



**FINDING AID TO
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Descriptive Summary

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Title	Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference records, 1994-2014
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Abstract	Records document the Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference abstracts, programs, flyers, lectures, discussions, interviews, and publicity. Materials include brochures, flyers, other printed material, published material, and video DVDs.
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**Related Materials
Information:**

Purdue University Black Cultural Center records

Subjects and Genres

Persons

Harris, Leonard, 1948-
Green, J. Everet

Organizations

Purdue University
Philosophy Born of Struggle

Topics

African American philosophy
African Americans
Africana studies
Africana thought
Black studies
Philosophy

Form and Genre Types

Brochures
DVDs
Digital moving image format
Printed ephemera
Programs (documents)
Publicity

Occupations

African American philosophers
African American college teachers
College teachers
Intellectuals
Philosophers
Purdue University--Faculty

History of the Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference

The impetus for the Philosophy Born of Struggle (PBoS) conference began on February 17, 1994 when students and faculty at Rockland Community College in Suffern, New York, gathered for a philosophy discussion entitled “The Search for Alternatives: African American Perspectives on the Human Situation” for the purpose of bringing awareness of the African American experience to the campus. While Roy D. Morrison III, professor of Black Philosophy of Culture and Scientific Method at Wesley Theological Seminary, and Frank Kirkland, professor at Hunter College, were both asked to speak, only Kirkland was able to attend. The discussion still garnered great interest on campus, resulting in the creation of a full-day conference to be held on October 21 of the same year, at the same campus.

The conference (and all subsequent conferences) would be named “Philosophy Born of Struggle,” after a text authored by Leonard Harris, and featured a keynote address by the late Shanara Gilbert, professor of law at Queens College CUNY, entitled “Owning the Self in a Disowned World.” From then until today, the purpose of Philosophy Born of Struggle has been to “bring together philosophers who share an interest in the philosophy of the black experience and in the public philosophy concerning issues of racial justice and human liberation.” PBoS has become the gathering place for many pioneers in Africana philosophy including Leonard Harris, Lucius Outlaw, Howard McGary, John McClendon III, and the late William R. Jones. Over the years, the conference has attempted to address the “continual struggle of African people” by highlighting relevant topics as evidenced by the following conference themes:

- Legitimation Crisis in American Philosophy
- Harlem Renaissance and the Black Enlightenment
- Black Enlightenment and the Future of the Race
- Family and the Intellectual Life
- Civil Liberties in the New Millennium
- Slavery and Reparations
- Race Reparations and Restoration
- Race and the United States Constitution
- Rethinking the Intellectual Life
- Black Aesthetics and the Politics of Recognition
- Philosophy and Liberation
- Philosophy and the Scientific Spirit
- Africa in the Dialects of History
- Philosophy of African American Studies
- Race, Religion, and Social Transformation
- Struggle in the House of Life: Equality, Education, and Economic Empowerment
- Economic Crisis, Education and the Role of Philosophy for the African American Public

Race, Class, Gender, and State Violence
Advocacy: Ethics, Aesthetics, and Epistemology of Being
Racism, Empire, and Sexual Violence

Under the direction of Dr. Leonard Harris, professor of philosophy at Purdue University, a collection of materials documenting the activities of the Philosophy Born of Struggle conference was amassed and donated to the Purdue University Libraries' Archives and Special Collections in 2012-2013.

For more information, you can visit the Philosophy Born of Struggle website at pbos.com.

Source: "History of an Intellectual Movement: The Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference," by Dr. J. Everet Green (unpublished document).

Collection Description

Scope

The Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference records (3 cubic feet) document the proceedings and promotional materials of each annual conference, as well as interviews of select attendees of the conferences for the purpose of documenting the African American philosophy movement. Types of materials include DVDs, brochures, programs, and publicity materials. The records are organized into two series.

