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**Department of English**  
**Pennsylvania State University**

- EDUCATION:     PhD in American Literature awarded by the George Washington University in May of 1985.  
                    Dissertation - Reading Race: White American Poets and the Racial Discourse in the Twentieth Century.
- MPhil in American Literature awarded by the George Washington University in May of 1982.
- BA in English awarded in August, 1977, by the University of the District of Columbia.
- EMPLOYMENT:    2014 - Present. Visiting Professor. Central China Normal University. Wuhan, China.
- 2001 - Present: The George and Barbara Kelly Professor of American Literature, Department of English, The Pennsylvania State University.
- 1997-2001: Fletcher Jones Chair of Literature and Writing, Department of English, Loyola Marymount University.
- 1996: Visiting, Department of English, University of California Los Angeles.
- 1994-1997: Professor and Coordinator for Curriculum, Department of English, San Jose State University.
- 1993-1994: Institute of American Cultures Fellow, Center for Afro-American Studies, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 1989-1994: Associate Professor, Departments of English and American Studies, San Jose State University.
- 1987-1989: Assistant Professor, Departments of English and American Studies, San Jose State University.
- 1985-1987: Lecturer in English at Howard University.
- 1982-1986: Lecturer in English at the George Washington University.
- 1984-1985: Director of Poetry Writing Workshops for the Martin Luther King Public Library, Washington, D.C.; Designed and taught curricula in creative writing under a grant from the D.C. Council on the Humanities.

1983-1985: Senior Education Specialist, Center for Continuing Education in Washington, the George Washington University; Responsible for all administrative computing, hardware acquisitions, software development, applications programming, and data base management; Provided analysis of computing requirements for the university's continuing education efforts, and designed and implemented systems to meet those requirements; Also responsible for developing and administering noncredit academic instructional television programs delivered over a microwave network (ITFS).

1981-1982: Humanist in Residence, Washington, D.C. Public Schools.

1979-1982: Supervisor of Student Records and Statistics, Office of the Registrar, the George Washington University.

#### HONORS, GRANTS AND AWARDS:

2015: The Darwin Turner Award for scholarly achievement.

2008: The American Book Award of the Before Columbus Foundation, for Don't Deny My Name: Words and Music and the Black Intellectual Tradition. Lorenzo Thomas. Edited and with an introduction by Aldon Lynn Nielsen.

2005: The Josephine Miles Award from PEN, for Integral Music: Languages of African American Innovation.

1998: Awarded Sigma Tau Delta Outstanding Professor Award, Loyola Marymount University.

1998 and 2000: Awarded Trustees Research Fellowships, Loyola Marymount university.

1996: Awarded an N.E.H. Fellowship.

1996: Awarded a third Summer research fellowship by the California State University Trustees.

1995: Selected for N.E.H. Summer Seminar "From the Work of Art to the Serializing of the Media," directed by Sam Weber.

1994 and 1995: Gertrude Stein Awards for Poetry received from Sun & Moon Press and the Contemporary Arts Educational Project.

1993-1994: Awarded a year-long research fellowship by the UCLA Institute of American Cultures for research at the Center for Afro-American Studies, UCLA.

Summer, 1992: Awarded a second California State University Trustees Research Stipend.

March, 1991: Awarded an NEH Summer Stipend for research on Race and Intertextuality in American Culture.

Summer, 1990: Selected for NEH Summer Seminar, "The Problem of Race in American Literature," directed by Eric Sundquist.

Spring, 1990: Awarded the Eugene Kayden prize for best book in the Humanities published by a university press.

Spring, 1990: Awarded a second Meritorius Performance and Professional Promise Award by the California State University.

January, 1990: Awarded Outstanding Book Citation from the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights in the United States for Reading Race.

May, 1989: Meritorious Performance and Professional Promise Award received from California State University.

December, 1988: Awarded a California State University Research Fund Summer Stipend.

Summer, 1988: Selected for inclusion in Best American Poems of 1988 by volume editor John Ashbery.

