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**Fifth Biennial Interdisciplinary Conference on Race**

**Race, Gender, and Leadership in Global Societies:  
Goals, Strategies, and Reconciliation**

**November 9-11, 2017**

**LEADERSHIP**

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## Distinguished Invited Speakers

### Keynote Speaker

**Dr. Jonathan Holloway**, Provost, Northwestern University



**Jonathan Holloway** Jonathan Holloway became Provost of Northwestern University on August 1, 2017. He is Northwestern University's Chief Academic Officer and an ex officio member of the faculty of each school. In this role he:

- Supervises the educational policies and academic priorities of the University.
- Encourages and coordinates initiatives in undergraduate and graduate education.
- Oversees preparation of the university's annual budget.
- Acts on faculty appointments and promotions.
- Directs allocation of resources and space to academic units.
- Is the acting chief executive officer in the absence of the President.

Provost Holloway was most recently the Dean of Yale College and Edmund S. Morgan Professor of African American Studies, History, and American Studies at Yale University. His research is on post-emancipation United States history with a focus on social and intellectual history. He is the author of *Confronting the Veil: Abram Harris Jr., E. Franklin Frazier, and Ralph Bunche, 1919-1941* (2002) and *Jim Crow Wisdom: Memory and Identity in Black America Since 1940* (2013), both published by the University of North Carolina Press. He edited Ralph Bunche's *A Brief and Tentative Analysis of Negro Leadership* (NYU Press, 2005) and co-edited *Black Scholars on the Line: Race, Social Science, and American Thought in the 20th Century* (Notre Dame University Press, 2007). He has written an introduction for a new edition of W.E.B. Du Bois's *Souls of Black Folk*, published by Yale University Press in 2015, and is currently working on a new book, *A History of Absence: Public Narratives, Race, and the Making of the Modern World*.

Holloway received a bachelor's degree with honors in American Studies from Stanford University. He then went on to earn three advanced degrees from Yale, an M.A. in history, an M.Phil. in history and a Ph.D. in history. He began his academic career at the University of California, San Diego, before joining the faculty at Yale in 1999 and becoming a full professor in 2004.

## Plenary Lecture

### Dr. Elizabeth Higginbotham, Professor Emerita of Sociology, University of Delaware



**Elizabeth Higginbotham** (B.A., City College of the City University of New York; M.A., Ph.D., Brandeis University) is Professor Emerita of Sociology at the University of Delaware where she also held appointments in Black American Studies and Women and Gender Studies. She is currently a Research Associate at the Hagley Museum and Library in Delaware. She spent much of her career at the Center for Research on Women and on the Sociology faculty at the University of Memphis where she conducted research and organized curriculum transformation workshops in the 1980s and 1990s. She is the author of *Too Much to Ask: Black Women in the Era of Integration* (University of North Carolina Press, 2001), co-author with Margaret L. Andersen of *Race and Ethnicity in Society: The Changing Landscape* (Cengage Learning, fourth edition 2016) and co-editor of *Women and Work: Exploring Race, Ethnicity, and Class* (Sage Publications, 1997; with Mary Romero). Higginbotham has authored many articles in journals and anthologies on the work experiences of African American women, women in higher education, and curriculum transformation. She is widely recognized as a major scholar of intersection of race, class and gender.

Along with colleagues Bonnie Thornton Dill and Lynn Weber, Higginbotham is a recipient of the American Sociological Association Jessie Bernard Award and Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award for the work of the Center for Research on Women at the University of Memphis. She received the Robin M. Williams Jr. Award from the Eastern Sociological Society, given annually to one distinguished sociologist. Higginbotham served a term as vice president of the Eastern Sociological Society, and has held many elected and appointed leadership positions in the American Sociological Association.

