

**47<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING  
NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF  
BLACK POLITICAL SCIENTISTS**



***BLACK POWER, BLACK LIVES:  
THE STATE OF BLACK POLITICS  
50 YEARS AFTER  
THE MARCH AGAINST FEAR***

**MARCH 16-20, 2016  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI**





## National Conference of Black Political Scientists

... Celebrating scholarship, teaching, mentorship, and community engagement since 1969

Dear Conference Attendees and Supporters:



On behalf of the leadership of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS), I welcome you to the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of this beloved association. For nearly 50 years, NCOBPS has been an intellectual home and a vibrant forum for Black political scientists and other scholars who have seen it as our mission to use various forms of political and policy analysis so to enlighten, empower, and to serve Global Black communities. True to the vision of our founders and elders, our mission remains that of a ‘growing organization in the struggle for the liberation of African peoples.’ This mission is no less relevant today than it was nearly 50 years ago given that Global Black communities still confront an unnerving number of barriers to racial, political, and economic justice as intersected by other forms of oppression.

The theme of this 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting is “*Black Power, Black Lives: 50 Years After the March Against Fear.*” It pays tribute to a heroic activism, rooted in Mississippi soil, which countered white supremacy and demanded the full recognition of African Americans’ humanity and citizenship rights. This local struggle also continues. While you are here in Jackson, Mississippi, one of the activist headquarters and continuing battlefields for human rights equality, enjoy yourself (eat some catfish, listen to some blues music, and see the sights) but of course take full advantage of all of what our brilliant conference organizers and local arrangements committee have provided. We extend our great thanks for their extreme dedication and hard work!

We also extend a warm greeting to all of our guests and a heart-felt thanks to all of our co-sponsors and local partners.

For undergraduate and graduate students, I warmly invite you to attend the panels and workshops we have organized just for you to present your work, to network among each other, and to be introduced to senior political scientists who can further mentor you in the family tradition of NCOBPS. For first-time NCOBPS attendees including faculty and researchers at various career stages, I warmly invite you, along with other conference functions, to attend the various coffee breaks and receptions we will provide so you can meet and network with scholars from across the U.S. and from around the world while also receiving critical feedback on your work. For NCOBPS veterans and continuing members, I warmly invite you to reconnect with old friends and colleagues and to be engaged by the range of events we have provided. But also serve as greeters and ambassadors by ensuring that our various guests, sponsors, newcomers, and students feel right at home at NCOBPS.

There are too many special features of this conference to detail here – from films, to plenary panels, to our awards banquet, and other special events. Take advantage of it all, enjoy it all, and feel empowered by it all as we celebrate yet another homecoming of the NCOBPS family.

Yours in solidarity,

Dr. Todd C. Shaw  
 NCOBPS President &  
 University of South Carolina  
 College of Arts and Sciences  
 Distinguished Associate  
 Professor of Political Science and African American Studies

## Welcome from the 2016 Conference Program Co-Chairs



**Dr. Pearl K. Dowe**  
University of Arkansas

Dear NCOBPS Members & Supporters:

We warmly welcome you to the 47th Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) in Jackson, Mississippi. The Program Co-Chairs, Local Arrangements Committee, and Section Chairs have worked diligently to develop a conference that is intellectually stimulating and rewarding, including opportunities for professional development and networking. The theme for this year's meeting is "*Black Power, Black Lives: The State of Black Politics 50 Years After the March Against Fear.*" The theme reflects the linkages between prior social movements and the current state of African-American politics. The paper and roundtable presentations cover multiple topics and subfields such as Black Power, the legacy and impact of President Barack Obama, the 2016 elections, the civil rights movement in Mississippi, Hurricane Katrina, voting rights, neoliberalism, black feminism, Pan-Africanism, and other topics.



**Dr. Sekou Franklin**  
Middle Tennessee State  
University

We also want to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to the Section Chairs/Co-Chairs and Local Arrangements Committee, especially Drs. Kathie Stromile Golden and Byron D'Andra Orey (and his wonderful undergraduate students). We give special thanks to Monisa Dobbins at the University of Arkansas who created the cover design for the program. Fatemeh Shafiei, Margaret Clark, Paul White, and Courtney Body played instrumental roles in developing the conference program. Dr. Kim Mealy (American Political Science Association) and William Jacoby (Southern Political Science Association) provided support for the conference. Maria Casa (Council on Foreign Relations) offered valuable assistance with the Closing Luncheon. In addition, Drs. Clarence Lusane and Lorenzo Morris of Howard University assisted with the President's Reception.

