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ANNE BRADEN INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE RESEARCH

Fall Events Calendar



KIESE LAYMON

17th Annual Anne Braden Memorial Lecture

We are thrilled to announce Kiese Laymon as the 17th Annual Anne Braden Memorial Lecturer. Kiese Laymon is a Black southern writer from Jackson, Mississippi. Laymon is the Libbie Shearn Moody Professor of English and Creative Writing at Rice University. He is the author of *Long Division*, which won the 2022 NAACP Image Award for fiction, and the essay collection, *How to Slowly Kill Yourself and Others in America*, named a notable book of 2021 by the New York Times critics. Laymon's bestselling memoir, *Heavy: An American Memoir*, won the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction, the Christopher Isherwood Prize for Autobiographical Prose, the Barnes and Noble Discovery Award, the Austen Riggs Erikson Prize for Excellence in Mental Health Media, and was named one of the 50 Best Memoirs of the Past 50 Years by The New York Times.

He is also a 2022 MacArthur Fellow and the founder of "The Catherine Coleman Literary Arts and Justice Initiative," a program based out of the Margaret Walker Center at Jackson State University, aimed at aiding young people in Jackson get more comfortable reading, writing, revising and sharing on their own terms, in their own communities.

Register [here](#) to attend!

August 29 & 30 **

Faculty Affiliate Community Engagement Meetings w Dr. Henry Cunningham

8/29, 9:30 AM, Ekstrom 254

8/30, 11:30AM, Ekstrom 254

September 19 & 26 **

Student Voter Registration Trainings with Kentuckians for the Commonwealth

9/19, 4:30 PM, SAC W303

9/26, 12 PM, SAC W303

September 20 *

Healthcare Ethics Talk w Dr. Warren Stewart

'Helping Not Hurting': Horizontal care and learning to care in a UK prison

12PM, Virtual

October 2 - 6 ** (Full schedule on pg 3)

UofL National Voter Education Week

- Voter Registration Tabling
- Two Part Screening of 'Move When the Spirit Says Move: The Legacy of Dorothy Cotton Foreman'
- Talkback with Guest Speakers Mr. Savvy Shabazz, Ms. Taylor Martin, Ms. Deme Wharton, and Mr. Emmanuel Kumah

November 9 *

2023 Global Humanities Lecture

'Art in Class Struggle': Aesthetics, Ideology, and Militant Art in the Americas w Dr. Jennifer Ponce de Leon

4PM, Speed Art Museum, Grand Hall

November 14 **

17th Annual Memorial Lecture

Dr. Kiese Laymon: Why America Needs Revision
SAC Ballroom, 6 PM

November 15 *

Healthcare Ethics Talk w Dr. Olivia Schuman

"Should Bionormativity Be a Concern in Gamete Donation?"

Virtual, 12PM

** ABI EVENT

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings! Here at the ABI, we are excited about the 2023-24 academic year. During these challenging times, our program coordinator and graduate teaching assistants are doing outstanding work planning relevant and impactful programming for the campus and community. Many of our faculty affiliates are involved in important community-engaged projects that are helping to transform Louisville and the nation. This year, the ABI is partnering with the Chicago-based national organization, Interfaith America, led by former Grawemeyer Religion Award winner, Eboo Patel, for the Vote is Sacred project. We will be creating programming that raises consciousness around the significance and urgency of upcoming elections, securing and expanding access to the ballot, and why voting matters for pressing issues of social, racial, and reproductive justice. Along these lines, we could not be more excited about



MacArthur Fellow Kiese Laymon's upcoming ABI lecture, which will address the need for revision in America. As always, we look forward to collaborating with students, staff, faculty, and community members to fulfill our mission of bridging the gap between research and activism.

Peace, Brandon McCormack

WHAT'S NEW IN SOCIAL JUSTICE RESEARCH?

History of Policing in Louisville

Research Team:

Drs. Felicia Jamison, Siddhant Issar, Catherine Fosl, and student assistants

This research project will produce a 2024 report that chronicles policing in Louisville, 1778-present. The team is reviewing relevant archival sources, interviews, and media coverage to examine both historical and present-day institutional harms connected to policing locally. Their work is part of Louisville Metro's Truth and Transformation Initiative, a partnership between Metro Office of Equity and the National Network for Safe Communities. This project will receive partial funding from the Anne Braden Institute.



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Fall 2023 Virtual Health Care Ethics Speaker Series
New Research in Health Care Ethics

<p>WARREN STEWART, EDD School of Sport & Health Sciences University of Brighton <i>'Helping Not Hurting': Horizontal care and learning to care in a UK prison</i> Sept. 20, 12-1 EDT</p>	<p>OLIVIA SCHUMAN, PHD Department of Philosophy, UofL & Norton Healthcare <i>Should Bionormativity Be a Concern in Gamete Donation?</i> Nov. 15, 12-1 EST</p>
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APPLIED PHILOSOPHY ANNE BRADEN INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE RESEARCH U.L. COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

This fall university scholars are currently presenting their interdisciplinary research in the Fall 2023 Virtual Health Care Ethics Speaker Series. Register for the November 15th talk [here](#).

