Mini-Conference: Honoring Charles W. Mills

At the meeting of the Western Political Science Association
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March 10-12, 2022

Please join us as we reflect on the life, thought, and legacy of the beloved philosopher and political theorist Charles W. Mills. The panels are presented in a mix of formats, including in-person, remote, and hybrid, and include a great diversity of participants who engage a broad range of themes in Mills’ thought.

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SCHEDULE

Panel 32.1: Virtual Panel: Reflections on the Life and Thought of Charles Mills II
Thursday, March 10, 08:00AM - 09:45AM
Chair: George Yancy, Emory University
Discussants:
Bernard Boxill, University of North Carolina
Michael Hanchard, University of Pennsylvania
Keisha Lindsay, University of Wisconsin
Neil Roberts, Williams College
Deva Woodly, New School for Social Research

Panel 32.2: Virtual Panel: Sources and Prospects of Mills's Political Philosophy
Friday, March 11, 08:00AM - 09:45AM
Chair: Dale Matthew, York University
Papers:
The Promise and Limit of a Kantian Republican Theory of Justice
Elvira Basevich, University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Charles Mills: A Black Poststructuralist in Denial?
Barnor Hesse, Northwestern University
Reconciliation as Ideology: Rethinking the Tasks of Political Philosophy After Mills
Brandon Terry, Harvard University
Discussant: Tim Waligore, Pace University

Panel 32.3: Hybrid Panel: Mills's Black Radical Liberalism
Thursday, March 10, 10:00AM - 11:45AM
Chair: Nicolas Buccola, Linfield College
Papers:
Rethinking the Racial Contract: From Black Radical Liberalism to Abolition Democracy
Siddhant Issar, University of Virginia
Kantian Radicalization
Frank Kirkland, Hunter College
Charles Mills' Black Radical Liberalism: Moral Individualism Meets Socioeconomic Realism
Jack Turner, University of Washington
On Weak Liberalism: Charles Mills' Critical Appraisal
Stefan Wheelock, George Mason University
Discussant: Inder Marwah, McMaster University

Panel 32.4: Mills on Knowledge, Gender and Corrective Justice
Friday, March 11, 01:15PM - 03:00PM
Chair: Debra Thompson, McGill University
Papers:
Charles Mills' Epistemology and Its Importance for Political Theory
Eric Bayruns Garcia, California State University San Bernardino
The Militancy of Memory
Jenn Jackson, Syracuse University
Contracts, Capability and Dependency
Shatema Threadcraft, Vanderbilt University
The Epistemology of Violence and the Rhetoric of Self-Defense
Falguni Sheth, Emory University
Discussant: Lawrie Balfour, University of Virginia

Panel 32.5: Reflections on the Life and Thought of Charles Mills I
Friday, March 11, 03:15PM - 05:00PM
Chair: Joseph Lowndes, University of Oregon
Discussants:
Derrick Darby, Rutgers University
Juliet Hooker, Brown University
Nancy Love, Appalachian State University