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Religious Studies Department

Invites you to attend the

African American/African Religions Candidate Job Talk

Anderson Moss, Ph.D. Candidate
University of Virginia

"Richard Wright's Spiritual Vision: Wright's Haiku and the Embodied Black Sacred."

Abstract:

This research presentation demonstrates that Richard Wright's haiku are the literary culmination of his lifelong attempts to express the sacredness of Black freedom. By reading Wright's haiku alongside the growing senses of Zen and haiku aesthetics in the post war Counterculture and Wright's existential seeking in his essay, "Memories of My Grandmother," this presentation challenges the typical reading of Wright's haiku as his attempts to transcend race. Instead, this presentation shows that Wright's haiku reflects a mode of Black religious contemplation that concentrates on Black people as ultimately meaningful without associating their bodies with a God or a mythic narrative.

Tuesday, February 4, 2025
9:45 am-11:00 am
Kravis 165

Send RSVP to linda.chavez@cmc.edu by Friday, January 31, 2025 at 12:00 pm



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