

The Rutgers British Studies Center with the Slavery & Freedom Studies Working Group present a VIRTUAL Symposium

The Black Atlantic in the Age of Black Lives Matter

Paul Gilroy's landmark *The Black Atlantic: Modernity and Double Consciousness* has provided important intellectual paradigms as well as new sites for considering the very nature and location of "British" studies. It has also productively prompted scholars in diverse fields to reckon with its limits, encouraging many kinds of Black Atlantic, transoceanic, and transnational approaches to the study of diasporic Black cultures and cultural alliances. Our goal is to consider what intellectual and political work might we yet accomplish by thinking with—but also against or aslant of—aspects of Gilroy's formulation and the discussions it provoked. We feel the urgency of reflecting on Black Atlantic studies at a time when the recent uprising for racial and reparative justice in the US has invigorated solidarity among people from many parts of the Black Atlantic world. This two-part symposium (pre-recorded presentations and live conversation about them) invites participants to put Black Atlantic theory and practice into conversation with the Black Lives Matter movement.

Details

Friday, November 20 11:30 am to 1 pm

Please register in advance to watch the prerecorded presentations and receive the invitation to the live discussion. rutgers.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/ form/SV_0H5kGYqMRY7Oi4I

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