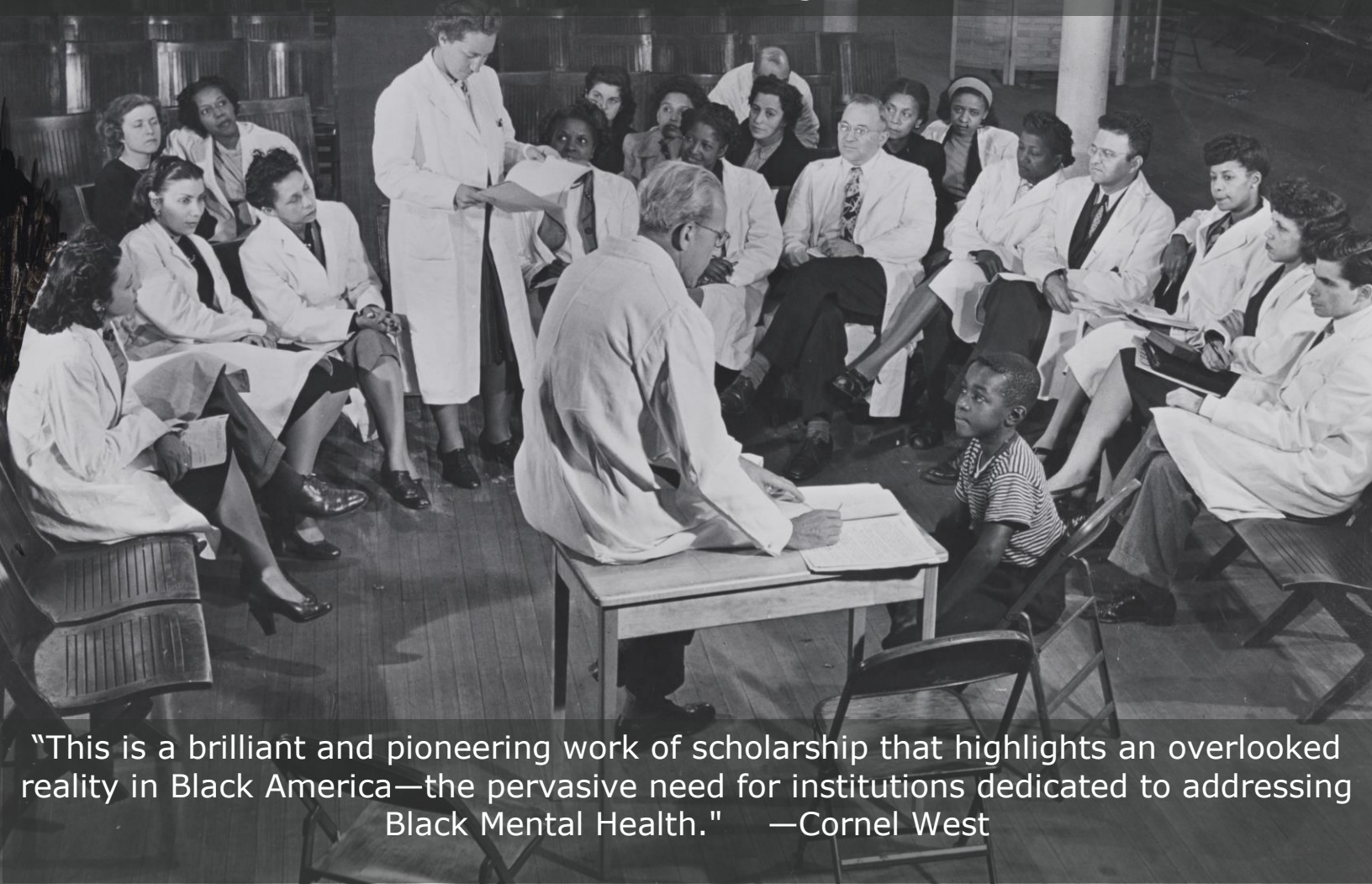


Under the Strain of Color

A Reading by Gabriel N. Mendes, PhD

Ethnic Studies/Urban Studies & Planning/African American Studies



"This is a brilliant and pioneering work of scholarship that highlights an overlooked reality in Black America—the pervasive need for institutions dedicated to addressing Black Mental Health." —Cornel West

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The Lafargue Mental Hygiene Clinic opened its doors on March 8, 1946 without much fanfare and operated every Tuesday and Friday evening until November 1958. Dr. Mendes's new book, *Under the Strain of Color: Harlem's Lafargue Clinic and the Promise of an Antiracist Psychiatry*, tells the story of how writer Richard Wright, psychiatrist and social critic Dr. Fredric Wertham, and an interracial group of intellectuals, doctors, clergy, and artists attempted to establish a progressive model of mental health care as an integral part of the struggle for racial justice and equality in the U.S.

Wednesday | March 30 2016 | 4:30-6:00p

Copies of book will be available for purchase and signing

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