As part of the conference activities, we encourage you to take the opportunity to enjoy our host city of Jackson. The city and adjacent Mississippi Delta have rich political and cultural traditions that should make your visit a wonderful experience. Again, welcome to NCOBPS and we look forward to reconnecting with each of you as during the conference.

## **NCOBPS Statement on Diversity and Harassment**

The National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) is a professional organization committed to upholding the principles of our history and mission as governed by our Constitution and By-Laws. Annual Meetings are conducted in a scholarly and professional manner where NCOBPS strives to foster and sustain a professional environment of inclusiveness that empowers all to participate without fear of prejudice or bias.

Each year, NCOBPS is dedicated to providing an exemplary educational conference that offers a nurturing and challenging intellectual climate, a respect for the spectrum of human diversity, and a genuine understanding of the many differences that enrich our vibrant organization, such as race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, disability, religion, national origin or military status.

We expect every member of our NCOBPS family to embrace these underlying values and to demonstrate a strong commitment to attracting, retaining and supporting individuals who feel welcome and free to participate in any NCOBPS-sponsored events. Thus, all forms of unlawful and illegal discrimination, including sexual harassment, other verbal or physical conducts, and/or unprofessional behavior, including extreme or severe use of epithets, slurs, negative stereotyping due to differences in expressed ideology or opinions, are unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

## The NCOBPS Legacy and Past Presidents

“If we do not transmit these rich memories, interests and understanding of how the discipline has functioned in a highly discriminatory fashion, and how American institutions have organized political life according to the racist preferences of American slave owners and their descendants in the present, the new generations of Black political scientists will enter the field and either be absorbed along in an uncritical manner, or find themselves unwelcome but unable to understand the whys and wherefores. New White political scientists will be unsocialized by our influence. And generations of American students, Black as well as White, will have no knowledge or understanding of the politics of race that we have worked so carefully to understand and to publish because it will have gone untransmitted.”

Dianne Pinderhughes, “NCOBPS: Observations on the State of the Organization” (1990)

## Past Presidents of NCOBPS

<b>Mack H. Jones</b> 1970-71	<b>Lorenzo Morris</b> 1982-83	<b>Lenneal J. Henderson</b> 1995-96
<b>William P. Robinson</b> 1971-72	<b>Lucius Barker</b> 1983-84	<b>Kathie Stromile Golden</b> 1996-97
<b>William Daniels</b> 1972-73	<b>Huey L. Perry</b> 1984-85	<b>Sheila Ards</b> 1997-98
<b>Robert “Bob” Holmes</b> 1973-74	<b>Michael B. Preston</b> 1985-86	<b>Joseph P. McCormick</b> 1999-00
<b>Tandy Tollerson</b> 1974-75	<b>Lois B. Hollis</b> 1986-87	<b>Brenda Jones</b> 2000-01
<b>Leslie B. McLemore</b> 1975-76	<b>Michael Combs</b> 1987-88	<b>Marvin Haire</b> 2001-03
<b>Jewel Limar Prestage</b> 1976-77	<b>Dianne Pinderhughes</b> 1988-89	<b>David Covin</b> 2003-05
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<b>Larry Moss</b> 1978-79	<b>Joseph “Pete” Silver</b> 1990-92	<b>Desiree Selma Pedescleaux</b> 2007-09
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<b>Elsie Scott</b> 1980-81	<b>Mamie E. Locke</b> 1993-94	<b>Tyson King-Meadows</b> 2011-2013
<b>Shelby F. Smith Lewis</b> 1981-82	<b>William H. Boone</b> 1994-95	<b>Wendy Smooth</b> 20013-2015
	<b>Minion K.C. Morrison</b> 1998-99	<b>Todd C. Shaw</b> 2015-Present



47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the

National Conference of Black Political Scientists

*Black Power, Black Lives: The State of Black Politics 50 Years after the March against Fear*

Hilton Garden Inn Downtown/King Edward Hotel  
Jackson, Mississippi  
March 16-20, 2016