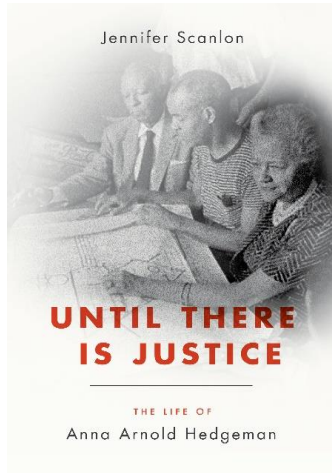
## Book Talk

### Dr. Jennifer R. Scanlon, Bowdoin College



Jennifer Scanlon is the William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. A historian with a scholarly focus in U.S. women's history, Scanlon has published widely and for a variety of audiences. In 2016, Oxford University Press released her most recent book, *Until There is Justice: The Life of Anna Arnold Hedgeman*, the first and, as a *New York Times* review stated, "long overdue" biography of civil rights stalwart Anna Arnold Hedgeman, who played a key role in over half a century of social justice initiatives. Hedgeman's life and work exemplify the links between civil rights, women's rights, and faith-based activism in what scholars now often refer to as the long civil rights movement. Scanlon's last book, *Bad Girls Go Everywhere: The Life of Helen Gurley Brown*, which explores the working-class roots of Brown's controversial form of feminism, was named a "Book of the Times" by the *New York Times* and a business book of the year by American Public Media's Marketplace, and received significant acclaim in publications ranging from *People* magazine to the *New Yorker*, *Entertainment Weekly* to the *Wall Street*

*Journal*. Professor Scanlon serves as a Distinguished Lecturer for the Organization of American Historians and has served as Executive Director of the Coordinating Council for Women in History (CCWH), an affiliate of the American Historical Association (AHA) and the Organization of American Historians (OAH).



*Until There is Justice* tells the history of America's black freedom struggles as seen through the life of Anna Arnold Hedgeman (1899-1990), a vital but until now understudied civil rights leader. A demanding feminist, devout Christian, and savvy grassroots civil rights organizer, Anna Arnold Hedgeman played a key role in more than half a century of social justice initiatives, spearheading advances in education, public health, politics, and workplace justice. A dignified woman and scrappy freedom fighter, Hedgeman upended conventions of the civil rights and feminist movements, working as a teacher, lobbyist, politician, social worker, and activist. She left a mark on modern America as deep as that of A. Philip Randolph, Betty Friedan, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King Jr., yet compared to those celebrated activists, she has received scant attention. Scanlon's first-ever biography of Anna Arnold Hedgeman brings this exceptional woman's life, ideas, struggles, and achievements to light.

## Special Presentation on Leadership and the Center for Returning Citizens



### **Jondhi Harrell, Executive Director, The Center for Returning Citizens**

**J. Jondhi Harrell** is the Founder and Executive Director of The Center for Returning Citizens (TCRC) in Philadelphia. TCRC offers comprehensive services for prisoners and formerly incarcerated people in the areas of re-entry, pre-entry, and advocacy. He plays a leadership role in numerous organizations, including the National Committee of Alternatives to Violence Re-Entry Program, the Formerly Incarcerated and Families Working Group of Decarcerate PA, the Coalition against Mass Incarceration (CAMI Philly), the Re-Entry Coalition of Philadelphia and the Quaker Network to End Mass Incarceration. Jondhi is co-founder of the Transitional Services Coalition and the BLOC Party (Build Lobby Organize Campaign), the movement to forge returning citizens of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania into a cultural, social, political, and economic coalition. He is a frequent guest lecturer on the topics of Mass Incarceration, Social Injustice, The New Underground Railroad, and Re-building Black America at universities, colleges, churches, organizations and community events. Jondhi has a Bachelor's Degree in Human Service Management from the University of Phoenix and is a Master's in Social Work candidate at Temple University. Jondhi is a fellow in JustLeadershipUSA's 2016 Cohort of Leading with Conviction. He is co-clerk of Germantown Friends Meeting Peace & Social Justice Committee.