October, 1986: Awarded a second individual artist's grant by the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

September, 1986: Awarded the SAMLA Studies prize by the South Atlantic Modern Language Association for the manuscript of Reading Race.

October, 1985: Awarded an individual artist's grant for work in poetry by the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

May, 1983: Received the first Larry Neal award for poetry, presented by the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

Spring, 1982: Awarded "Distinction" on all four qualifying examinations for the PhD at George Washington University.

Spring, 1980: Awarded first place for poetry in the Washington Writers' Competition sponsored by The Rock Creek Monitor.

Spring, 1976: Poetry prize received from the editors of Circus Maximus poetry journal.

PUBLICATIONS: (Please See Attached Bibliography)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS, KEYNOTE ADDRESSES, etc.:

December, 1985: "Mark Twain's Pudd'nhead Wilson and the Novel of the Tragic Mullato" - paper delivered at the Siena College conference on Mark Twain.

April, 1986: "James's Melville" - paper delivered at the University of the District of Columbia.

October, 1986: "Student Activism: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow" - panel discussion for C-Span Cable Network.

December, 1986: "C.L.R. James and Literary Criticism" - paper delivered at Bucknell University.

December, 1988: "Whose Blues?" - paper delivered at the Modern Language Association session on William Carlos Williams.

February, 1989: "Dr. Williams and the Grasshopper" - paper presented at the Twentieth Century Literature Conference, University of Louisville.

February, 1990: "The Sense of Unending: A Postscript to C.L.R. James's Mariners, Renegades and Castaways: Herman Melville and the World We Live In." - Paper presented at the Twentieth Century Literature Conference, University of Louisville.

May, 1990; "Citation, Use and Sampling" - Paper delivered at the American Literature Association.

June, 1990: "Cultural Pluralism and the Composition Class" - panel discussion at the Young Rhetoricians' Conference.

November, 1990: "Nostalgia and the Racial Epiphany" - paper delivered at the Midwest Modern Language Association.

December, 1990: "Melvin B. Tolson and the Deterritorialization of Modernism" - paper delivered at the Modern Language Association panel on Theoretical Approaches to Ethnic Literature.

February, 1991: "Amiri Baraka and the Harrowing of Hell" - paper delivered at the Twentieth Century Literature Conference, University of Louisville.

April, 1991: "Reading James Reading" - paper delivered at the first international conference on "C.L.R. James: His Cultural Legacy" - Wellesley College.

November, 1991: "Post Cards from Hell: Amiri Baraka's Dante" - paper delivered at the Philological Association of the Pacific Coast.

November, 1991: "Towards a Theory of Race and Intertext" - paper delivered at the Philological Association of the Pacific Coast.

February, 1992: "Disc Jockeys for the New Technocracy? Multiculturalism and Pedagogy" -- Paper delivered at the California Studies Conference.

May, 1992: "Race and Reification" -- Paper delivered at the American Literature Association.

June, 1992: "Reading Race II: Pedagogy and Racial Discourse." Talk delivered at the Young Rhetoricians' Conference.

June 1992: "Robert Hayden's 'Middle Passage.'" -- Paper delivered at the Colloquium on Intertextuality and Civilization in the Americas at Louisiana State University.

November, 1992: "The Waters between Us: Russell Banks's Continental Drift" and "Clark Coolidge and the Jazz Aesthetic" -- two papers delivered at the Philological Association of the Pacific Coast.

December, 1992: "Black Margins: African American Prose Poetry" -- Paper delivered at the Modern Language Association.

May 1993: "Breaking in: Race and Intertextuality." -- Paper delivered to the Society for the Study of the MultiEthnic Literature of the U.S.

May, 1993: "The Black Critic as Prisoner and Artist" -- Paper delivered at the American Literature Association.

November, 1993: "James Weldon Johnson's Impossible Text" -- Paper delivered at the Philological Association of the Pacific Coast.

March, 1994: "Reading Race: The Recuperation of Cultural Pluralism in the American Academy." paper delivered at the conference on "Politics, Theory and the Academy." University of Southern California.

