

Brooklyn College Philosophy Department Presents

Race, Violence, and Power.

A Talk by Professor Kobie Coleman, Ph.D.

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Abstract: In a time of extreme socio-political uncertainty in the United States of America, racial tension has been a source of conflict. There has been a heightened recognition of police brutality directed asymmetrically towards Black communities, as well as a public acknowledgement of Black humanity in general. While the state represses political expression violently, our speaker, Professor Kobie Coleman, proposes that in response to violent action by the state, we ought to defend a different kind of violent action by the oppressed. This type of violence is not only justified, but invaluable; contributing to the alleviation of racial injustice as well as the greater pursuit of human freedom. After all, how can we truly claim that Black Lives Matter, if we do not also affirm that Black lives ought to be defended?

About the Speaker: Professor Kobie Coleman is an Adjunct Professor of Philosophy at Brooklyn College and the author of *New Black Soul* (Kifaa Co.) and other works. He holds a Ph.D. from Michigan State University and is also currently a Development Associate at the Center for the Study of Brooklyn.