

**The Department of Political Science presents**

**The 2022 John L. Stanley Lecture**



***The Soul as the Seat of Aspiration: A Philosophical-Historical Approach***

**Prof. Melvin Rogers, Brown University**

**Wednesday, April 13**

**4 pm PST (via Zoom)**

**To register:** [https://ucr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAvc-muqTktGd3j0\\_8ePQ9zGThgPrPrOYRE](https://ucr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAvc-muqTktGd3j0_8ePQ9zGThgPrPrOYRE)

Melvin L. Rogers is Associate Professor of Political Science at Brown University. Professor Rogers has wide-ranging interests located largely within contemporary democratic theory and the history of American and African-American political and ethical philosophy. His first book, *The Undiscovered Dewey: Religion, Morality, and the Ethos of Democracy*, explored these issues through an interpretation of John Dewey's writings and the theme of human responsiveness central to his work. His second book--*The Darkened Light of Faith: Race, Democracy, and Freedom in African American Political Thought*--is devoted to figures within American and African-American political thought; it combines close readings of figures and historical contextualization to think through the themes of democratic responsiveness, redemption, and faith amid racial injustice. Professor Rogers' lecture will recover and trace the importance of the soul in early African American political thought.

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