**President: Dr. Todd C. Shaw, University of South Carolina**  
**President-Elect: Shayla Nunnally, University of Connecticut**

**Order of the Conference Program**

Welcome from the Mayor of Jackson  
Welcome from the Chair of the Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus  
Welcome from the President of Tougaloo College  
Welcome from the President of Mississippi Valley State University  
NCOBPS Leadership  
Annual Meeting Chairs and Local Arrangements Committee  
Annual Meeting Awards Committees  
2016 Program Highlights  
Conference Program  
In Memoriam



**February 17, 2016**

Greetings National Conference of Black Political Scientists:

On behalf of the City of Jackson, I would like to welcome The National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS). The heartbeat of Jackson, Mississippi is made evident through the dedication and diligence that is provided by its' citizens, leaders, businesses, and organizations. As a city, we are extremely proud of the achievements that this organization has contributed to each constituent of this great city and to all that are associated with it.

The City of Jackson is proud to honor and welcome The National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) to our great city. I applaud you for your determination to be catalysts for greatness in this community, city, state, and throughout this nation. Your diligence and dedication is a testament of your worth.

Please know that the City of Jackson looks forward to seeing the continued success of The National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS), as well as its partakers, supporters, and organizers. Whether you have come from near or far, we encourage you to indulge in the cornucopia of restaurants, museums, parks, and historic landmarks that make this city the jewel it has become. Again, welcome to the great City of Jackson, we graciously appreciate your presence.

Regards,

Handwritten signature of Tony T. Yarber.

Tony T. Yarber  
Mayor, City of Jackson



Office of the President

# TOUGALOO COLLEGE

March 13, 2016

## **National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS)**

Dear NCOBPS Participants:

On behalf of Tougaloo College, I extend a warm welcome to the participants attending the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS), as you convene for your 2016 Annual Conference in the City of Jackson. We are pleased you have selected our area to bring your organization together for this important gathering. It will add to the intellectual, cultural and economic vitality of the communities we serve, as well as our local colleges and universities.

We encourage the participation of our own faculty and students. My familiarity with this organization informs me that it does great work. The sessions presented at this conference will study, enhance, and promote the political aspirations of people of African descent in the United States and throughout the world. Your work contributes to the body of knowledge that offers insight and solutions to the challenges faced by people of color.

We thank you for your commitment and service. In the organization's 47 years of existence, the scholarship of your members has had tremendous impact in addressing a myriad of issues that influence the political environment within which our Historically Black Colleges and Universities operate. Your work has also helped enrich the field of political science and its influence on societal change and progress.

Thank you for attending this conference and bringing your expertise to this gathering. You are a valuable asset to our institutions and the larger community. We appreciate your support and leadership. Best wishes for a productive conference.

Sincerely,

Beverly W. Hogan  
President



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March 4, 2016

Greetings:

On behalf of Mississippi Valley State University, I welcome members and participants of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists to the State of Mississippi for its Forty-Seventh Annual Conference. It is with a sense of pride that I note that since 2002 Mississippi Valley State University has served as the Organization's headquarters. And, I am delighted that after 25 years, NCOBPS has returned to Mississippi at an important juncture in the history of the state and its civil rights activists.

Given this year's conference theme, *Black Power, Black Lives: The State of Black Politics 50 Years after the March against Fear*, it is indeed apropos that the 47th Annual Conference is being held in the State of Mississippi. The theme also speaks to the continuing Black struggle for equal treatment under the law and the need for vigilance to insure that our voices are heard. Our institutions and organizations must stand united against the forces and promoters of ignorance, disharmony and racism.

Enjoy your stay in Jackson and feel free to visit Mississippi Valley State University and the Delta, if your schedule permits.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. William B. Bynum, Jr., President

## NCOBPS Leadership (Not Including Committees and Task Forces)

### Officers and Executive Council

Todd C. Shaw, President (2015-2017)  
University of South Carolina

Shayla Nunnally, President-Elect  
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Khalilah Brown-Dean, Parliamentarian  
Quinnipiac University

Sheila Harmon Martin, Historian  
University of the District of Columbia

Newsletter Editor  
Sherri Wallace, University of Louisville

NCOBPS Institute Coordinator  
Kurt Young, Clark Atlanta University

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## Other NCOBPS Leadership

### NCOBPS Independent Foundations

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Shiela Harmon Martin, University of the District of Columbia

