

# HENNEBACH PROGRAM

## in the Humanities

*The Hennebach Program in the Humanities invites you to a talk on*

### ***Why the Persistent Underrepresentation? African Americans in the Engineering Profession in the United States***

**by Dr. Derrick Hudson**

**Introduced by Dr. Carl Mitcham**

Why have the numbers of African Americans in engineering stagnated or declined since the beginning of the 21st century, while the numbers of African Americans in many other professions, such as social work, law enforcement, and teaching, have grown substantially since the early 1970s?

This talk will provide an overview of the major reasons that explain this persistent underrepresentation of African Americans in engineering and includes a discussion of how the depolitical and meritocratic assumptions in engineering education can act as a barrier to attracting more African Americans to the profession. The discussion will conclude with a discussion of future research directions and the continued pivotal role of historical black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

**Thursday, February 4**

**5:00 p.m. in Marquez Hall 126**

**Dr. Hudson** is a Teaching Associate Professor of International Relations in LAIS. He earned his PhD in International Relations from the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver, and he specializes in religion and politics in Africa, with particular expertise on the role of prophetic Christianity as an agent for social change in selected historically deeply divided societies. Dr. Hudson has worked extensively with several Denver-based nonprofit organizations .



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