

The Wolfe Institute

*The Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities,
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presents*

The Crisis of Black Identity



Epistemicide was the tool used to abrogate the Africana consciousness and pride in African intellectual heritage. Deliberate dysfunctional educational systems, methodologies and orientations, heavily injected with a metaphysics of self and group hatred, suspicion and negation were the levers deployed to deculturize the Africana survivors of slavery and colonialism. But disciplinary decadence is the cementing element in the continued dependency of Africana leadership on the droppings and wastes from Euro-American metropolises. This lecture enunciates these tropes, in order to show the weakness of contemporary Africana leadership preparation and the proportionate debilitating effects on black identity development globally and specifically in the African Diaspora context.

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