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Kathie Stromile Golden, Mississippi Valley State University  
Byron D'Andra Orey, Jackson State University

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Shayla Nunnally, University of Connecticut

Governance and Infrastructure Task Force Chair  
Shayla Nunnally, University of Connecticut

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Jerome Hunt, University of the District of Columbia  
S. Nicole Cathey, Tougaloo College

Race, Politics, and Justice Task Force Co-Chairs  
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Adolphus Belk, Winthrop University

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Assoc. for the Study of Black Women in Politics  
Nikol Alexander-Floyd, Rutgers University

## 2016 Section Chairs

### Sections

#### **I. African and Diaspora Politics**

### Co-Chair 1

Dr. Kurt Young  
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Dr. Maziki Thame  
University of West Indies, Mona,  
Jamaica

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University of North Florida

Dr. Keesha Middlemass  
Trinity University

#### **III. Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Transnational Politics**

Dr. Michael Clemons  
Old Dominion University

#### **IV. Identity Politics: Gender, Class, Ethnicity, Sexuality, and Religion**

Dr. Tonya Williams  
Johnson C. Smith University

Dr. James Taylor  
University of San Francisco

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Dr. Boris Ricks  
California State University,  
Northridge

Dr. Christopher Whitt  
Augustana College

#### **VI. Undergraduate Research**

Dr. Teri Platt  
Clark Atlanta University

#### **VII. Political Theory, Philosophy, and Methodology**

Dr. Niambi Carter  
Howard University

Dr. Cory Gooding  
University of San Diego

#### **VIII. Political Institutions and Public Policy**

Dr. Angela Lewis  
University of Birmingham at  
Alabama

Dr. Clarissa Petersen  
Depauw University

#### **IX. Politics and Popular Culture**

Dr. Lakeyta Bonnette  
Georgia State University

Dr. H. Lavar Pope  
Ohio University

#### **X. Public Opinion and Political Participation**

Dr. Ray Block  
University of Wisconsin, La  
Crosse

Dr. Maruice Mangum  
Texas Southern University

## NCOBPS 2016 Awards Committees

### **W.E.B. Du Bois Distinguished Book Award**

*Co-Chairs*

Christina Greer, Fordham University  
Megan Ming Francis, University of Washington

### **Rodney Higgins Best Faculty Paper Award**

Evelyn M. Simien, University of Connecticut, Chair

*Committee Members*

Randolph Burnside, University of Southern Illinois  
Errol Henderson, Pennsylvania State University

### **Fannie Lou Hamer**

#### **Outstanding Community Service Award**

Joseph Brown, Baylor University, Chair

*Committee Members*

Andra Gillespie, Emory University  
Shiela Harmon Martin, U. of District of Columbia  
Byron D'Andra Orey, Jackson State University

### **Bayard Rustin Best LGBT Student Paper Award**

*Co-Chairs*

ZenzeleIsoke, University of Minnesota  
Ravi K. Perry, Virginia Commonwealth University

### **Anna Julia Cooper Teacher of the Year Award**

*Co-Chairs*

Angela K. Lewis, University of Alabama-Birmingham  
Walton Brown-Foster, Central Connecticut State University

*Committee Members*

Julia Jordan-Zachery, Providence College  
Valeria Sinclair Chapman, Purdue University  
Stephanie Chambers

### **Sammy Younge Best Student Paper Award**

Shayla C. Nunnally, University of Connecticut, Chair

Monique L. Lyle, University of South Carolina

### **Alex Willingham Best Political Theory Paper Award**

Juliet Hooker, University of Texas, Austin, Chair

Neil Roberts, Williams College

Shatema Threadcraft, Rutgers University

## Program Highlights

### Wednesday, March 16, 2016

- 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.      NCOBPS Executive Council Meeting
- 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.      Pre-Conference Workshops  
(Jackson State University Downtown Campus)
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.      Early Bird Reception at *The Iron Horse Grill*