Arrangement

1. Conference Videos, 1996-2014 (Boxes 1-5, 2.5 cubic feet). This series contains DVDs of recorded proceedings and interviews conducted at each conference. Materials in the series are arranged chronologically.

2. Conference Programs, Flyers, Printed Material, 1994-2014 (Box 6, .5 cubic feet). This series consists of programs and flyers created for each conference year which contain details about conference events. This series also contains the published work of Leonard Harris, *Philosophy Born of Struggle: Anthology of Afro-American Philosophy from 1917*.

Descriptive Rules

Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2nd Edition / Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Processing Information

Original order of materials is maintained and all printed materials are housed in acid-free folders. Conference videos were imaged to create preservation files, with access files generated from the digital preservation copies.

Additions and Revisions

This collection was originally donated by Leonard Harris in 2013 with printed materials from conference years 1994-2012 and conference videos from 1996-2010. In November of 2015 conference years 2013-2014 were added.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Series 1. Conference Videos, 1996-2014

(5 CD boxes, 2.5 cubic feet)

Box 1 *Philosophy Born of Struggle DVDs*

Philosophy Born of Struggle III, Harlem Renaissance and the Black Enlightenment, 10/17/1996 (disc 1 of 7)
Philosophy Born of Struggle III, Harlem Renaissance and the Black Enlightenment, 10/17/1996 (disc 2 of 7)
Philosophy Born of Struggle III, Harlem Renaissance and the Black Enlightenment, 10/17/1996 (disc 3 of 7) [Disc cannot be read]
Philosophy Born of Struggle III, Harlem Renaissance and the Black Enlightenment, 10/18/1996 (disc 4 of 7)
Philosophy Born of Struggle III, Harlem Renaissance and the Black Enlightenment, 10/18/1996 (disc 5 of 7)
Philosophy Born of Struggle III, Harlem Renaissance and the Black Enlightenment, 10/18/1996 (disc 6 of 7)
Philosophy Born of Struggle III, Harlem Renaissance and the Black Enlightenment, 10/18/1996 (disc 7 of 7)
Philosophy Born of Struggle V, Family and the Intellectual Life 10/16/1998 (disc 1 of 8)
Philosophy Born of Struggle V, Family and the Intellectual Life 10/16/1998 (disc 2 of 8)
Philosophy Born of Struggle V, Family and the Intellectual Life 10/16/1998 (disc 3 of 8)
Philosophy Born of Struggle V, Family and the Intellectual Life 10/16/1998 (disc 4 of 8)
Philosophy Born of Struggle V, Family and the Intellectual Life 10/17/1998 (disc 5 of 8)
Philosophy Born of Struggle V, Family and the Intellectual Life 10/17/1998 (disc 6 of 8)
Philosophy Born of Struggle V, Family and the Intellectual Life 10/17/1998 (disc 7 of 8)
Philosophy Born of Struggle V, Family and the Intellectual Life 10/17/1998 (disc 8 of 8)
Philosophy Born of Struggle VI, Civil Liberties in the New Millennium, 1999 (disc 1 of 2)
Philosophy Born of Struggle VI, Civil Liberties in the New Millennium 1999 (disc 2 of 2)
Philosophy Born of Struggle VII, Slavery and Reparations, 10/20/2000 (disc 1 of 4)
Philosophy Born of Struggle VII, Slavery and Reparations 10/20/2000 (disc 2 of 4)

Philosophy Born of Struggle VII, Slavery and Reparations 10/20/2000 (disc 3 of 4)

No sound/audio

Philosophy Born of Struggle VII, Slavery and Reparations 10/20/2000 (disc 4 of 4)

Philosophy Born of Struggle VII, Slavery and Reparations 10/21/2000 (disc 1 of 3)

Philosophy Born of Struggle VII, Slavery and Reparations 10/21/2000 (disc 2 of 3)

Box 2 *Philosophy Born of Struggle DVDs*

Philosophy Born of Struggle X: Rethinking the Intellectual Life, 2003
(Interviews 1 of 2)

