

Breakin' BLACK Reachin' Back

CUNY Graduate Center English Student Association Conference

Friday, April 29 & Saturday, April 30, 2022

Call For ... Presentations, Papers, Performances, Panels

CUNY Graduate Center
New York, NY

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Breakin' BLACK Reachin' Back is an experiential conversation engaging with Black intellectual, political and creative concepts through the primary disciplinary nodes of Black studies, Hip Hop and DJ scholarship. This virtual two day gathering centers *practitioners as theorists* celebrating the generativity of listening, breathing, being, moving, making and saying that has always envisioned and enabled Black existence far beyond colonial interference, calling us together to *innovate, re/connect*, and *playback* ideas and understanding as we *r/evolve* and remix. All sessions will be open to the public including offerings from DJs, dancers, lyricists, scholars, students, and visual artists.

The two-day conference from April 29-30, 2022 will feature roundtable panel conversations, keynote presentations including musical and dance performances followed by discussion/Q&A, and breakout sessions for related scholarly papers. We invite proposals for innovative presentations including scholarly papers, personal narratives, panel discussions, and DJ/lyricist/dance performances, that engage with but are not limited to the following areas of study:

- Black & Africana Studies
- Sound Studies
- Archival Studies
- Graffiti & Aerosol Arts
- Black Geographies
- Hip Hop Pedagogy
- DJ Scholarship
- Queer Studies
- Performance Studies
- Dance & Movement Studies
- Critical Theories
- Disabilities Studies
- Affect Studies
- Black Poetics & Rhetoric
- Technology & Digital Humanities
- Black Time Studies
- Global & Diasporic Communities
- Aesthetics & Design
- Black Madness Studies
- Gender & Sexuality Studies

Please submit an abstract of up to 400 words, a short biographical description, and your contact information via <https://forms.gle/mVy1KmE5BxQYJond7> by February 19th, 2022. If you have questions or concerns, please conference organizers at breakinblackreachinback@gmail.com.

Conference Organizers:

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Please circulate widely!