May, 1994: "Resiting African-American Poetry." paper delivered at the Center for Afro-American Studies, University of California, Los Angeles.

June, 1994: "Stephen Jonas and the Communities of Black Experiment." paper delivered at the American Literature Association.

October, 1994: "The Calligraphy of Black Chant" Part I. paper delivered at "Furious Flower: A Revolution in African American Poetry," a conference held

at James Madison University.

November, 1994: "Out there a Minute: The Omniverse of Jazz and Poetry." paper delivered at the Philological Association of the Pacific Coast.

December, 1994: "William Gaddis's JR and the Immateriality of Children's Culture." paper delivered at the Modern Language Association.

April, 1995: "Race, Nostalgia and National Narrative." paper delivered at the conference of the Society for the Study of Narrative Literature.

May, 1995: "William Carlos Williams and the New Black Poetries." paper delivered at the American Literature Association.

October, 1995: "Changing the Subject: Privatizing the Humanities." paper delivered at the conference on "Humanities and its Publics." University of California Humanities Research Institute.

November, 1995: "Black Deconstruction." paper delivered at the Pacific Ancient and Modern Languages Association.

November, 1995: "Amiri Baraka's Fiction." presentation and interview, The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

December, 1995: "The Poetics of Indigestion." paper delivered at the Modern Language Association.

March, 1996: "Addressing the Ghost: C.L.R. James, Jacques Derrida, and the Spectres of Karl Marx." lecture at Wayne State University, Detroit.

May, 1996: "Steven Jonas: Exercises for Ear." lecture at New College, San Francisco.

May, 1996: "'His Silent Beat Drowns Out All The Noise:' Bob Kaufman and the African-American Avant Garde." paper delivered at the American Literature Association.

June, 1996: "Carrying Deconstruction to Cleveland." paper delivered at the National Poetry Foundation Conference on the 1950s.

December, 1996: "'Black Dada Nihilismus:' African-American Poetry after Negritude." paper delivered at the Modern Language Association.

December, 1996: "'And Every Goodbye Ain't Gone:' The Strange Case of the Appearing and Disappearing Poets." paper delivered at the Modern Language Association.

February, 1997: "Popular Culture in the Classroom?" panel presented at the Huntington Library.

April, 1997: "C. L. R. James and the Migrations of Cultural Studies." paper delivered at the College Language Association.

May, 1997: "The Poetry of Russell Atkins." paper delivered at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

May, 1997. "Ezra Pound and 'America's Most Famous Colored Man.'" paper delivered at the American Literature Association.

October, 1997. "Can Cultural Studies Speak Poetry." paper delivered at the Cross-Cultural Poetics conference, University of Minnesota.

October, 1997. "'Which of the Masks Is Cool?' Populist Modernism and the Poetry of the 1950's." paper delivered at the American Studies Association.

December, 1997. "The Future of an Allusion." paper delivered at the Modern Language Association.

January 1998. "A Long Way from Hibbing: Bob Dylan's Black Masque." paper delivered at Sanford University.

March 1998. "Black Chant." Talk delivered to the Poetics Program at New College, San Francisco.

April 1998: "Integral Music." Keynote address for the African-American Poetry Society. University of North Carolina.

May 1998. "'The A.B.C.s' : Amiri Baraka and Charles Olson." paper delivered to the American Literature Association.

December 1998: "Sit-In at Bullworth's." paper delivered at the Modern Language Association.

May 1999: "The Melville Correspondence." paper delivered at the American Literature Association.

November 1999: "Where Leadbelly and LeRoi Jones Met Bob Dylan." paper delivered to the Pacific Ancient and Modern Languages conference.

December 1999: "Jazz and Postmodern African-American Poetics." paper delivered at the Modern Language Association.

May 2000: "Race and Poetics for the Future Anterior." paper delivered at the University of Salamanca, Spain.

June 2000: "Crow Jane Approximately." paper delivered at the National Poetry Foundation conference on the 1960s. University of Maine at Orono.

July 2000: “Baraka’s A.B.C.s” paper delivered at the Naropa Institute. Boulder, Colorado.

