

## **2011 - African American Intellectual Thought Symposium**

### **“We have Come This Far by Faith: Liberation Theology and Destiny in the African American Religious Experience”**

**April 29, 2011—3:30-6-00 p.m.**

**Leon Peters Recreation Center Auditorium**

#### Speakers

**Keynote: John H. McClendon III, Department of Philosophy, Michigan State University**

#### **“A Conversation With My Christian Brothers: Is God A White Racist?”**

Dr. McClendon is a full professor of Philosophy and has published the definitive work on C.L. R. James. His book is entitled *C.L.R. James's Notes on Dialectics: Left Hegelianism or Marxism-Leninism*. McClendon is on the advisory board of Blackpast.org and the editorial advisory board of the journal, *Cultural Logic* and co-editor of the *American Philosophical Association Newsletter-Philosophy and the Black Experience*.

**Speaker: Pamela Y. Cook**

#### **“Obama, Wright, and Faith in America”**

Ms. Cook attained her doctorate of jurisprudence from Emory University School of Law. At present, she is attaining her M.Div. at the United Theological Seminary in New Brighton, Minnesota. Ms. Cook is a licensed Baptist minister and participated in Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr.'s Minister in Training program. Ms. Cook is also the former Director of Minority Affairs at Georgia College and State University. She was a caucus precinct captain for the Obama presidential campaign in Iowa. .

**Speaker: W.J. Moussa Foster**

#### **“Power of God and the Power of History: My Theological Odyssey to Liberation Theology”**

W. J. Moussa Foster is a theologian and an independent scholar. He earned his M.A. in African Peoples History from the University of Minnesota and completed doctoral work in African history. He is currently attaining his M.Div at the United Theological Seminary in New Brighton, MN. Mr. Foster has coordinated the pioneering cultural studies program at Luther College. He has published the well received essay, “Up From Brutality: Ending Sexual Violence in Black Communities,” in *Transforming A Rape Culture*.