

# 39TH ANNUAL SPINDEL CONFERENCE

## NEW ONTOLOGIES OF RACE

October 29-30, 2021

The University of Memphis  
University Center | Bluff Room (304)

### Speakers

Friday 12:15 - 6:00 PM

#### "Why Social Constructionists Should Embrace Minimalist Race"

Michael O. Hardimon, UC San Diego

#### "Verbal Disputes and Verbal Insistence"

Ron Mallon, Washington University in St. Louis

#### "Is Essence Monism About Race Accurate?"

Quayshawn N. Spencer, University of Pennsylvania

Saturday 10:30 AM - 5:30 PM

#### "W. E. B. Du Bois and the Evolution of Race"

Stephanie J. Shaw, The Ohio State University

#### "Can Conferralism Account for Structural Racism?"

Ásta, San Francisco State University

#### "If Not Races, Then What?' Revisited"

Lucius Outlaw, Jr., Vanderbilt University

#### "Reflections on Charles Mills' Life and Work"

led by Chike Jeffers, Dalhousie University

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## Friday, October 29

12:15 PM – 12:30 PM	Registration and Coffee
12:30 pm – 12:45 PM	Chair Introduction, Remy Debes
12:45 PM – 1:00 PM	Opening Remarks, David Miguel Gray
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Michael Hardimon, "Why Social Constructionists Should Embrace Minimalist Race" Chair: Ashleigh A. Morales
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Coffee Break
2:45 PM – 4:15 PM	Ron Mallon, "Verbal Disputes and Verbal Insistence" Chair: Samuel P. Munroe
4:15 PM – 4:30 PM	Coffee Break
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Quayshawn Spencer (via Zoom), "Is Essence Monism About Race Accurate?" Chair: Michael J. Monahan

# Saturday, October 30

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Stephanie Shaw, "W. E. B. Du Bois and the Evolution of Race" Chair: Lindsey Stewart
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM	Lunch
12:45 PM – 1:00 PM	Coffee Break
1:00 PM – 2:45 PM	Ásta, "Can Conferralism Account for Structural Racism" Chair: Zachary R. Auwerda
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Coffee Break
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Lucius T. Outlaw, Jr., "'If Not Races, Then What?' Revisited" Chair: Jasper D. St. Bernard
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Reflections on Charles Mills' Life and Work Led by Chike Jeffers

## Acknowledgements

"My father's family said he was born under a lucky star. But I think that what they called luck was more truthfully a rare combination of quick intelligence, charm, hard work, very sharp attention to detail, and a readiness to take calculated risks. He had entrepreneurial spirit-- in the true sense of the word. He was enterprising."

-By Carol Spindel

Murray Spindel was a great friend to the University of Memphis and to the faculty and students in the Philosophy Department. For many years, he participated in philosophy courses and became actively involved in the intellectual and social life of the department. Murray and his wife, Chris, established an endowment at the University of Memphis for the Philosophy Department to fund an annual conference on varying philosophical topics. Over the years, they hosted many events in their home including a BBQ dinner during each Spindel Conference (an ongoing tradition).

For over three decades, The Spindel Conference has brought to campus the highest caliber of philosophers from around the world. Now an internationally renowned event, the conference has greatly enhanced the intellectual life of the campus by enabling undergraduate and graduate students to interact with the top scholars in philosophy and by inviting the community to discuss provocative ideas. Both a scholarly and a social event, the Spindel Conference has come to define what is best about philosophy in Memphis and what Murray Spindel loved most: the friendly, but lively and engaging pursuit of truth.

## Additional Support

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## The Southern Journal of Philosophy

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