October 2000: “Melville in the C.L.R. James Archives.” paper delivered at the American Studies Association.

November 2000: “African American Poetry 1940-1965.” paper delivered to the African American Literature and Culture Society.

November 2000: “Avant Africana.” paper delivered at the Pacific Ancient and Modern Languages Association.

December 2000: “The F.B.I. Shall Have Their Copies.” paper delivered at the Modern Language Association.

February 2001: “Rereading Early Baraka.” paper delivered at Howard University conference on the life and works of Amiri Baraka.

February 2001: “C.L.R. James’s Prison Testament.” paper delivered at the African American History Museum: Detroit, Michigan.

April 2001: “‘Heretofore’: The Poetics of Russell Atkins.” paper delivered at the University of California, Riverside.

May 2001: “Jayne Cortez and Negritude.” paper delivered at the conference of the American Literature Society.

September 2001: “Desert Reading: C.L.R. James and Hegel in Reno.” paper delivered at the C.L.R. James Centennial Conference held at the University of the West Indies, Trinidad.

October 2001: “‘It’s after the End of the World’”: paper delivered at the conference on The Black Aesthetic held at the University of California, Riverside.

November 2001: “Sterling Brown as Public Intellectual.” paper delivered at the Folger Shakespeare Library B Washington, D.C.

December 2001: “Poetry in a Time of Crisis” and “This Ain’t No Disco.” papers delivered at the Modern Language Association.

March 2002: “The Dramatic Poetics of Desperate Circumstance, Dangerous Woman. “Paper delivered at the Society for the Study of Southern Literature. Lafayette, LA.

April 2002: “Johnson-Forest’s Melville.” Paper delivered at Dartmouth.

April 2002: “‘If Prospero Get Cursed Wid Im Own Curser’: Kamau Brathwaite’s Digital Family.” Paper delivered at the University of Salamanca, Spain.



May 2002: "James and Hegel." paper delivered at the American Literature Association.

November 2002: "'Fit Music' - The Secret Link between the Beach Boys and the Black Arts." paper delivered at the American Studies Association.

December 2002: "Steve Jonas: Garrit Lansing." talk delivered at the Words Worth Boston Poetry Conference.

December 2002: "Fear of a Black Experiment." paper delivered at the Modern Language Association.

February 2003: "The Legacy of Sterling Brown." paper delivered at the Associated Writing Programs conference.

March 2003: "The Return of Dr. Funkenstein." Keynote address at University of Iowa Craft, Critique and Culture conference.

April 2003: "What's New in African American Poetry." paper delivered at the University of Wisconsin.

April 2003: "I Told Jesus Be Alright If He Changed My Name." paper delivered at Northwestern University.

September 2003: "Jayne Cortez and Negritude." paper delivered at the Marjorie Cook Diversity in African American Poetry Festival and Conference, Miami University, Ohio.

November 2003: "Black Writers: Habermas, Race and Modernity." Paper delivered at Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha, Ciudad Real, Spain.

March 2004: "Patriot Acts." Paper delivered at William and Mary College.

April 2004: "Lorenzo Thomas's 'Fit Music.'" Paper delivered at the College Language Association.

April 2004: "The Coltrane Exception." Paper delivered at Depaul University.

May 2004: "James, Melville, Ashcroft." Paper delivered at the American Literature Association.

September 2004: "'This Way for the Gas, Ladies and Gentleman': Bob Kaufman's Capital Punishment." Paper delivered at the Furious Flower Conference, James Madison University.

November 2004: "C.L.R. James at the Institute of the Black World." Paper delivered at the American Studies Association.

November 2004: "Negritude Noir." Paper delivered at the Diasporic Avante Gardes conference, University of California, Irvine.

December 2004: "Deconstruction's Diaspora." paper presented at the Modern Language Association.

February 2005: "African American Experimentalism and the Critical Reception." paper delivered at the Twentieth Century Literature Conference, University of Louisville.

April 2005: "Palace Coup: The Black Took Collective." paper delivered at the College Language Association.