# Conference Program

**Thursday November 9, 2017**

**Registration 10:00am- 1:15pm (on-going)**  
**Magill Commons Foyer**

## **Opening of Conference**

**1:15 pm to 2:15 pm**

**Venue: Wilson Hall Auditorium**

**Opening Keynote Address: Dr. Jonathan Holloway, Provost, Northwestern**

**Greeting: Dr. Richard Veit, Chair, Department of History and Anthropology**

**Welcome: Dr. Laura Moriarty, Provost Monmouth University**

**Musical Selection: Mr. Solomon Cobbs**

**2:15-2:45 pm Coffee and Cookie Break**  
**Venue: Magill Commons Club Dining Room**

## **Panel Sessions and Workshops**

**2:50-4:10 pm**

**Session1A: Gender, Education, and Leadership Panel**  
**Venue: Magill Commons Club Dining Room 107**

Chair: Yunlin Zhou, *Ranney School*

Panelists:

Andrea L. Danial, Ed.D., Head of Lower Ranney School

Jeannette Cordero, Spanish Teacher, *Ranney School*

Nancy Rosenthal, French Teacher, *Ranney School*

Yunlin Zhou, Chinese Teacher, *Ranney School*,

**Session 1B: A Roundtable: SOS-Save Our Students; Educational Policies and Procedures that Disadvantage In-Risk Students**

**Venue: Magill Commons Club Room 108**

Chair: Nicolle Parsons-Pollard, *Monmouth University*

Johanna Foster, *Monmouth University*

Eleanor Novek, *Monmouth University*

Isis Walton

**Session 1C: A Roundtable: Perspectives on Trump and Europe**

**Venue: Magill Commons Club Dining Room**

Chair: Saliba Sarar, *Monmouth University*

Panelists Saliba Sarsar, *Monmouth University*

Ken Campbell, *Monmouth University*

Fred McKitrick, *Monmouth University*

**Session 1D: Leadership in International Politics**

**Venue: Magill Commons Club Lounge**

Chair: Maryanne Rhett, *Monmouth University*

- a) Turgay Akbaba, "Rebranding Turkey as a Western Country, 1919-1960," *University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*
- b) Itai Sneh, "Post 9/11 American Leadership: Global Governance: Human Rights," Transparency, and Accountability in the International Community," *John Jay College of Criminal Justice*
- c) Alma Saddiqua, "Racism vs Leadership," *Pondicherry University, India* (via skype)

**5:30 pm to 6:30 pm**

**Venue: Pollak Theater**

**Casey Sanders: Capoeira Demonstration and Lecture**

**6:30-8:30 pm Film: *Hidden Figures*, Pollak Theater**

**Dinner: On your own**



## **Friday November 10, 2017**

### **Continental Breakfast**

**8:00am-8:30am**

**Venue: Magill Commons Club Dining Room**

Registration

8:30 am (on-going)

Venue: Magill Commons Foyer

### **Session 1: Friday November 10, 2017**

**8:30-9:50 am**

#### **Session 1A: Race, Peacebuilding, and Reconciliation**

**Venue: Magill Commons Club Room 107**

Chair: Chris DeRosa, *Monmouth University*

- a) Lukong Stella Shulika, "Changing the Rules of Engagement: Women's Approach to Peacebuilding in Liberia," *University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*
- b) Paul Humphrey, "Hispaniola Re-envisioned: Haitian-Dominican Relations in Contemporary Dominican Cultural Production," *Monmouth University*
- c) Christopher DeRosa, "Every voter had to run the gauntlet": The U.S. Army on Election Duty in the Reconstruction South, *Monmouth University*