Philosophy Born of Struggle X: Rethinking the Intellectual Life, 2003
(Interviews 2 of 2)

Philosophy Born of Struggle X: Rethinking the Intellectual Life, J. Everet Green, 2003

Philosophy Born of Struggle X: Rethinking the Intellectual Life, Howard McGary, 2003

Philosophy Born of Struggle X: Rethinking the Intellectual Life, Frank Kirkland, 2003

Philosophy Born of Struggle X: Rethinking the Intellectual Life, Lewis Gordon, 2003

Philosophy Born of Struggle X: Rethinking the Intellectual Life, Sonia Sanchez, 2003

Philosophy Born of Struggle X: Rethinking the Intellectual Life, Award, J. Everet Green and Frank Kirkland, 2003

Philosophy Born of Struggle X: Rethinking the Intellectual Life, Panel I, 2003

Philosophy Born of Struggle X: Rethinking the Intellectual Life, Panel II, 2003

Philosophy Born of Struggle X: Rethinking the Intellectual Life, Panel III, 2003

Philosophy Born of Struggle X: Rethinking the Intellectual Life, Panel IV part 1, 2003

Philosophy Born of Struggle X: Rethinking the Intellectual Life, Panel IV part 2, 2003

Philosophy Born of Struggle X: Rethinking the Intellectual Life, Panel V, 2003

Philosophy Born of Struggle X: Rethinking the Intellectual Life, Panel VI, 2003

Philosophy Born of Struggle X: Rethinking the Intellectual Life, Panel IV, V, VI part 1 of 3, 2003

Philosophy Born of Struggle X: Rethinking the Intellectual Life, Panel IV, V, VI part 2 of 3, 2003
 Philosophy Born of Struggle X: Rethinking the Intellectual Life, Panel IV, V, VI part 3 of 3, disc 1 of 2, 2003
 Philosophy Born of Struggle X: Rethinking the Intellectual Life, Panel IV, V, VI part 3 of 3, disc 2 of 2, 2003
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XI Black Aesthetics and the Politics of Recognition, Leonard Harris intro, 2004
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XI Black Aesthetics and the Politics of Recognition, tape 1 part 1, 2004
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XI Black Aesthetics and the Politics of Recognition, tape 1 part 2, 2004
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XI Black Aesthetics and the Politics of Recognition, tape 1 part 3, 2004
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XI Black Aesthetics and the Politics of Recognition, tape 2 part 1, 2004
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XI Black Aesthetics and the Politics of Recognition, tape 2 part 2, 2004
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XI Black Aesthetics and the Politics of Recognition, tape 2 part 3, 2004
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XI Black Aesthetics and the Politics of Recognition, tape 3 part 1, 2004
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XI Black Aesthetics and the Politics of Recognition, tape 3 part 2, 2004

Box 3 *Philosophy Born of Struggle DVDs*

Philosophy Born of Struggle XII Philosophy and Liberation, Interviews, 2005
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XII Philosophy and Liberation, Panel 1 tape 1, 10/28/2005
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XII Philosophy and Liberation, Panel 1 tape 2, 10/28/2005
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XII Philosophy and Liberation, Panel 2 tape 1, 10/28/2005
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XII Philosophy and Liberation, Panel 3 tape 1, 10/28/2005
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XII Philosophy and Liberation, Panel 4 tape 1, 10/29/2005
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XII Philosophy and Liberation, Panel 5, tape 1, 10/29/2005
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XII Philosophy and Liberation, Panel 5, tape 2, 10/29/2005
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XII Philosophy and Liberation, Panel 6, tape 1, 10/29/2005

Philosophy Born of Struggle XIII Philosophy and the Scientific Spirit, Interviews, 10/27/2006

Philosophy Born of Struggle XIII Philosophy and the Scientific Spirit, Panel 1, 10/27/2006

