

Aki Lumumba (Breeze), Black Panther Party
Newspaper Committee

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18 FIGHTING REPRESSION AND SUPPORTING POLITICAL PRISONERS

Chairperson: Ahmed Obafemi, New African
Peoples Organization

Panel: Dhrouba ben Wahid, former political
prisoner and member of the Black
Panther Party

Jean Gibbs, Center for Constitutional Rights

Muhammad Ahmed, Network of Black Organizers

SATURDAY 1:00 PM / ROOM N-443

19 HOMELESSNESS VERSUS HELPLESSNESS

Chairperson: Robert Newby, Central Michigan University

Alicia Christian, Dignity Housing

Leona Smith, National Union of the Homeless

James Dorsey, Homeward Bound Community Service

Savina Martin, Women's Institute for New Growth
and Support (WINGS)

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20 RESISTANCE AGAINST THE RACIST WAR MACHINE

Chairperson: Samori Marksman, African and
Caribbean Resource Center

Panel: Elombe Brath, Patrice Lumumba Coalition

Esmeralda Brown, U.S. Committee Against
Intervention in Latin America and the
Caribbean

Carl Dix, Revolutionary Communist Party

Rabob Hadi, Palestinian Solidarity Committee



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21 CAMPUS RACISM AND THE REBIRTH OF MILITANT BLACK STUDENT ACTIVISM

Chairperson: T'wana Nkrumah, Queens College

Panel: Ray Davis, D.C. Student Coalition
Against Racism

Julius Davis, United States Student Association

Lisa Williamson, National African
Student Youth Alliance

Ras Baraka, Howard University Student
Government Association

Cris Nisan, African Student Cultural
Center University of Minnesota



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22 **BLACK WOMEN AND BLACK LIBERATION: FIGHTING OPPRESSION AND BUILDING UNITY**

Chairperson: Vivial Morris, Freedom Road Organization

Panel: Fran Beale, Frontline Political
Organization

Vernice Miller, Center for Constitutional
Rights

Barbara Ransby, Ella Baker - Nelson
Mandela Center

Maxine Alexander, editor *Speaking for
Ourselves*

Miriam Kramer, National Welfare
Rights Organization

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Erroll McCleod, Oilfields Workers Trade Union

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24 IS IT TIME FOR INDEPENDENT BLACK POLITICS?

Chairperson: Doug Gills, Kenwood Oakland
Community Organization (Chicago)

Ron Daniels, former Executive of Rainbow
Coalition, currently announced candidate
for president of the U.S.

David Johnson, Mayor of Harvey, Illinois

Jitu Weusi, Unity Party of New York candidate
for Governor of New York

Jerome Scott, Southern Rainbow
Education Project

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25 CULTURAL CELEBRATION FOR POLITICAL LIBERATION

Participating Publishers (Partial Listing)

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Black Classics Press
Book Marks
Fortress Press
Fourth Internationalists Tendency
Garland Publishing
Hakim's Publishing
Head Start
Heineman Publishing
Indiana University Press
New Beacon Books
Orbis Books
Pathfinder Press
Pluto Press
Red Sea Press
South End Press
Temple University Press
Twenty-First Century Books
University of Illinois Press
Wayne State University Press
Writers and Readers

Participating Organizations

African American Wellness Project
African National Congress
Afro-American Liberation League
Black Workers for Justice
John Brown Anti-Klan Committee
Communist Labor Party
Cooperative Research Network in Black Studies
Crossroads Magazine
D.C. Student Coalition Against Racism
Freedom Road Organization
Freedom Socialist Party
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IAM Local 1018
Left Green Network
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CONFERENCE EVALUATION FORM

Please fill this out to help us understand our strengths and weaknesses, so that all future events might be better.

1. Overall, what is your evaluation of this conference?

What knowledge did you gain?

2. What sessions were the best or worse? Why?

a. session _____:

b. session _____:

c. session _____:

d. session _____:

3. What kinds of events should be planned in the future to continue the positive aspects of this conference?

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