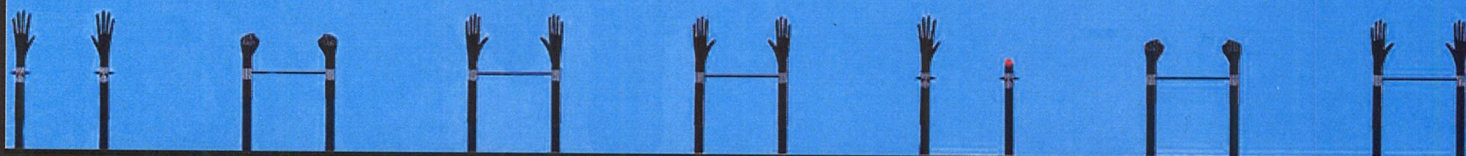


Reading Race Today



Friday, April 15, 2011

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Reading Race Today brings together a group of leading scholars from across the disciplines to consider the evolving methods, theories, and historical narratives employed to interpret race. Over the past few decades, public discourse about race has been rife with contradictions. While the popular use of DNA as a window into racial heritage has retrenched biological notions of difference, some question whether race has outlived its utility as a productive term in critical analysis. Such volatility underscores the difficult interpretive challenges faced by intellectuals assessing matters of race and racial ideology in the contemporary climate.

8:50 am

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Rolland Murray

Department of English, Brown University

9:00-10:50 am

The Genealogies of Race

Kenneth Warren

Department of English, The University of Chicago

Bryan Wagner

Department of English, University of California, Berkeley

Alexander Weheliye

Departments of African American Studies and English, Northwestern University

11:00-12:50 pm

Racial Science Fictions

Madhu Dubey

Department of English, University of Illinois at Chicago

Karla FC Holloway

Department of English, Duke University

Alondra Nelson

Department of Sociology, Columbia University

3:00-4:50 pm

Vision, Language, and Racial Representation

Tavia Nyong'o

Performance Studies, New York University, Tisch School of the Arts

Nicole Fleetwood

Department of American Studies, Rutgers University

Ifeoma Nwankwo

Department of English, Vanderbilt University

5:00-6:00 pm

Reception, Department of English 70 Brown Street, 2nd floor lounge

Symposium Organizer:

Rolland Murray, Department of English

Moderators:

Philip Gould, Department of English

Ralph Rodriguez, Departments of

English and American Civilization

Corey Walker, Department of Africana Studies



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