



"Mystical Theology and Black Experience" (online)

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Students of mystical theology often focus on its origins in Greek and Latin antiquity and its developments in medieval and early modern Europe, with various German, Dutch, French, Italian, and Spanish focal points. Discussion of this Western Christian canon, history, and geography is part of--but also regularly differentiated from--a larger set of 19th- and 20th-century conversations about the many religious and philosophical traditions of mysticism worldwide, which draw on modern theories of transcendental consciousness and postmodern theories of language, culture, and power. For the past fifteen years, Prof. Andrew Prevot has been studying how Black experience relates to all of this. That is, he has been exploring connections between mystical discourses and the literatures, practices, and theories arising from the transatlantic slave trade and its aftermath. In this lecture, he will summarize some of his findings related to the metaphors of darkness, experiences of God's presence in the midst of suffering, and mystical conditions of subjectivity.

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