
THE ADDISON GAYLE MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES

Addison Gayle: His Impact and Legacy in a Postmodern Age



Addison Gayle, Jr.

This lecture series is named in honor of Addison Gayle, Jr., CUNY Distinguished Professor of English, who taught at Baruch College for many years until his death in October 1991. Professor Gayle was a beloved teacher and a pioneer in the study of African American literature and multicultural curriculum. A firm believer in black creative and intellectual advancement, he wrote and edited numerous books in various genres, including literary criticism, biography, and autobiography. Among his best-known works are *The Black Aesthetic* (1971) and *Richard Wright: Ordeal of a Native Son* (1980).



Nathaniel Norment, Jr.

Dr. Nathaniel Norment, Jr. is chair and associate professor of African American Studies at Temple University, where he teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in African American Studies and African American literature and culture. He is the director of the Center for African American Research and Public Policy (at Temple) whose research focuses on four areas affecting African Americans: criminal justice, economic development, education and health. Dr. Norment is the author of the newly published *The Addison Gayle Reader* (University of

Illinois Press, 2009), a collection of significant writings by Professor Gayle. He is also the editor of *The African American Studies Reader* (Carolina Academic Press, 2001, 2nd Edition, 2007), *Readings in African American Language: Aspects, Features and Perspectives* (Peter Lang Publishing, Volume I, 2003, Volume II, 2005) and *An Introduction to African American Studies: The Discipline and Its Dimensions* (Carolina Academic Press, forthcoming 2010). In addition, Dr. Norment has published in the *College Language Association Journal*, the *Journal of Basic Writing*, the *Journal of Chinese Language Teachers Association*, the *Journal of Black Studies* and the *Language Quarterly*. Norment earned his B.S. degree at Ball State University, M.S. degree at Saint Francis University, and his Ph.D. degree at Fordham University.

Jeffrey M. Peck, Dean of the Mildred and George Weissman School of Arts and Sciences, and the Department of English cordially invite you to an event with Dr. Nathaniel Norment, Jr. commemorating the 16th Annual **Addison Gayle Memorial Lecture Series**.

Dr. Nathaniel Norment, Jr., chair of the African American Studies at Temple University, is the editor of the newly published *The Addison Gayle Reader*. The title of his talk is *Addison Gayle: His Impact and Legacy in a Postmodern Age*.

Baruch College
7th floor Conference Center
151 E. 25th St. (bet. Lex & 3rd Aves)
Tuesday, April 20, 2010 @ 12:30 pm.
Reservations (646) 312-5073

A reception will precede the lecture and begin at 12:00 pm.

This event is free and open to the public.

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