W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies  
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Graduate Student Spring Symposium:  
Wake-Up: Reflections on our Past & Envisioning our Future  
April 19, 2019

[Keynote Panel: Kimberly Juanita Brown, Fumi Okiji, and Frank B. Wilderson III]

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: ALUMNI PANEL

As we near the 50th anniversary of Black Studies in the United States, the W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst will host a symposium to reflect upon our past and consider the future directions of the discipline.

The Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies encourages paper proposals from alumni of the department’s graduate and undergraduate programs for our spring symposium, Wake Up: Reflecting on our Past and Envisioning our Future. Proposals should consider the department’s tradition of student activism, community engagement, scholarly and artistic achievement, and future scholarly possibilities within the field of Black Studies.

Accepted proposals will present on a panel with fellow alumni on Friday April 19, 2019.

Please submit a 250-300 word proposal and short bio by February 1, 2019 via e-mail to: umassafroam@gmail.com

**Each proposal will be reviewed by a committee of faculty and graduate students in the department.

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