April 2005: "Darkness at the Break of Dawn." Keynote address at the Black Archipelagoes Conference, Georgetown University.

May 2005. "Ed Roberson's Blues." paper delivered at the American Literature Association.

Sept. 2005. "How You Sound II." paper delivered at the American Literature Association Symposium on Poetics.

Oct. 2005. "Poetry and Politics." symposium conducted at Georgetown University with Rod Smith and Amiri Baraka.

Oct. 2005. George and Barbara Kelly Inaugural Professorship Lecture. Pennsylvania State University.

Dec. 2005. "Bohemian Caverns." paper delivered at the Modern Language Association.

March 2006. "'Purple Haze': Dunbar's Lyric Legacy." paper delivered at the Paul Laurence Dunbar Centennial Conference. Stanford University.

March 2006. "Baraka Performing Sound." paper delivered at the Howard University conference AThe Black Arts Revisited.@

April 2006. "White Fold: Black Spectatorship." paper delivered at the College Language Association.

Oct. 2006. "'Don't Deny My Name' - Lorenzo Thomas." paper delivered at the American Studies Association.

Oct. 2006. "Bebop Ghost in the Machine." paper delivered at the conference on the life and works of Larry Neal, Brooklyn College.

Nov. 2006: "Blue Poles: Cecil Taylor." paper delivered at the Modern Language Association.

April 2007: "Identity Papers." paper delivered at University of Notre dame Transnationalisms symposium.

April. 2007. "Alabama." paper delivered at the University of Alabama "Eruptions of Funk" symposium."

May 2007: "Video Professor." paper delivered at the American Literature Association.

Oct. 2007: "A Derridean Fantasy." paper delivered at the African American Literature and Culture Society / African American Review syposium at the University of Saint Louis.

Nov. 2007: "White Mischief." paper delivered at the Modernism Studies Association.

Dec. 2007: "Rethinking the Black Arts Movement" paper delivered at the Modern Language Association.

Jan. 2008: "Ed Roberson's Blues." paper delivered at the University of Chicago.

Jan. 2008: "James at the Institute for the Black World." paper delivered at the C.L.R. James symposium of the London Socialist Historians group.

Feb. 2008: "Now We Know." paper delivered at the University of Louisville conference on Literatures and Cultures after 1900.

April 2008: "C.L.R. James: Revisiting Black Jacobins." paper delivered at the American Literature Association.

June 2008: "Ethics, Race and Poetics." paper delivered at the Pan African Literary Forum, Ghana.

Sept. 2008: "The Look of Lyric in Contemporary Black Women's Poetry." paper delivered at the conference "Lifting Belly High: Women's Poetry since 1900." Duquesne University.

Nov. 2008: "Robert Penn Warren's Who Speaks for the Negro? Fifty Years After." paper delivered at the Modernism Studies Association.

March 2009: "Opacity, Affect, Ethics." paper delivered at the American Comparative Literature Association.

April 2009: "Jazz and Avant Garde Poetics." paper delivered at Brown University.

October 2009: "Jefferey Boulevard." paper delivered at the Penn State Conference on the African American Novel after 1988.

October 2009: "C.L.R. James and American Law." paper delivered at the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa.

February 2010: "A Blacker Modern." paper delivered at the University of Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture after 1900.

May 2010: "Contemporary African American Visual Poetry." paper delivered at the American Literature Association.

October 2010: "Kid Creole and His Beau-Cocoanauts: Lloyd Addison's Astro-Black Infinities." paper delivered at the conference on Circulating Avante Gardes at the University of Le Mans, France.

November 2010: Critic in Residence - Poetry Reading and Seminars on Post-WWII African American Poetries conducted for the Poetics Program, SUNY Buffalo.

February 2011: "Lorenzo Thomas's New York School." paper delivered at the University of Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture after 1900.

February 2011: "Umbra and Addison." paper delivered at the University of Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture after 1900.

March 2011: "William Parker and Amiri Baraka." paper delivered at the College Language Association.

July 2011: "Experiments in Black." paper delivered at the University of Kansas.

