

# AFRICAN AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY AND THE AFRICAN DIASPORA

*Race, Slavery, Liberation Struggles, and Contemporary Problems in the Black Experience*

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African American intellectual history is replete with profound reflections and criticisms of a philosophical nature on the historical experiences of African descendant peoples in the Americas. The philosophic thought of African American men and women on prevailing American conceptions of freedom, liberation, race, equality, democracy, and personhood, have been among the most philosophically fecund in all of the Americas. Even where this work was not carried out by men and women with formal training in philosophy, its relevance and usefulness, to say nothing of its critical veracity, and argumentative force, in addressing deep philosophical issues is undeniable. Moreover, this body of intellectual work forms the canonical foundation of a great deal of contemporary philosophical activity. African American philosophy as an established, yet growing field in professional philosophy has argued forcefully for both the genuinely philosophical character of much of this earlier work, at the same time that it has sought to demonstrate its relevance to contemporary philosophical concerns.

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