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## **C. Riley Snorton**

Assistant Professor of Black Sexuality Studies  
Cornell University

**Thursday, October 22 – 4:10pm**

Scheler Humanities Forum  
Linderman Library, Room 200

### **Jorgensen's Shadows**

**Abstract:** In tracing a series of news stories, published in EBONY and JET in the early 1950s, this talk explores the various ways gender and sexual aberrance are cast as both revelatory and somehow intrinsic to blackness in its mediated circulations in the period.

C. Riley Snorton is an assistant professor in Africana studies and feminist, gender, and sexuality studies at Cornell University. He received his PhD at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania and has received fellowships from Harvard University and Pomona College. Snorton's research and teaching expertise include cultural theory, queer and transgender theory, Africana studies, performance studies, and popular culture. He has published articles in the *International Journal of Communication*, *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, and *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society*, and has contributed to several edited collections. Snorton's first book, *Nobody Is Supposed to Know: Black Sexuality on the Down Low* (University of Minnesota Press, 2014), traces the emergence and circulation of the down low in news and popular culture. He has also been listed as one of "Ten Transgender People You Should Know" by BET.

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Also, Friday, October 23 from 11am-12:30pm Professor Snorton will give a seminar at the Humanities Center, 224 W. Packer Ave. for interested faculty and students. Please RSVP to [sus3@lehigh.edu](mailto:sus3@lehigh.edu) for the Friday seminar.

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