

ANNUAL
RESEARCH
SYMPOSIUM

April 2-4, 2013

Featuring Keynote Address
by Tavis Smiley

*"Economic Inequality
and Poverty in America:
The Rich and the Rest of Us"*

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2013

Taft Research Center Lecture Room, Taft House, 2625 Clifton Avenue

Free and Open to the Public

9:30–11:30 am

Wendy Kline (*Center Fellow, History*)

"Birth in Transition: Modern Midwifery and the Controversy over Home Birth"

Mica Darley (*Dissertation Fellow, English and Comparative Literature*)

"Motherland"

Hannah Rule (*Dissertation Fellow, English and Comparative Literature*)

"Composing Assemblages: Towards a Theory of Material Embodied Process"

LUNCH BREAK (food provided)

1:00–3:00 pm

Vanessa Carbonell (*Center Fellow, Philosophy*)

"Knowledge and Moral Obligation"

Nina Atanasova (*Dissertation Fellow, Philosophy*)

"Functions and Significance of Animal Models in Neurobiology"

Iris Spoor (*Dissertation Fellow, Philosophy*)

"Aesthetics: The Real Deal"

COFFEE BREAK (coffee and cookies provided)

3:30–6:00pm

Sarah Jackson (*Center Fellow, Anthropology*)

**"Reconstructing a Cultural Model of Materiality:
Investigations of Classic Maya Objects and Identities"**

Jennifer Carter (*Dissertation Fellow, Sociology*)

"Women of the Gridiron: "Doing Gender" in Tackle Football"

Mark Killian (*Dissertation Fellow, Sociology*)

**"Everything In Common: The Strength and Vitality
of Christian Intentional Communities"**

Amanda Staight (*Dissertation Fellow, Sociology*)

"Growth and Change in Cincinnati's Westwood Neighborhood"

WINE AND CHEESE until 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2013

Taft Research Center Lecture Room, Taft House, 2625 Clifton Avenue

Free and Open to the Public

9:30–11:30 am

Dandan Li (*Dissertation Fellow, Mathematical Sciences*)

"Multiplicity Adjustment in Bayesian Variable Selection for Linear Model"

Nadesan Ramaruban (*Dissertation Fellow, Mathematical Sciences*)

"Commutative Hyperalgebra"

Michael Thornburg (*Dissertation Fellow, Philosophy*)

"New Work for a Theory of Emergence"

LUNCH BREAK (food provided)

1:00–3:00 pm

Adrian Parr (*Center Fellow, Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies*)

"Common Spaces"

Ramin Ahmadov (*Dissertation Fellow, Political Science*)

"Nationalism, Secularism, and Islam: Azeris in Azerbaijan and Iran"

Jacob Wilson (*Dissertation Fellow, Political Science*)

**"Military Modernization in China and India:
Re-evaluating the Distribution of Power"**

COFFEE BREAK (coffee and cookies provided)

3:30–6:00pm

Ethan Katz (*Center Fellow, History*)

"Burdens of Brotherhood: Jews and Muslims, from North Africa to France"

Wes Jackson (*Dissertation Fellow, German Studies*)

"Where do we go from here? Jewish Community Formation After World War I"

Nicole Lyon (*Dissertation Fellow, History*)

**"Changing Calendars, Changing Times:
The Experience of Calendar Time in Early Modern Germany"**

Étienne Achille (*Dissertation Fellow, Romance Languages and Literature*)

**"Jambé dlo... et après? Participation de la diaspora antillaise
à l'écriture de la nation française"**

WINE AND CHEESE until 7 pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2013

3:00–4:00 pm

Faculty, Student, and Community Roundtable

Discussing *The Rich and the Rest of Us* by Tavis Smiley and Cornel West

Free and Open to the Public

Taft Research Center Lecture Room, Taft House, 2625 Clifton Avenue

*Followed by reception with Tavis Smiley for roundtable participants and attendees,
Taft Research Center Living Rooms, Taft House*

