



A CALL FOR PAPERS

16TH NATIONAL BLACK WRITERS CONFERENCE (NBWC2022)

“The Beautiful Struggle, Black Writers Lighting the Way”

in the work of

**Tracy K. Smith, Jacqueline Woodson, Herb Boyd,
Eddie S. Glaude Jr., Haki R. Madhubuti, and/or John Oliver Killens**

The Center for Black Literature at Medgar Evers College, CUNY (CBL), will present the 16th National Black Writers Conference from March 30 to April 2, 2022. Writers, scholars, literary professionals, students, and the public will gather virtually to participate in and listen to roundtables and panels on the conference theme, **“The Beautiful Struggle, Black Writers Lighting the Way.”** Honorees for NBWC 2022 are poet **Tracy K. Smith**, author **Jacqueline Woodson**, journalist **Herb Boyd**, and scholar **Eddie S. Glaude Jr.**

CBL invites scholars, writers, literary activists, cultural critics, and students to submit proposals in the work of Tracy K. Smith, Jacqueline Woodson, Herb Boyd, Eddie S. Glaude Jr., Haki R. Madhubuti and/or John Oliver Killens. **Papers should examine the following:**

- “The Beautiful Struggle” (persistence, resilience, and activism) as themes in the literature of Black writers and scholars throughout the African diaspora.
- The ways in which themes regarding class, gender, race, power, identity, and spirituality are represented in literature by Black writers and scholars throughout the African diaspora.

CALL FOR PAPERS SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Deadline: Monday, January 7, 2022 | **Acceptance Announcement:** By February 10, 2022

Please submit electronically an abstract/proposal of 300–500 words, a list of related references for the presentation, and the thesis or question you plan to explore. Do not send manuscripts. Submissions must be authentic and original and should not have been published previously or be under consideration for publication while being evaluated for this event.

Please submit the following to writers@mec.cuny.edu:

1. Your name and contact information on the title page.
2. Title of proposed talk
3. Institutional affiliation
4. Short academic bio of no more than 50 words

NOTE: Include your name and “Call for Papers 16th NBWC” in the subject line.

Scholars’ panels will be held virtually on Thursday, March 31, 2022 (10:00 am to 3:00 pm ET)