



DU BOIS IN OUR TIME SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, September 28, 2013 | 9 A.M.–5 P.M. | Student Union Ballroom

9:00 · Acknowledgements and thanks · Loretta Yarlow, UMCA Director

9:15 · Welcome · Provost James V. Staros

9:30 – 10:15 · **FEATURED SPEAKER: Johnnetta Betsch Cole**

In 2009 Dr. Cole assumed the position of Director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art. She was the first African-American woman to serve as president of Spelman College (1987–1997), and she also served as president of Bennett College for Women (2002–2007). She was a faculty member at UMass Amherst from 1970 to 1983, with appointments in the W.E.B. Du Bois Afro-American Studies Department and the Department of Anthropology; she also taught courses in Women's Studies and from 1981 to 1983 served as Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education.

10:30 – 11:15 · ***The Literary Man***

MODERATOR: Prof. **Amilcar Shabazz** (Afro-American Studies, UMass)

— with Prof. **Reiland Rabaka** (Africana Studies, Women & Gender Studies, University of Colorado Boulder) and artists **Jefferson Pinder, Tim Rollins, and Carrie Mae Weems**

Q & A

11:30 – 12:15 · ***Art and Politics***

MODERATOR: Prof. **Susan Jahoda** (Art, UMass)

— With Prof. **Bill Strickland** (Afro-American Studies, UMass) and artists **Ann Messner and LaToya Ruby Frazier**

Q & A

12:30 – 2:00 · **Lunch** — at the University Club

Conference attendees are invited to join the panelists for a buffet luncheon at the UMass University Club. Cost per person is \$16 (+ tax and tip). **To reserve, please call (413) 545-2551 by no later than Friday, September 20.* Food is also available at several locations in the Campus Center.

2:15 – 3:00 · ***UMass and Du Bois***

Emeritus Prof. **Ekume Michael Thelwell** (Afro-American Studies, UMass) and artist and Professor of Art Emeritus **Nelson Stevens** in dialogue, as witnesses to the connection and deep roots between Du Bois and UMass in the last 50 years

3:15 – 4:00 · ***Racial Perspective***

MODERATOR: Prof. **Manisha Sinha** (Afro-American Studies, UMass)

— With Prof. **Saidiya Hartman** (English and Comparative Literature, and Director of the Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Columbia University) and artists **Mickalene Thomas and Radcliffe Bailey**

Q & A

4:15 – 5:00 · ***Global Legacy***

MODERATOR: Prof. **Tanya Fernando** (English and Comparative Literature, UMass)

— With Prof. **James Campbell** (History, Stanford University) and artists **Mary Evans, Julie Mehretu, and Brendan Fernandes**

Q&A

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