



THE UNCA DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY PRESENTS:

“COPING WITH EPISTEMIC TRAUMA”

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Friday, March 5, 2021, 3:30pm (via Zoom)

[Zoom link is here](#)



Professor Zunguze will discuss how W.E.B Du Bois, Frantz Fanon, and Ngũgĩ Wa Thiong’o diagnose “epistemic trauma” affecting Black humanity after centuries of Eurocentric “epistemic violence”, and show how each theorist prescribes a pursuit of a new, inclusive humanism as a coping mechanism. This discussion provides a basis both for understanding the impacts of epistemic violence, which obliterates knowledges of/by the Other, and for re-assertion of the repressed Africana bodies and knowledges that will help us to move beyond Eurocentric racialized ideals of humanity.

This event is the second in the Department of Philosophy’s semester-long series, “Philosophy for Hard Times: A Lens for Contemporary Issues and Events.” For more information see

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