September 2011: "The Inside Songs of Curtis Mayfield." Keynote lecture at the Guelph Jazz Festival Colloquium.

September 2011: "The Politics of Form." paper delivered at the Texas Institute for Literary and Textual Studies, University of Texas Austin

November 2011: "Alfred Kreymborg – Modernism as Seen by the Modernists." paper delivered at the Modernism Studies Association..

November 2011: "Amiri Baraka and R&B." paper delivered at the Association for the Study of Arts of the Present.

January 2012: "Tansplanetary Blues and the Abstract Truth." paper delivered at the Modern Language Association.

February 2012: "Chouruses for Gil Scott-Heron 1 & 2." paper delivered at the Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture after 1900.

February 2012: "In Memoriam: Lorenzo Thomas." paper delivered at the Associated Writing Programs.

March 2012: "Choruses for Gil Scott-Heron 3 & 4." paper delivered at the College Language Association.

April 2012: "Professor Gil Scott-Heron: The Federal City Years." paper delivered at the Langston Hughes Center, Queens Library, New York.

May 2012: "3 Choruses for Gil Scott-Heron." paper delivered at the American Literature Association.

September 2012: "Gil Scott-Heron, Composer." paper delivered at the Guelph Jazz Festival Colloquium.

September 2012: "White Mischief II." paper delivered at the Convergence on Poetics conference, University of Washington, Bothell.

October 2012: "Free Jazz and Black Arts Poetics." paper delivered at the University of Tulsa.

October 2012: "Gil Scott-Heron and Free Jazz." paper delivered at the Modernism Studies Association.

January 2013: "Gil Scott-Heron's Pedagogy." paper delivered at the Modern Language Association.

February 2013: "Objects: For Russell Atkins." paper delivered at the Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture after 1900.

April 2013: "White Mischief III." paper delivered at the College Language Association.

April 2013: "Gil Scott-Heron at Federal City College." Lecture delivered at Yale University Department of African American Studies.

May 2013: "Twenty Years of the African American Literature and Culture Society." paper delivered at the American Literature Association.

June 2013: "An Avant Garde Case Study." keynote lecture at the conference of the Chinese American Association for Poetry and Poetics, Wuhan.

June 2013: Four Lecture Series - African American Avant Gardes and Poetics. Central China Normal University.

July 2013: "Black Poetics." Lecture at NEH Institute "Don't Deny My Voice." University of Kansas.

October 2013: "'We Almost Lost Detroit This Time.'" paper delivered at the Association for the Study of Arts of the Present.

November 2013: “‘It’s the Nation’s Capitol’: Gil Scott-Heron in D.C.” paper delivered at the American Studies Association.

February 2014: “Baraka’s Songs.” paper delivered at the Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture after 1900, University of Louisville.

March 2014: “D.C.’s *Dasien*.” Lecture at the George Washington University.

March 2014: “Baraka and the New York Art Quartet.” paper delivered at the Black Arts conference, University of California, Merced.

March 2014: “Baraka in the Studio.” paper delivered at the College Language Association.

September 2014. “Anthologizing the Avant Garde.” paper delivered at the Furious Flower conference on African American Poetry. James Madison University.

October 2014: “Baraka’s Moment.” paper delivered at the American Literature Association Symposium on Poetry. Savannah, GA.

November 2014: “Baraka’s Modernism.” paper delivered at the Modernism Studies Association. Pittsburgh, PA.

January 2015: “Baraka’s Essays.” paper delivered at the Modern Language Association. Vancouver, Canada.

January 2015: lecture series delivered at the Palovista Ranch Writers’ Residency. Palovista, NM.

February 2015: “Dasein.” paper delivered at the Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture after 1900. University of Louisville.

March 2015: “In Which Amiri Baraka’s Voice Changes.” paper delivered at the Poetry Collection, SUNY Buffalo.

April 2015: “James in Atlanta.” paper delivered at the College Language Association. Dallas, TX.

May 2015: “Baraka in the Archives.” paper delivered at the American Literature Association.

