

American Literature

Essays

Valerie Sirenko

Destroyed Documents and Racial Vulnerability
in the Literature of Slavery's Legal Afterlife 1

Guadalupe Escobar

The Critical DREAMer Memoir: Educational Mobility
and the Limits of Meritocratic Citizenship 29

Jasmine An

"A Handful of Syllables Thrown Back across
the Water": *Dictée's* Aesthetic Legacy
and Thai American Poetics 59

Ethan A. Plaue

The Parasitical Trick: Mediating Dispossession
in Early America 89

Special Section: Existentialism and Black Cultural Production

Soyica Diggs Colbert, Douglas A. Jones, Jr.,
Paige McGinley, and Shane Vogel

Existentialisms: Blackness, Literature, Performance 115

Douglas A. Jones, Jr.

Repetition and Value in Richard Wright's *Man Who
Lived Underground* 123

Soyica Diggs Colbert

Lorraine Hansberry and Miriam Makeba's Affirmative
Movements in History 135

ii American Literature

Paige McGinley

On (Not) *Waiting for Godot*: Absurdity and Action
in Mississippi 151

Shane Vogel

Ann Petry and the Existential Phenomenology of Race 169