#### **Session 1B: Race, Gender, and Leadership**

**Venue: Magill Commons Club Room Club 108**

Chair: TBA

- a) Voichita Nachescu, "Brenda Eichelberger and the National Alliance of Black Feminists (1976-1983)," *Rutgers University*
- b) Afolabi Aribigbola, "Women's Participation in Local Leadership and Governance in Nigeria: An Example from Akure North and Akure South Local Government Area of Ondo State," *Adekunle Ajasin University, Nigeria*
- c) Sapana Devi Karam, "Question of Women's Empowerment in Manipur, India," *Central University of Gujarat, India*

#### **Session 1C: Race, Politics, and Policing**

**Venue: Magill Commons Club Lounge**

Chair: James Ponzo II, *State University of New York, Buffalo*

- a) James E. Ponzo II, "Rereading Baldwin & Coates in the Age of Trump," *SUNY, Buffalo*
- b) Aaron X. Smith, "Thank God for Donald Trump and Tupac Shakur," *Temple University*

- c) Daniel A. Goodall, Sr., “Community Policing: Building Community Trust in an Atmosphere of Fear,” *Retired Major, Richmond, Virginia Police Department*

**Session 2: Friday November 10, 2017**

10:05 am -11:25 am

**Session 2A: Race Leadership in African American History**

**Venue: Magill Commons Club Room 107**

Chair: Brooke Nappi, *Monmouth University*

- a) Virginia L. Summey, “The Performative Leadership of Judge Elreta Meton Alexander,” *University of North Carolina, Greensboro* (via skype)
- b) Michael Washington, “An Integrated View: Leadership Development, Institutional Analysis and the Prince Hall Masonic Tradition,” *Union Institute and University*
- c) Joseph A. Grabas, “In Word or Deed: Leadership in a Free African American Enclave,” *Monmouth University*
- d) Karanja Keita Carroll, “Race and the Realities of a Black Misleadership Class: Critical Reflections and Directives,” *Seton Hall University, Hunter and Baruch College*

**Session 2B: Race, Labor, and Leadership**

**Venue: Magill Commons Club Room 108**

Chair: Brian Greenberg, *Monmouth University*

- a) Jewell Debnam, “Black Women Cultivators and the Charleston Hospital Workers’ Strike,” *Morgan State University*
- b) Mary Gatta, “Developing Women Union Leaders in a Globalized Context: Lesson from a US-UK Union Leadership Exchange,” *City University of New York-Guttman*
- c) Hettie V. Williams, “People’s Power: Ernest Thompson, Black Labor-Left Coalition Politics, and the Civil Rights Movement in the North,” *Monmouth University*

Discussant: Brian Greenberg

**Session 2C: Leadership in African Politics and Governance**

**Venue: Magill Commons Club Lounge**

Chair: Julius Adekunle, *Monmouth University*

- a) Halima A. Shekula, “Politics, Leadership and National Development in Abubakar Gimba’s *Footprints*,” *Federal University, Wukari, Nigeria*
- b) Julius O. Adekunle, “Penkelemesi”: Adegoke Adelabu’s Political Leadership Style in Nigeria,” *Monmouth University*

**Session 1D: The U.S. Presidential Election of 2016 in Perspective**  
**Venue: Magill Commons Club Dining Room**

Chair: Joe Patten, *Monmouth University*

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Prof. Claude Taylor, *Monmouth University*

**Session 3: Friday November 10, 2017**

11:40am-1:15pm

**Session 3A: Race, Media, and Culture**  
**Venue: Magill Commons Club Room 107**

Chair: Peter Clavin, *State University of New York, Buffalo*

- a) Peter Clavin, "Resounding Blackness: Revisiting the Cultural and Political Legacy of Amiri Baraka," *State University of New York, Buffalo*
- b) Jasmine Noelle Yarish, "#If I Die in Police Custody: Neo-Abolitionism, New Social Media, and Queering the Politics of Respectability," *University of California, Santa Barbara*

**Session 3B: Race, Culture, Community, and Leadership**  
**Venue: Magill Commons Club Room 108**

Chair: Dr. Karanja Keita Carroll, *Seton Hall University, Hunter and Baruch College*