Philosophy Born of Struggle XIII Philosophy and the Scientific Spirit, Panel 2, 10/27/2006

Philosophy Born of Struggle XIII Philosophy and the Scientific Spirit, Panel 3, 10/27/2006

Philosophy Born of Struggle XIII Philosophy and the Scientific Spirit, Panel 4, 10/27/2006

Philosophy Born of Struggle XIII Philosophy and the Scientific Spirit, Panel 5, 10/27/2006

Philosophy Born of Struggle XIII Philosophy and the Scientific Spirit, Panel 6, 10/27/2006

Philosophy Born of Struggle XIV Africa in the Dialects of History, Interviews: Greg Moses, Judith Green, 2007

Philosophy Born of Struggle XIV Africa in the Dialects of History, Interview: Albert Mosely, 2007

Philosophy Born of Struggle XIV Africa in the Dialects of History, Panel 1, 2007

Philosophy Born of Struggle XIV Africa in the Dialects of History, Panel 4, 2007

Philosophy Born of Struggle XIV Africa in the Dialects of History, Panel 5, 10/27/2007

Philosophy Born of Struggle XV Philosophy and African American Studies, Interview: Paul Taylor, 2008

Philosophy Born of Struggle XV Philosophy and African American Studies, Interview: Tracy Edwards, 2008

Philosophy Born of Struggle XV Philosophy and African American Studies, Interview: Kwasi Wiredu, 2008

Philosophy Born of Struggle XV Philosophy and African American Studies, Interview: Rose Cherubin, 2008

Box 4 *Philosophy Born of Struggle DVDs*

Philosophy Born of Struggle XVI Race, Religion, and Social Transformation, Interview: Richard Jones, 2009

Philosophy Born of Struggle XVI Race, Religion, and Social Transformation, Joseph Osei, Richard Hall, 10/22/2009

Philosophy Born of Struggle XVI Race, Religion, and Social Transformation, Tommy Curry, Steven Ferguson, 10/24/2009

Philosophy Born of Struggle XVI Race, Religion, and Social Transformation, Gregory Rich, Greg Moses, 10/24/2009

Philosophy Born of Struggle XVI Race, Religion, and Social Transformation, Zay Green, Douglas Ficek, 10/24/2009

Philosophy Born of Struggle XVI Race, Religion, and Social Transformation, Gregory Sadler, 10/24/2009

Philosophy Born of Struggle XVII Struggle in the House of Life: Equality, Education, and Economic Empowerment, Interview: Maulana Karenga, 10/23/2010
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XVII Struggle in the House of Life: Equality, Education, and Economic Empowerment, Interview: Nkolo Foe, 2010
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XVII Struggle in the House of Life: Equality, Education, and Economic Empowerment, Interview: Mathew Hutcherson, 10/23/2010
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XVII Struggle in the House of Life: Equality, Education, and Economic Empowerment, Greetings, Panel 2, 10/23/2010
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XVII Struggle in the House of Life: Equality, Education, and Economic Empowerment, Panel 6: Sara Mokuria 10/23/2010
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XVII Struggle in the House of Life: Equality, Education, and Economic Empowerment, Panel 5: Joe Feagin, 10/23/2010

