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CALL FOR BOOK CHAPTERS

“WE GO HIGH”:

BLACK WOMEN’S POLITICS & POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

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The editorial board of *We Go High: Black Women’s Political Philosophy* invites book chapters that explore Black women’s participation in shaping ideas as well as practices of liberty, law, government, and democracy. This collection amplifies muted voices in order to provide necessary revision of past mainstream thinkers, ideas, and events while imagining critical possibilities for future political will. This collection will center experiences of Black women themselves as key actors and thinkers in political dimensions.

Data from the 2016 United States presidential election show Black women formed a voting block of 96% against a problematic nominee—by far the most uniform electoral constituency in terms of race and gender. Hence, there is much to explore about the particular diversity and unique unity of Black women’s formal political action. Moreover, there has been a limited—but understudied—rise of political leadership and action in the African diaspora (signaled by figures like Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf’s in Liberia), where candidates and constituents have faced dire challenges but claimed definitive victories in representation. Historical and contemporary events offer opportunities to explore comparative governmental structures, citizenship models, and participation styles of Black women engaged in various aspects of political life. This volume will produce interdisciplinary scholarship (including philosophy, history, law, and political science) to expand global knowledge of how we understand—and act—as collective bodies.

Given disciplinary foci on “Western” (White) and “classical” (male) paradigms, shifting the lens to make race and gender central to inquiry can have untold impact on foundational understandings about the form and function of a *polis* or membership in a social contract. We invite chapters that broaden and deepen the study of a wide range of topics, including (but not limited to): comparative investigation of ancient European and African governmental structures; re-assessment of popular figures (i.e. Cabral, Fanon, Nkruma, Nyerere, Socrates, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Dewey, Wollstonecraft, Anthony, Arendt); little-known but vital thinkers (such as members of the Collegium of Black Women Philosophers), groundbreaking political actors (Harriet Tubman, Ida B. Wells, Fannie Lou Hamer, or Shirley Chisholm for example), or the range of approaches (including such disparate views as those by Nina Turner, Donna Brazile, Condoleezza Rice, or Michelle Obama, whose quote informs the title of this work); intersectional critique of political economy, freedom of speech, constitutional and civil rights, policy preferences, or equality; Black women’s political action in obscure spaces; exploration of intellectual history by Black women political leaders; or Black feminist/womanist analyses of ideas such as justice, the state, rule of law, or definitions and use of power.

In a time of dire consequences for political action (or inaction), this volume makes visible the history and practice of Black women’s political involvement. The aim of *We Go High: Black Women’s Politics and Political Philosophy* is to inform and prepare the next generation of philosophers, politicians, constituents, legal counsel, global citizens, and activists.

- Submit chapters between 4000-5000 words (13-17 pages, including bibliography). APA citation.
- Email to contact@professorevans.net with “We Go High Chapter Submission” as subject line.
- Include 200 word bio and picture of author(s). Co-authored chapters are welcomed.