- a) Magana J. Kabugi, "Young, Gifted and Black: Race Leadership and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century HBCU Presidency," *Vanderbilt University*
- b) Khary S. Pestaina, "Richard B. Moore: Blood Brother in Scottsboro," *Florida International University*
- c) John G. White, "I, John De Conqueror: Black Male Self-Discovery in the US," *Fordham University*
- d) Sara E. Rzeszutek, "This Was Our Ellis Island: Race, Community, and the Politics of Preservation at Manhattan's African Burial Ground," *St. Francis College*

**Session 3C: Race, Religion, and Leadership**  
**Venue: Magill Commons Club Lounge**

Chair: Dr. George Gonzalez, *Monmouth University*

- a) Syed S. Uddin Ahmed, "The 1971 Bangladesh Genocide by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan: The Forgotten Holocaust," *St. John's University*
- b) Amanda Brown, "Mystical Experiments: Howard Thurman's Fellowship Church and the Twentieth Century Christian Left," *Monmouth University*

- c) Mikal N. Nash, “Public Space, Muslims, and the Urban Mosque in Greater-Newark, NJ: Engaging the American Public Square: Quest for Establishment of a New Africa,” *Essex County College*
- d) Rashad Grove, “Walk Together Children: The Radical Religious Leadership of Adam Clayton Powell Jr.,” *Princeton Theological Seminary*

Discussant: Dr. George Gonzalez

**Session 3D: Special Presentation on Leadership and the Center for Returning Citizens**

**Venue: Magill Commons Club Dining Room**

**Distinguished Speaker:**

**Jondhi Harrell, Executive Director, The Center for Returning Citizens**

**1:15-2:35pm: Lunch (Club Dining Room)**

**Book Talk**

**Dr. Jennifer R. Scanlon Bowdoin College**

**Magill Commons Club Dining Room**

**Session 4: Friday November 10, 2017**

2:50 pm - 4:10 pm

**Session 4A: Gender, Politics, and Educational Leadership**

**Venue: Magill Commons Club Room 107**

Chair: Christopher Gore, Esq.

Sharon Robinson Briggs, “Reflections on Leadership as the First Black Woman Mayor of Plainfield,” *Former Mayor of Plainfield, New Jersey*

Latoya Wilson, “Rebuild Workforce Project: Workforce Economic Development Policy Analysis,” *Rebuild Workforce Project*

Other Panelists (TBA)

**Session 4B: Roundtable: Leadership Styles and the Role that Issues of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender have had on the Modern Political Process in America**

**Venue: Magill Commons Club Lounge**

Chair: Prof. William Gorman, *Monmouth University*

**Session 4C: Hidden Figures Film Panel Moderated by Dr. Karen Schmelzkopf**

**Venue: Club Dining Room**

**4:15-5:00 Coffee and Cookie Break**

**Plenary Lecture**

**6:30-7:30 pm,**

**Venue: Magill Commons Club Dining Room (with cash bar and refreshments)**

**Special Introduction: Dr. Nancy Mezey, Associate Dean, The Wayne D. McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Monmouth University**

**Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Higginbotham, Professor Emerita of Sociology, University of Delaware**

**Saturday November 11, 2017**

**Continental Breakfast**

8:30-9:00am

**Venue: Magill Commons Club Dining Room**

**Session 1 Saturday, November 11**

9:00 am – 10:20 am

**Session 1A: Race and Literature**

**Venue: Club 107**

Chair: Maureen Dorment, *Monmouth University*

- a) Gabrielle Smith, “An Investigation and Examination of Literature Written by Women,” *Seton Hall University*
- b) Maureen Dorment, “Uncle Tom’s Cabin Revisited: Relevance and Resonance,” *Monmouth University*
- c) Rashmi Attri, “Reading Dalit Women Writings as Narratives of Assertion and Empowerment,” *AMU Aligarh, India*