### Thursday, March 17, 2016

- 8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.      Conference Registration and Exhibit Viewing (Prefunction Room)
- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.      Opening Plenary Panel: The Impact of the Black Power Movement and the Movement for Black Lives Matter
- 10:15 – 11:35 a.m.      Concurrent Panels
- 11:45 a.m – 1:20 p.m.      *This Little Light of Mine: The Legacy of Fannie Lou Hamer*  
(Dr. Leslie B. McLemore, Flonzie Brown-Wright, and Filmmaker Robin Hamilton)
- 1:30 – 2:50 p.m.      Concurrent Panels
- 3:00 – 4:20 p.m.      Concurrent Panels
- 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.      Student Poster Session
- 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.      National Conference of Black Political Scientists - Business Meeting
- 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.      Association for the Study of Black Women in Politics - Business Meeting

### Friday, March 18, 2016

- 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.      Conference Registration (Prefunction Room)
- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.      Plenary Panel: A Political Assessment of the White House Council on Women and Girls' Report, "Advancing Equity for Women and Girls of Color: A Research Agenda for the Next Decade"
- 10:15 – 11:45 a.m.      Concurrent Panels
- 11:45 – 1:20 p.m.      Lunch on your own
- 1:30 – 2:50 p.m.      Concurrent Panels
- 3:00 – 4:20 p.m.      Concurrent Panels
- 4:30 – 5:30p.m.      Coffee Talk/Meet and Greet on the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Jennifer Hochschild, President of the American Political Science Association and Harvard University, Sponsored by the American Political Science Association
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.      Clark Atlanta University Alumni Affiliate Meeting
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.      Founders' Symposium for Young Scholars
- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.      President's Reception (Co-Sponsored by Howard University)
- 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.      Annual Awards Banquet

### Saturday, March 19, 2016

- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.      Continental Breakfast – Association for the Study of Black Women in Politics
- 9:00– 10:20 a.m.      Concurrent Panels
- 10:30 – 11:50a.m.      Concurrent Panels
- 12:00p.m.      Closing Luncheon Sponsored by the Council on Foreign Relations

### Sunday, March 20, 2016

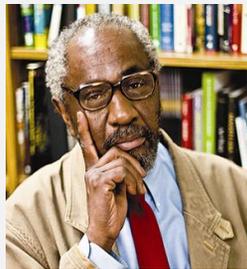
Conference participants are encouraged to take advantage tourist attractions in Jackson and the Mississippi Delta.

**Opening Plenary – Grand Ballroom – March 17, 8:30 – 10:00 A.M.**  
***Black Power, Black Lives:***  
**The State of Black Politics 50 Years after the March Against Fear**



**Attorney June Hardwick, J. Hardwick Law, P.L.L.C.**

June Hardwick is an alumna of Spelman College, Clark Atlanta University and Mississippi College School of Law. She worked as an Assistant Public Defender in the Hinds County Public Defender Office for four years and entered into private practice in late 2011. The late Mayor Chokwe Lumumba appointed Ms. Hardwick to the Jackson Municipal Court bench in August 2013, where she served as a judge from October 2013 until July 2014. She is featured in the Sundance-award winning and Emmy-nominated film, HBO documentary *Gideon's Army*, which documents the work of public defenders in the South. She is active in a number of community organizations, including the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, the Mississippi Public Defenders Association, and the NAACP.



**Dr. Robert C. Smith, San Francisco State University**

Robert C. Smith is Professor of Political Science at San Francisco State University. He authored some of the first academic assessments of the black power movement. He is author/co-author of a dozen books including: *We Have No Leaders: African Americans in the Post-Civil Rights Era*; *Conservatism and Racism and Why in America They Are the Same*; *John F. Kennedy, Barack Obama and the Politics of Ethnic Incorporation and Avoidance*; *What has This Got to Do With the Liberation of Black People?: The Impact of Ronald W. Walters on African American Thought and Leadership*; and *Polarization and the Presidency: From FDR to Barack Obama*.



**Dr. Melina Abdullah, California State University, Los Angeles and Black Lives Matter**

Melina Abdullah is Professor and Chair of Pan-African Studies at California State University, Los Angeles. She was appointed to the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission in 2014 and was part of the historic victory that made Ethnic Studies a requirement in the Los Angeles Unified School District. As one of the country's foremost scholar-activists, she was among the original group of organizers that convened to form Black Lives Matter (BLM). She continues to serve as a leader organizer in the BLM's Los Angeles chapter and is a member of the national leadership core. She is the recipient of several awards, most recently the 2015 Freedom Now Award and the 2015 Communitas Award.



