



## **Mini-Conference: Honoring Charles W. Mills**

At the meeting of the Western  
Political Science Association  
Portland, Oregon

**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