

10<sup>TH</sup> AFRICAN AMERICAN  
INTELLECTUAL THOUGHT SYMPOSIUM

MARTIN LUTHER KING / GUNNAR MYRDAL  
LECTURE SERIES

Study and Struggle in Africana  
Studies: Past, Present, and Future

This year's symposium is in memory of the late scholar  
of African American History,  
Dr. H. Viscount Nelson, U.C.L.A.



**Introduction and Moderator:** Professor Kehinde Solwazi, Black Studies, Fresno City College

**Keynote:** Professor Stephen Ferguson II, Liberal Studies, North Carolina A & T State University

**Address:** "Class Struggle in the Ivory Tower: Revisiting the Birth of Black Studies in 1968"

**Panelist:** Professor Quintard Taylor, Jr., History, University of Washington, and Founder of Blackpast.org

**Presentation:** "The Meaning of Blackpast.org, the Google of the Africana Experience, and its Applicability to the Public School Classroom and the Black Studies' Curriculum

**Panelist:** Professor John H. McClendon, III, Philosophy, Past Chair of Africana Studies, Michigan State University

**Presentation:** "SOBU-Student Organization of Black Unity: A Retrospective from an Activist Member

**Commentator:** Professor Herbert L. West, Interdisciplinary and Behavioral Sciences, Stevenson University



Cornell University Willard Straight Hall  
Student Union Take-Over 1968

The dynamics of power shape public education, particularly the curriculum, politically and ideologically. As such, the educational curriculum is preeminently an interdisciplinary expression of contending class ideologies . . . . With this in mind . . . in 1968, "The Year of Revolution," the Black Studies movement became a critical nodal point in the future battles over the values grounding the academy [e.g. Ivory Tower] and more generally, the intellectual culture of the United States.

Steve H. Ferguson II, *Philosophy of African American Studies: Nothing Left of Blackness* (2015)

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