**Tyrone Hendrix, M.A., Councilmember, Ward 6, Jackson, Mississippi**

Tyrone Hendrix was elected Councilmember for Ward 6 in Jackson, Mississippi in 2014. He is a native of Jackson, Mississippi and attended Jackson State University where he earned a Master of Arts in Political Science. He began his career as a community organizer and later served as the Obama for America organizer for Mississippi's 2nd and 3rd Congressional Districts in 2008. He also served as the State Director of Organizing for America and as Deputy Campaign Manager of Johnny DuPree for Governor, the first African-American nominee for governor of a major political party in the state. Currently, he serves as the Council Chair of the Legislative & Rules Committees and Vice Chair for the Planning, Economic Development & Government Operations Committees.



**Dr. Dianne Pinderhughes, Notre Dame University**

Dianne Pinderhughes is a Notre Dame Presidential Faculty Fellow, and Professor in the Department of Africana Studies and the Department of Political Science. Her publications include *Uneven Roads: An Introduction to US Racial and Ethnic Politics* (co-author, 2014); *Race and Ethnicity in Chicago Politics: A Reexamination of Pluralist Theory* (1987); and *Black Politics After the Civil Rights Revolution: Collected Essays* (2015). She is a member of the National Advisory Committee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Program; Vice Chair of the Board of Governors of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies; and was President of the American Political Science Association (2007-08). She is currently the 1st Vice President of the International Political Science Association.

**Session – Thursday, March 17 – 10:15 – 11:35 a.m.**

**Panel 1: Black Lives, Insurgent Politics, and Racial Contract**  
**Location: Boardroom**

*Chair:* Tiffany Willoughby-Herard, University of California, Irvine, twilloug@uci.edu

***Panelists***

The Case of Ferguson, Missouri and the Racial Contract

**Rickey Hill, Jackson State University, rickey.hill@jsums.edu**

**Leniece T. Smith, Jackson State University, leniece.t.smith@jsums.edu**

Unitary Interests and Black Political Insurgency: How are the Lessons of Black Power Relevant to Black Lives Matter?

**Dean E. Robinson, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, deanr@polsci.umass.edu**

Raising the Black Consciousness: How Black Television Elites Have Responded to the Black Lives Matter Movement

**Gabrielle Gray, Howard University, gabrielle.gray.gg@gmail.com**

**Kenneth Cooper, Howard University, kenneth.cooper@bison.howard.edu**

Rejecting Archetypes: The Construction of Identity and Citizenship for Black Women During the Black Lives Matter Movement

**Elizabeth Rogers, University of Alabama, ecrogers@crimson.ua.edu**

*Disc:* Tiffany Willoughby-Herard, University of California, Irvine, twilloug@uci.edu

**Panel 2: (Roundtable) Arrested Democracy: The Political Implications of Mass Incarceration**  
**Location: Club**

*Chair:* Keesha Middlemass, Trinity University, kmiddlem@trinity.edu

***Panelists***

Hannah Walker, University of Washington, hlwalker@uw.edu

Christina R. Rivers, DePaul University, Depaul University, crivers@depaul.edu

Ruth Greenwood, Chicago Lawyers' Committee For Civil Rights Under Law, rgreenwood@clcrrul.org

Sekou Franklin, Middle Tennessee State University, Sekou.Franklin@mtsu.edu

**Panel 3: Race, State, and Political Development**  
**Location: Gold A**

*Chair:* David Montague, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, drmontague@ualr.edu

***Panelists***

Defining Whiteness in the 21st Century

**Charlie Coats, Jackson State University, ckoto24@gmail.com**

Understanding Paradigmatic Influences: The Political Concept of Institutionalized Eurocentrism, the Historic Presidency of Barack Obama, and the Methodological Approach to Interdisciplinary Computational Large Scale Text Mining

**Simonee Thomas, Clark Atlanta University, simoneproductions@gmail.com**

Neoliberal Globalization, Austerity, and the Rise of Resistance  
**Harry Targ, Purdue University, targ@purdue.edu**

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**Panel 4: Movements, Disaster Policy, and Violence**  
**Location: Gold B**