5:00–6:00 pm

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Tavis Smiley

**ECONOMIC INEQUALITY
AND POVERTY IN AMERICA:
The Rich and the Rest of Us**

Free and Open to the Public

Main Street Cinema, Tangeman University Center (TUC), Level 1
Main Campus, University of Cincinnati

6:00–7:30 pm

Taft Annual Symposium Reception

Free and Open to the Public

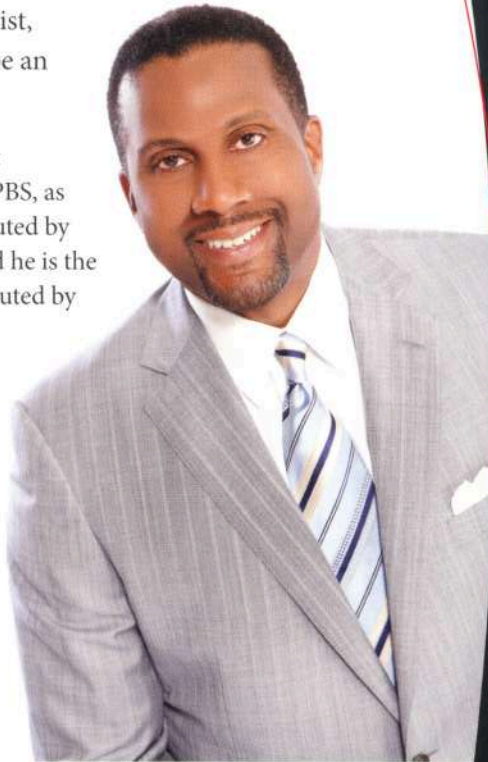
Great Hall, Tangeman University Center (TUC), Level 4
Main Campus, University of Cincinnati

*Note: Closest auto-pay UC parking lots are Stratford Heights, Langsam Library,
and the CCM garages.*

2012-2013 TAFT ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM KEYNOTE SPEAKER

From his celebrated conversations with world figures to his work to inspire the next generation of leaders, as a broadcaster, author, advocate, and philanthropist, **TAVIS SMILEY** continues to be an outstanding voice for change.

Currently, Smiley hosts the late-night television talk show *Tavis Smiley* on PBS, as well as *The Tavis Smiley Show* distributed by Public Radio International (PRI), and he is the co-host of *Smiley & West*, also distributed by PRI. Smiley and Dr. Cornel West co-wrote the *New York Times* best-selling book *The Rich and the Rest of Us: A Poverty Manifesto*. In this game-changing text, they not only take on the “p” word — poverty — but challenge all Americans to re-examine their assumptions about poverty in America. Smiley is the first American to simultaneously host signature talk shows on both public television and public radio. In addition to his radio and television work, Smiley has written 16 books including the book he edited, *Covenant with Black America*, which became the first nonfiction book by a Black-owned publisher to reach #1 on the *New York Times* best-sellers list. He is also the presenter and creative force behind **AMERICA I AM: The African American Imprint** — an unprecedented traveling museum exhibition celebrating the extraordinary impact of African American contributions to our nation and to the world. In 2009, *TIME* magazine named him to its list of “The World’s 100 Most Influential People.” This year, 2013, *Tavis Smiley* celebrates 10 years on PBS.



ABOUT THE CENTER

The **CHARLES PHELPS TAFT RESEARCH CENTER** provides competitive research support for tenure-track faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students in 13 departments primarily within the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences: Africana Studies; Anthropology; Economics (College of Business); English and Comparative Literature; German Studies; History; Judaic Studies; Mathematical Sciences; Philosophy; Political Science; Romance Languages and Literatures; Sociology; and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

Our mission is to promote scholarly research through fellowships and awards; foster critical conversations across disciplines; create and sustain an intellectual community for the exchange of ideas; and support lectures, conferences, seminars, study groups, and symposia in the Taft disciplines. Above all, we hope to fulfill and further Annie Sinton Taft’s own vision of sustaining a “concentration of interest in the development of ideas.”

In 1930, Annie Sinton Taft endowed the Charles Phelps Taft Memorial Fund in honor of her late husband. Today, members of the Taft family serve as trustees of the endowment.

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