

Lorraine Hansberry: A Raisin in the Sun and Beyond

October 29-30, 2009



Thursday, October 29

Opening Reception: 5:00 p.m. The Hagstrum Room, University Hall 201

Keynote Address: "Back to the Past": Lorraine Hansberry and Africa"

Harry Elam (Stanford)

6:00 p.m. University Hall 102

Conference organized by Professor Ivy Wilson, Northwestern University
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Department of English, Interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Theatre and Drama, Program in
American Studies, and Department of Performance Studies

Friday, October 30 The Hagstrum Room, University Hall 201

10:30-12:00 Panel 1: Lorraine Hansberry and Cultural Production

Sara Blair (Michigan) "People do not always need poets and playwrights': Hansberry, The Movement, and the Uses of the Photograph"
Shana Redmond (USC), "A Conversion Story: Lorraine Hansberry and Nina Simone—Young, Gifted and Black"

1:30 - 3:00 Panel 2: Lorraine Hansberry and the Modern Civil Rights Movement

Imani Perry (Princeton) "The Religion of Doing What is Necessary in the World: Reading A Raisin in the Sun through Policy and Praxis"
Herman Beavers (Penn) "Noises in the Hallway: Recursion and Iteration in The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window"

3:15 - 4:45 Panel 3: Lorraine Hansberry and Imperial Critique

Kate Baldwin (Northwestern), TBA
Cheryl Higashida (Colorado), "To Be Young, Gay and Black: The Archive of Lorraine Hansberry's Anticolonial Sexual Politics"

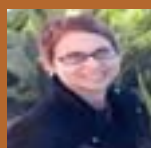
5:00 - 6:00 Closing Reception



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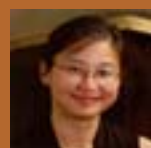
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