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Synopsis: This presentation focuses on work developed in my dissertation on the relationship between knowledge and life in the creation myths of Plato, Hegel, and Foucault. Particularly, this presentation focuses on themes of eternity, immortality, and life as forms (and conquests) of knowledge. From those three themes, the presentation moves into a discussion on the use of these epistemologies in the project of the colonization of Africa from African postcolonial biopolitical thinkers such as Eze, Mbembe, and Glissant. From their implications, it is possible to both revise notions of language and temporality in these Western European philosophers, as well as apply these paradigms to interpretations of the creation of the self through language in AIDS narratives. These three subjects, philosophy, Africana studies, and HIV/AIDS studies all serve to inform each other, providing ways to both revise, critique, and inform each other while utilizing the various toolsets of each discipline.

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