**Session 1B: Race and Education**

**Venue: Club 108**

Chair: Tina Paone, *Monmouth University*

- a) Tina R. Paone, “Beyond the Classroom: Teaching Our Students to Become Antiracist Advocates,” *Monmouth University*
- b) Ellesia A. Blaque, “With One Stroke: Race, Education, and Betsy Devo: What’s at Stake for Black American Students,” *Kutztown University*
- c) Amy L. Moyer, “Using Institutional Data to Examine and Reframe Issues of Race and Class in Higher Education,” *The College of New Jersey*
- d) Deanna Shoemaker, “Monmouth (YOU)niversity Speaks: Performing Anonymous Interviews on Campus to Reflect on Race, Inclusion, and History,” *Monmouth University*

**Session 1C: Panel Discussion on: Public Space, Muslims, and the Urban Mosque in Greater-Newark, NJ: Engaging the American Public Square: Quest for Establishment of a New Africa**

**Venue: Faculty Club Dining Lounge**

Chair: Professor Mikal Naeem Nash, *Essex County College*

- a) Laila Mohammad, “Shared Memories, Shared Freedom Space and the Emergence of a New Africa”
- b) Imam Wahy ud Deen Shareef, “African American Muslims, Between the Quest for Universal Peoplehood and a New Africa in America”

**Session 2 Saturday, November 11**

10:30 am – 11:50 am

**Session 2A: Panel: Black Leadership in Surprising Corners**

**Venue: Club 107**

Chair: David Hamilton Golland, *Governors State University*

- a) Kevin McGruder, “The Dilemma of Race Enterprise and Community Leadership: Payton and the Afro-American Realty Company,” *Antioch College*
- b) Greer C. Stanford-Randle, “Obfuscating and Overcoming Obstacles: Strategies from Mary McLeod Bethune’s Leadership History,” *Antioch University*
- c) Kristopher Bryan Burrell, “Black Women Activist-Intellectuals and the Struggle for Quality Education in New York during the 1950s,” *Hostos Community College, City University of New York*
- d) David Hamilton Golland, “Man of Rage: Arthur Fletcher and the United States Commission on Civil Rights, 1990-1992,” *Governors State University*

**Session 2B: Race, Science, and Culture**

**Venue: Club 108**

Chair: Dr. Karen Schmelzkopf, *Monmouth University*

- a) Karen Schmelzkopf, “Cyberspace, Celebrity, and Racism,” *Monmouth University*
- b) Nicky Kelly and Richard Veit, “Not Unmindful of the Unfortunate”: Giving Voice to the Forgotten through Archaeology at the Orange Valley Slave Hospital, *Monmouth University*
- c) Esther Akumbo Nyam, “Reviewing Carnivals: In the Light of Abuja Carnival 2013,” *Plateau State University, Bokkos, Nigeria*
- d) Imanni K. Sheppard, “Experimentation, Exploitation, Omission and Medical Education,” *University of Texas Medical Branch*

**Session 2C: Panel: (De)Criminalization of the Subject: Race, Gender, and Female Citizenship**

**Venue: Club Dining Room**

Chair: Simone A. James Alexander, *Seton Hall University*

- a) Devyn Johnson, “Trauma and Reconciliation: The Evolution of Black Women in Toni Morrison’s *God Help the Child*,” *Seton Hall University*
- b) Kai Alexander, “Reclaiming the Black Female Body in Jamaica Kincaid’s *The Autobiography of My Mother*,” *Seton Hall University*
- c) Rachel P. Wagner, “It’s Almost Like We At Home”: Race, (In)Justice, and the Prison Industrial Complex in Sister Souljah’s *The Coldest Winter Ever*,” *Seton Hall University*

**12:00 – 1:00pm**

Boxed Lunch and Conference Closing

Dr. Ken Womack, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences

**Venue: Club Dining Room**