September 2015: “Nation Times - Part 1.” paper delivered at the Association for the Study of Arts of the Present.

November 2015: “Nation Tones - Part II: Baraka and Monk.” paper delivered at the Modernism Studies Association.

January 2016: “Blues and Black Abstraction.” paper delivered at the Modern

Language Association.

January 2016: "Race and Experimentalism." paper delivered at the Modern Language Association.

February 2016: "Nation and Temporality." paper delivered at the Theorizing African American Literature symposium, Rutgers University.

February 2016: "Innovations in Black Verse." delivered at the Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture after 1900.

March 2016: "Jayne Cortez in California." paper delivered at the Associated Writing Programs.

April 2016: "Editing the New." paper delivered at the College Language Association.

April 2016: "Black Genius." lecture delivered at Winston Salem State University.

May 2016: "Amiri Baraka at San Francisco State." paper delivered at the American Literature Association.

June 2016: "WHAT I SAY: Innovations in Black U.S. Writing." paper delivered at the "Crossover of Poetry" symposium. Wuhan, China.

September 2016: "Lorenzo Thomas and the Black Arts." paper delivered at the Black Arts South conference, Dillard University.

November 2016. "*Six Persons*." paper delivered at the conference of the Chinese American Association for Poetry and Poetics, Los Angeles.

February 2017: Blueprints of Jazz Part I. Paper delivered at the Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture after 1900.

February 2017: "Lorenzo Thomas in New York." paper delivered at the Saint Marks Poetry Project.

April 2017: "'Oh, If Only.'" Baraka. Paper delivered at the College Language Association.

May 2017: "*Cricket*: Music and the Black Arts." paper delivered at the American Literature Association,

June 2017: "Baraka on the Record." paper delivered at Central China Normal University.

June 2017: "Collecting Lorenzo Thomas." paper delivered at Naropa University.

September 2017: "Baraka's Jazz Criticism." paper delivered at the Guelph Jazz Colloquium.

January 2018: "Baraka and Small Press Culture." paper delivered at the Modern Language Association.

January 2018: "*Kulchur* Wars." paper delivered at the Modern Language Association.

February 2018: "A Grammar of Address." paper delivered at the Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture after 1900.

March 2018: "Baraka's Second Novel." paper delivered at Hollins University.

April 2018: "Baraka's Plural Voicings." paper delivered at the College Language Association.

April 2018: "Hughes and Baraka." paper delivered at the College Language Association.

May 2018: "A Baraka Grammar Book." paper delivered at the American Literature Association.

June 2018: "Blues and Baraka." Ethnic Studies Symposium, China Normal University.

October 2018: "John Keene." paper delivered at the Association for the Study of Arts of the Present.

November 2018: "The Death of Hip." paper delivered at the International Society for the Study of Surrealism.

November 2018: "The Collected Poems of Lorenzo Thomas." paper delivered at the Saint Marks Poetry Project.

January 2019: "Humanities in Five." talk delivered at the Modern Language Association.

February 2019: "Of Dialectics." paper delivered at the Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture after 1900.

April 2019: "Baraka and the Kennedy Assassination." paper delivered at the College Language Association.

May 2019: "Baraka in the Studio," paper delivered at the American Literature Association.



June 2019: “Lorenzo Thomas as New Yorck School Poet,” paper delivered at Yellow Crane Poetry Festival. Wuhan, China.

June 2019: “Keener Sounds.” paper delivered at the Ethnic Literatures Conference. Dalian, China.

June 2019: “Gil Scott Heron: ‘I’m New Here.’” paper presented at the “Literary Ideas and Practices in 20th and 21st Century United States of America and United Kingdom” international symposium, Hunan Normal University.

June 2019: “Gil Scott Heron: ‘So Far, So Good.’” Keynote delivered at the International Gil Scott Heron Symposium. University of Montpellier, France.

October 2019: “Lorenzo Thomas: Uncovering the Cover Versions.” paper delivered at the Association for the Study of Arts of the Present.

October, 2019: “C.L.R. James in Washington.” Address delivered at the University of the District of Columbia Institute of Politics, Policy and History.