*Chair:* Emmitt Y. Riley, DePauw University, eyriley3rd@gmail.com

***Panelists***

Labor and Solidarity: Theoretical Considerations

**Brooks Kirchgassner, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, brooksk33@gmail.com**

Justice or Else: Race, Identity, and Politics of African Americans at the 20th Anniversary of the Million Man March

**Jerome Hunt, University of the District of Columbia, jerome.r.hunt@gmail.com**

After the Hurricane: Disparity, Race and Implications for Public Policy in Post-Katrina New Orleans  
 After the Hurricane: Disparity, Race and Implications for Public Policy in Post-Katrina New Orleans

**Leslie Taylor-Grover, Southern University and A&M College, leslie\_grover@subr.edu**

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**Panel 5: Conservative Regimes and Party Politics**  
**Location: Bamboo**

*Chair:* Artemesia Stanberry, North Carolina Central University, astanberry@ncsu.edu

***Panelists***

50 Year Legacy of Ronald Reagan: a Discussion on the Long-Term Impact of Reagan's Conservative Agenda on the Political and Economic Interests of Black Americans

**Stephanie Williams, University of South Florida, stephanielynnwilliams@msn.com**

Political Conservatism, Perceived Racial Solidarity, Perceived Discrimination and Psychological Well-Being Among African Americans

**Arthur L. Whaley, Texas Southern University, dr.a.l.whaley@nym.hush.com**

The Racial Order and the Rise of the Republican Party's Fourth Reich

**Bill Strickland, University of Massachusetts, bstrick@afroam.umass.edu**

If this is the Fourth Reich, How are we to Rescue Ourselves?

**David L. Covin, California State University at Sacramento, covindl@csus.edu**

*Disc:* Artemesia Stanberry, North Carolina Central University, astanberry@ncsu.edu

***This Little Light of Mine:  
 The Legacy of Fannie Lou Hamer***  
**Film/Dialogue – Brown Bag Luncheon – Friday, 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.**  
**Location: Grand Ballroom**

***Panelists***

**Dr. Leslie McLemore**

**Flonzie Brown-Wright**

**Robin Hamilton (Director of the Film)**



**Sessions – Thursday, March 17 – 1:30 – 2:50 p.m.**

**Panel 6: Roundtable – Indigenous Leadership in the Mississippi Movement**  
**Location: Boardroom**

*Chair:* K.C. Morrison, kcmorrison@pspa.msstate.edu

***Panelists***

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Robert C. Smith, San Francisco State University, rcs@sfsu.edu

**Panel 7: Urban Politics & Institutional Racism**  
**Location: Club**

*Chair:* James Taylor, University of San Francisco, taylorj@usfca.edu

***Panelists***

The Impact of the Great Migration on Chicago Politics: Examining Mayoral Candidates' Interaction with the Black Electorate, 1915-1971

**Keneshia Grant, Howard University, Keneshia.Grant@howard.edu**

Public Housing Politics, Policies, and Institutional Racism after Hurricane Katrina  
**Revathi Hines, Southern University and A&M College, revathi\_hines@subr.edu**

Race and Power in an Urban School District: A Political Economy Analysis of Black Education in Detroit  
**A.J. Rice, Michigan State University, ajricemsu@gmail.com**

The Continuing Quest for African American Political Mobilization: The Case of Chicago

**Valerie C. Johnson, DePaul University, vjohnso5@depaul.edu**

**Robert Starks, Northeastern Illinois University, r-starks@neiu.edu**

*Disc:* Mack Jones, Clark Atlanta University (Retired), mackhjones@bellsouth.net

**Panel 8: Conservative Leadership and the Consequences for Black Americans**  
**Location: Gold A**

*Chair:* Artemesia Stanberry, North Carolina Central University, astanberry@nccu.edu

***Panelists***

Congressional Term Limits and the Impact on the Power of Black Congressional Members,  
**Leslie Small, Clark Atlanta University, leslie\_B\_Small@yahoo.com**

Gendering Redistricting: Race, Gender and the New Southern Strategy  
**Wendy Smooth, Ohio State University, smooth.1@osu.edu**

Public Pension Crises and the Broken Promise of Black Representation

**Teri Platt, Clark Atlanta University, tplatt@cau.edu**

**Matthew Platt, Morehouse College, matthew.platt@morehouse.edu**

Turning Out to Vote: The Politics of Polling Places and the Increased Costs for Minority Voters

