

38TH ANNUAL SPINDEL CONFERENCE

# BLACK FEMINIST FIGURES: INTERVENTIONS AND INHERITANCES

SEPT. 19-21, 2019

UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS | FOGELMAN EXECUTIVE CENTER AUDITORIUM (123)

## SPEAKERS

- Cheryl Wall, *Rutgers University*
- Kristie Dotson, *Michigan State University*
- Kinitra D. Brooks, *Michigan State University*
- Denise James, *University of Dayton*
- Zandria Robinson, *Georgetown University*
- Cynthia Greenlee, *Independent Historian and Writer*

The conference is supported by an endowment from Murray and Chris Spindel, the Department of Philosophy, the Moss Chair of Excellence and *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*. For more information, contact Lindsey Stewart, assistant professor of Philosophy, at [lstewart6@memphis.edu](mailto:lstewart6@memphis.edu).

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### Thursday, September 19

5:00 pm—7:00 pm Reception | Fogelman Executive Center (Lower Atrium)

### Friday, September 20

9:00 am – 9:30 am Registration and Refreshments

9:30 am – 10:00 am Opening Remarks, Lindsey Stewart

10:00 am – 11:00 am Denise James, “Legacies of Survival and Growth: Two Paths for Black Feminist Philosophies”  
Chair: Jasper St. Bernard II

11:15 am – 12:15 pm Cynthia Greenlee, “Radical, reformist, and conservative: The reproductive politics of Tennessee’s first black woman legislator”  
Chair: Corey Reed

12:15 pm – 2:15 pm Lunch

2:15 pm – 2:45 pm Refreshments

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Kinitra Brooks, “The Conjure Woman’s Garden: Towards an Understanding of Spirit Work Cosmologies”  
Chair: Axelle Karera

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Cheryl Wall, “Craving Radiance: Black Women and the Pleasures of Intellectual Work”  
Chair: Jameliah Shorter-Bourhanou

## Saturday, September 21

10:00 am – 10:30 am	Refreshments
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Zandria Robinson, “Tending the Dead: Black Women Conjuring at the End of the World” Chair: Anisi Daniels Smith
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	Kristie Dotson, “1984” Chair: Jayla Stevenson
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Closing Panel Discussion, All Speakers Moderator: Lindsey Stewart

### Acknowledgements

**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. On July 7, 1999, Murray died of cancer, but Chris continued to host the BBQ dinner for many years.

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 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.

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