VOTE IS SACRED

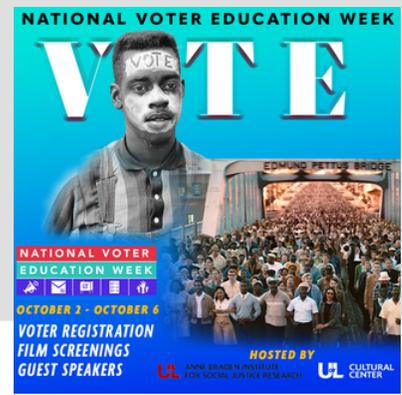
The Vote is Sacred (VIS) is a national, nonpartisan civic engagement initiative created by Interfaith America that seeks to inform and equip citizens with the practical steps needed to secure the right to vote for all Americans.

Essentially, this initiative aims to spark a national conversation about how voting is rooted in diverse faith traditions and practical ways those traditions can come together to protect our democracy.

As a second-year recipient of the ViS grant, we will be focusing on the themes of voter registration, Kentucky voting rights restoration, and interfaith cooperation. Our partners this year include Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC), UofL Vote Everywhere, and the Cultural and Equity Center's Black and Multiracial Initiatives.

Our upcoming National Voter Education Week is from October 2-6. The week will include a two-part film screening of *Move When the Spirit Says Move: The Legacy of Dorothy Cotton Foreman* featuring speakers Savvy Shabazz (PAS Alumnus) and Taylor Martin (KFTC).

Full schedule [here](#).



Date	Event	Location
10/2	MONDAY 12PM SAC ATRIUM UOFL NVEW KICKOFF	SAC ATRIUM
10/3	TUESDAY 4:30PM - SAC 118 DOROTHY COTTON FILM PT. 1	SAC 118
10/4	WEDNESDAY 12-2PM, RED BARN VOTER REGISTRATION AT PRIDE KICKOFF	RED BARN
10/5	THURSDAY 12PM - CEC MPR (Location Change) DOROTHY COTTON FILM PT. 2 W/ SPECIAL GUESTS	CEC MPR
10/6	FRIDAY 5PM - SRC INTRAMURAL FIELD VOTER REGISTRATION AT AFA POWDER PUFF GAME	SRC INTRAMURAL FIELD

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM ViS 22-23

The Anne Braden Institute planned several programs to uplift the importance of civic engagement in the last academic year including a film screening and talkback with former State Representative Charles Booker, a curated panel with UofL's Chapter of NAACP of political figures like Circuit Court Judge Tracy Davis, and more. Each drew sizable audiences and promoted significant discussion on pressing matters of justice in political and civic engagement. Read our highlights from some of the programs below:

"Voting is your power; voting is your voice. We live in a day and age where we talk about DEI and belonging and the one thing that we can say is that your voice is your power. My vote is not more important than your vote, your vote is not more important than the POTUS' vote. Everybody's vote is one vote. So, we all, in that voting booth, have the exact same power." - **Judge Tracy Davis at the 'Why Are Judicial Races Important?' Event**

"I just wanted to thank you both for organizing the classroom visit and the lunch for Kelly Brown Douglas today. I really appreciate it. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet her, and I hope she had a positive experience here." - **Pamela Beattie at the 'Faculty Affiliate Luncheon with Kelly Brown Douglas' Event**



FACULTY AFFILIATE SPOTLIGHT



Lauren Freeman is a Professor of Philosophy at the University of Louisville; an affiliated member of the Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; and Director of the M.A. in Applied Philosophy/Health Care Ethics. Dr. Freeman conducts impact driven, bioethical, and medical research that aims to understand how members of marginalized groups are oppressed in both obvious and subtle ways within the context of science, medicine, health, and healthcare. Dr. Freeman has been invited to lecture and give workshops to healthcare, legal, healthcare risk management, and medical audit organizations across the United States, Canada, and in the United Kingdom on how to implement more just, compassionate, equitable healthcare for marginalized people. She is passionate about mentoring undergraduate and graduate students from underrepresented groups. Her book, *Microaggressions in Medicine*, is forthcoming with Oxford University Press in 2024.



Siddhant Issar is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Louisville. His research and teaching interests include modern and contemporary political theory, particularly Black, Indigenous, and anti-colonial thought, the Black Lives Matter movement, and the transnational politics of race, empire, and inequality. His work has appeared in journals such as *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Race & Class*, and *Political Theory*. In 2022, Issar was named a co-winner of the American Political Science Association's Leo Strauss Award, presented annually for the best dissertation in political philosophy. At present, he is working on a book manuscript, titled *Theorizing Racial Capitalism in the Era of Black Lives Matter*. Before joining UofL, Issar was a Rising Scholar postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Politics at the University of Virginia.

MEET OUR TEAM



Emmanuel Kumah
Graduate Assistant
PhD, Pan African Studies

Emmanuel Kumah is a Ph.D. student in Pan-African Studies and an M.A. student in Sociology. He earned an M.A. in Religious Studies with a concentration in Culture and Politics from Missouri State University, Springfield, Mo. His current research interests are in Pentecostalism, the Black Church, immigration, ethnicity, new religious movements, and popular culture in Ghana.



Philile Dlamini
Graduate Assistant
MA, Political Science

Philile Dlamini is an M.A. student in Political Science. She graduated from the University of Pretoria with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and International Relations. Philile's passion for social justice brought her to the ABI along with her experiences at The Nelson Mandela Foundation and CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation.



Deme Wharton
Program Coordinator

Deme Wharton is the Anne Braden Institute Program Coordinator. She is passionate about creating community facing opportunities that change the landscape of racial and social justice locally. She is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor's degree in African American studies and is graduating in December with her M.S. student in Human Resources and Organizational Development.

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6PM, SAC Ballroom

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