October 2019: “C.L.R. James as Revolutionary Professor.” *On the Margins* Radio Program, WPFW, Pacifica network.

November 2019: “Erica Hunt.” presentation on discussion panel at the Kelly Writers’ House, University of Pennsylvania.

December 2019: “Lorenzo Thomas and the Visual Arts.” Address given at the School of the Visual Arts, New York, NY.

January 2020: “‘The Man with the Blue Guitar.’” presentation and performance for the Wallace Stevens Society, Modern Language Association.

February 2020: “Lynch Fragments.” Keynote Address at the ALA Symposium on American Poetry.

April 2020: “The Poetry of Lorenzo Thomas.” UMBRA Symposium. City University of New York.

#### POETRY READINGS:

Public readings of original poetry at the Saint Marks Poetry Center, San Jose Center for Poetry and Literature, Bucknell University, Santa Clara University, Claremont College, Howard University, The Folger Shakespeare Library, the George Washington University, Washington Project for the Arts, The City Council Chambers of the District of Columbia, The Joaquin Miller Cabin Poetry Series, Martin Luther King Public Library, Takoma Park Public Library, Canessa Park Gallery, Starfields of Astraea, Pacifica Radio, Bick's Books, Bridge Street Books, the Johnny Otis Supper Club, California State University Los Angeles, University of California at Berkeley, University of California at San Diego, Four Seasons Hotel, Russian River Writers' Center, Café Balcony,

University of Iowa, University of Wisconsin, Northwestern University, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, the i. e. reading Series, Baltimore, SUNY Buffalo, The Palmer Museum, the Pan African Literary Forum, The Reef Restaurant, The Taproom of Lawrence, Kansas, University of Washington, University of Tulsa, Duke University, University of York, Woodline Poetry Series, Detroit, Yellow Crane Festival in China, University of Montpellier and others.

#### ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

2017-present: serve on editorial board for *Foreign Languages and Cultures*. Hunan, China.

2015 - present: Served on editorial board of *CLA Journal*.

2011-present: Serve as contributing editor to Penn Sound.

2008-2011: Served as President of the African American Literature and Culture Society.

2007: Elected to the Executive Committee of the Modern Language Association Division on Poetry.

2007: Named to the editorial board of the Journal of Modern Literature.

2004-2007: Appointed to the Program Committee of the Modern Language Association.

2003: Elected Vice President of the African American Literature and Culture Society.

2001-2004: served on the editorial board for American Literature.

2001: named to advisory editorial board for poetics series, University of Iowa Press.

1997: Named to advisory editorial board for the Modern and Contemporary Poetics Series of the University of Alabama Press.

1997: Named to Advisory Board of the George Moses Horton Society for the Study of African American Poetry.

1997: Served on review panel for the Social Science Research Council.

1995-1997: Served on the Advisory Board for the Department of African American Studies, San Jose State University.

1993-1994: Served on review panel for American Literature, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend program.

1988-1994: Produced, Directed and Hosted The Incognito Lounge, a weekly, one hour radio program of literature, featuring readings and interviews with authors, which aired over KSJS, 90.7 FM, San Jose, CA.

1994-2002. Published and edited lower limit speech, a newsletter of contemporary poetics, and a companion series of chapbooks, UPPER LIMIT MUSIC.

Serve as manuscript consultant for the University of Illinois Press, the University of California Press, Southeast Asia Studies Press, Indiana University Press, Cambridge University Press, the University Press of Mississippi, Oxford University Press, Duke University Press, The University of Alabama Press, the University of Kentucky Press, the University of North Carolina Press, The University of Iowa Press, the University of Wisconsin Press and the University of Georgia Press. Review manuscript submissions for MELUS, American Quarterly, Mosaic, Contemporary Literature, African American Review, Callaloo, Modern Fiction Studies and others.

1987-1995: Served as correspondent for AERIAL arts journal.

1986 and 1987: Performed programs of music and original poetry for the first and second ADD Arts Festivals, Washington, D.C.

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