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

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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:

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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 Sarar, *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*  
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
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  

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

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
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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Christopher DeRosa, Monmouth University
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


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

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

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

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


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
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*


**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