Call for Papers

We invite undergraduate and graduate students to submit papers in all areas of study concerning black and/or African American thought, experiences, struggles, and life. Submissions are due by February 15, 2019. The Ida B. Wells Conference was founded by University of Memphis graduate students to promote discussion of philosophical issues arising from the African American experience and to provide a context in which to mentor undergraduate and graduate students. This interdisciplinary conference is hosted by the Department of Philosophy at the University of Memphis and is held in the historically and culturally rich city of Memphis!

Conference Participants Will Receive

- An opportunity to present their research and receive feedback in a supportive environment
- An intimate setting within which to engage leading and emerging scholars in this field
- Valuable information on how to apply and prepare for graduate school
- Networking opportunities with one of the top programs in philosophy of race
- Travel funding (if needed)

Conference Details

Theme: “Celebrating the Intellectual Legacy of Ida B. Wells in Philosophy”

Speakers: Beverly Guy-Sheftall (Spelman College)
Kathryn Sophia Belle (formerly Kathryn T. Gines) (The Pennsylvania State University)

Application Process

Submissions: Paper submissions should not exceed 3,000 words. In addition to your paper submission, please provide a personal statement of 200-300 words describing what you take to be Ida B. Wells' legacy. Both the paper and personal statement should be submitted by email to the director (Lindsey Stewart) and organizers (Corey Reed and Jasper St. Bernard).

Invitations/Notifications of Acceptance: We will notify you (via the email address you provide) if you have been selected as a presenter for the conference by March 1, 2019.

Dates to Remember

February 15, 2019 (Deadline for Submission)
March 1, 2019 (Notification of Acceptance)
April 5-6, 2019 (Dates of the Conference)

For More Information

For more information on the conference and organization, please see:

- Department Website https://www.memphis.edu/philosophy/news-events/ida-b-wells/ida-b-wells.php