Box 5 *Philosophy Born of Struggle DVDs*

Philosophy Born of Struggle XX Advocacy: Ethics, Aesthetics, and Epistemology of Being, Epistemology of Education, 10/25/2013
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XX Advocacy: Ethics, Aesthetics, and Epistemology of Being, Prison Abolition, 10/25/2013
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XX Advocacy: Ethics, Aesthetics, and Epistemology of Being, Lunch Presentation - Jazz: The Aesthetics, Reflections 10/25/2013
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XX Advocacy: Ethics, Aesthetics, and Epistemology of Being, Ethics of Insurrection, 10/25/2013
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XX Advocacy: Ethics, Aesthetics, and Epistemology of Being, Keynote Speaker: Cornel West, 10/25/2013
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XX Advocacy: Ethics, Aesthetics, and Epistemology of Being, Existential Hope and Resurgence, 10/26/2013
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XX Advocacy: Ethics, Aesthetics, and Epistemology of Being, Epistemology – Standpoint – Culture, 10/26/2013
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XX Advocacy: Ethics, Aesthetics, and Epistemology of Being, Keynote Speaker: Rozena Maart, World Links: Student Discussion, 10/26/2013
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XXI Racism, Empire, and Sexual Violence, Group 1, 10/30/2014
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XXI Racism, Empire, and Sexual Violence, Opening Remarks and Group 1, 10/30/2014
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XXI Racism, Empire, and Sexual Violence, Group 2, 10/30/2014 [2 copies]
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XXI Racism, Empire, and Sexual Violence, Keynote Address: Stephanie Dunn, 10/30/2014
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XXI Racism, Empire, and Sexual Violence, Group 3, 10/30/2014 [2 copies]
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XXI Racism, Empire, and Sexual Violence, Group 4, 10/30/2014 [2 copies]

Philosophy Born of Struggle XXI Racism, Empire, and Sexual Violence, Group 5, 10/30/2014 [2 copies]
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XXI Racism, Empire, and Sexual Violence, Panel 1, 11/01/2014 [2 copies]
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XXI Racism, Empire, and Sexual Violence, Panel 2, 11/01/2014 [2 copies]
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XXI Racism, Empire, and Sexual Violence, Group 6, 11/01/2014 [2 copies]
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XXI Racism, Empire, and Sexual Violence, Interviews: Rozena Maart, Blanche Radford-Curry, 11/01/2014
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XXI Racism, Empire, and Sexual Violence, Interviews: Rozena Maart, Blanche Radford-Curry, 11/01/2014 (Duplicate)
 Philosophy Born of Struggle XXI Racism, Empire, and Sexual Violence, Closing Remarks, 11/01/2014

Series 2. Conference Programs, Flyers, and Printed Material, 1994-2014

(21 folders, .5 cubic feet)

Box 6 *Brochures, programs, flyers, published work, 1994-2014*

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
1	Philosophy Born of Struggle I, 1994
2.	PBoS II: The African American Philosophy Conference, 1995
3.	PBoS III: The Harlem Renaissance and The Black Enlightenment, 1996
4.	PBoS IV: The Black Enlightenment and the Future of the Race, 1997
5.	PBoS V: The Family and the Intellectual Life, 1998
6.	PBoS VI: Civil Liberties in the New Millennium, 1999
7.	PBoS VII: Slavery and Reparations, 2000
8.	PBoS VIII: Race Reparations and Restoration, 2001
9.	PBoS IX: Race and the United States Constitution, 2002
10.	PBoS X: Rethinking the Intellectual Life, 2003
11.	PBoS XI: Black Aesthetics and the Politics of Recognition, 2004
12.	PBoS XII: Philosophy and Liberation, 2005
13.	PBoS XIII: Philosophy and the Scientific Spirit, 2006
14.	PBoS XIV: Africa in the Dialectics of History, 2007
15.	PBoS XV: Philosophy and African American Studies, 2008
16.	PBoS XVI: Race, Religion, and Social Transformation, 2009
17.	PBoS XVII: Struggle in the House of Life: Equality, Education, and Economic Empowerment, 2010

18. PBoS XVIII: Economic Crisis, Education, and the Role of Philosophy for the African American Public, 2011
19. PBoS XIX: Race, Class, Gender, and State Violence, 2012
20. PBoS XX: Advocacy: Ethics, Aesthetics, and Epistemology of Being, 2013
21. PBoS XXI: Racism, Empire, and Sexual Violence, 2014
22. *Philosophy Born of Struggle: Anthology of Afro-American Philosophy from 1917* by Leonard Harris, first published 1983