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**Free Zoom Book Talk: *The Buck, The Black, and the Existential Hero*
Refiguring the Black Male Canon, 1850 to Present
James B. Haile, III, Author**

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Time: 5:00 P.M. EST



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Dr. Haile is an Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Rhode Island. He is a philosopher by training who has an interest in the stories we tell ourselves, and how we discover and locate ourselves in our narratives. He is drawn to literature of a number of genres, but specifically to African American literature and the questions raised about place, nationality, nationhood, identity, truth, and the construction of the different narratives. Much of his work centers on literary works; but, he also explores hip-hop and has an interest in the auto-ethnography of storytelling.

Our author shares the point of view that since Black Male identity is largely fluid and open to interpretation, reinterpretation, and misinterpretation, the literature of Black men has developed flexibility and improvisation, termed the "*jazz of life*." The reader of this new work will find thoughts of well documented authors as Frederick Douglass and Ralph Ellison and of lesser-known authors who are not in the often read and remembered within the main stream of literary works.

Dr. Haile cites in his book: "I ... thank my father, after whom I have been named and given a legacy...I thank my mother, who has helped consciously and unconsciously shape me in ways that I am discovering daily."

Purchase and read his book and be ready to ask questions and share comments. Amazon Kindle Edition is available.