



*The Lindon Barrett Award in Black Studies
2026 Call for Submissions*

ANNUAL
ESSAY CONTEST
2026

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
March 27, 2026
05:00PM

Finalist will be announced
in May 2026

Public Presentation
Fall 2026

AWARD PRIZE \$ 500

The Department of English has established the Lindon Barrett Memorial Fund for Black Studies and sponsors an annual graduate award in honor of Professor Lindon Barrett, author of *Blackness and Value: Seeing Double* (1998) *Racial Blackness and the Discontinuity of Western Modernity* (2014), and *Conditions of the Present: Selected Essays* (2018). Considered one of the intellectual leaders of his generation, Professor Barrett explored the intersections of African American literature, critical theory, popular culture, gender, pedagogy, sexuality, philosophy, and historical epistemes.

In the spirit of Professor Barrett's work, we invite submissions on any aspect of Black Studies as informed by African American Studies. All graduate students in CHASS are eligible to submit their work.

Submit a 15-25 page essay, anonymously with no identifying information on any of the essay pages. Work can be picked from dissertation chapters.

Include a separate cover page with your name, essay title, and contact information.



Previously published, accepted, or in press work is not eligible.

Submission limited to one per applicant.