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The Reinhard Kuhn Memorial Lecture

Professor Biodun Jeyifo

Comparative Literature, African and
African American Studies at Harvard
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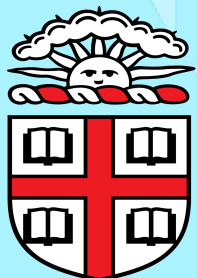
“Decolonization, with or without the mother tongue: The Blinkards (1915) and Translations (1980)”

Biodun Jeyifo is Emeritus Professor of English at Cornell University and Professor of Comparative Literature and of African and African American Studies at Harvard University. He was educated at the University of Ibadan (B.A. First Class Honors in English) and New York University (M.A., Ph. D.) He has taught at several African and American universities and has served as an external examiner at major universities in Africa, Europe, North America and Asia. He has also lectured widely in universities and to wider audiences in many parts of the world. Professor Jeyifo has published many books, monographs and essays on Anglophone African and Caribbean writings, drama, Marxist and postcolonial literary and cultural studies. *Wole Soyinka: Politics, Poetics, and Postcolonialism* (Cambridge University Press) which he published in 2005, won one of the American Library Association's Outstanding Academic Texts (OATS) awards for that year. The two-volume *Oxford Encyclopedia of African Thought* which Jeyifo co-edited with the late Abiola Irele was published in 2010. His most recent book-length publication is *Against the Predators' Republic: Political and Cultural Journalism, 2007-2013* (Carolina Academic Press, 2016). Professor Jeyifo was awarded the D. Lit (Honoris Causa) by the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife in December 2018.

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5:30 pm**

**Maddock Alumni Center
Brian Room
38 Brown Street**

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Reception to follow.**



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