**Patricia Posey, University of Pennsylvania, pposey@sas.upenn.edu**

*Disc:* Artemesia Stanberry, North Carolina Central University, astanberry@nccu.edu

**Panel 9: (Roundtable) Election Protection, Voting Rights, and Justice**  
**Location: Gold B**

*Chair:* Alex Willingham, Williams College, [awilling@williams.edu](mailto:awilling@williams.edu)

***Panelists***

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C. Nicole Mason, New York Women's Foundation

Fred McBride, Senior Policy Analyst at the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, [FredMcBride@southerncoalition.org](mailto:FredMcBride@southerncoalition.org)

**Panel 10: Schools, Cities, and Cradle-to-Prison Pipeline**  
**Location: Bamboo**

*Chair:* Sharon Wright Austin, University of Florida, [Polssdw@ufl.edu](mailto:Polssdw@ufl.edu)

***Panelists***

Policy Considerations as Socioeconomic Status Continues to Affect the Achievement Gap

**Mary Bruce, Governors State University, [mclark@govst.edu](mailto:mclark@govst.edu)**

Constructing Citizens as Targets: How Racial Attitudes Towards School Closure are Shaped  
**Sally Nuamah, Northwestern University, Northwestern University, [sallynuamah2011@u.northwestern.edu](mailto:sallynuamah2011@u.northwestern.edu)**

All But Overturned: America's Nullification of *Brown v. Board of Education*  
**Albert Samuels, Southern University, [asamuels\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:asamuels_2000@yahoo.com)**

What are the Determinants of Interethnic Competition for Principal Positions in Multiethnic U.S. School Districts?

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**Brinck Kerr, University of Arkansas, [jbkerr@uark.edu](mailto:jbkerr@uark.edu)**

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**Sessions – Thursday, March 17, 3:00 – 4: 20 p.m.**

**Panel 11: Descriptive Representation without Substance: Black Inclusion in the Era of Racial Animus**  
**Location: Boardroom**

*Chair:* Sharon Wright Austin, University of Florida, [Polssdw@ufl.edu](mailto:Polssdw@ufl.edu)

***Panelists***

The Last Imagery of Dixie: Explaining Support for the Confederate Flag in the Age of Obama

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**Brittany L. Gray, Mississippi State University, [blg81@msstate.edu](mailto:blg81@msstate.edu)**

African Americans and the Republican Party: How African-American Party Members Discount the Needs of the Black Voter

**Donna L. Taylor, University College London, [donna.taylor@gmail.com](mailto:donna.taylor@gmail.com)**

The Contours of Black Partisanship: Iconoclasm and Republican Party Identification

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**Shayla C. Nunnally**, [shayla.nunnally@uconn.edu](mailto:shayla.nunnally@uconn.edu)  
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*Disc:* Sharon Wright Austin, University of Florida, [Polssdw@ufl.edu](mailto:Polssdw@ufl.edu)

**Panel 12: Imperialism, Globalization, and Neoliberalism in the International Arena**  
**Location: Club**

*Chair:* Kenoye Eke, Lincoln University, [keke@lincoln.edu](mailto:keke@lincoln.edu)

***Panelists***

Anticommunism, Antiradicalism, and Antiracism: Theories, Queries, and Lessons for the Present  
**Charisse Burden-Stelly**, Amherst College & University of California, Berkeley  
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Confronting Imperialism: W. E. B. Du Bois Africanist Scholarship  
**Hashim Gibrill**, Clark Atlanta University, [hgibrill@cau.edu](mailto:hgibrill@cau.edu)

A Theory of Economic Globalization: Ghanaian Women Functioning in Restricted Spaces within Religious, Social, Economic, and Politically Underdeveloped Communities  
**Lisa Nealy**, Adams State University, [lnnealy@adams.edu](mailto:lnnealy@adams.edu)

*Disc:* Kenoye Eke, Lincoln University, [keke@lincoln.edu](mailto:keke@lincoln.edu)

**Panel 13: Culture, Morality, and Social Capital**  
**Location: Gold A**

*Chair:* Georgia Persons, Georgia Institute of Technology, [georgia.persons@pubpolicy.gatech.edu](mailto:georgia.persons@pubpolicy.gatech.edu)

***Panelists***

The Politics of Spanking Children: Ideology, Context, and Framing Effects on Attitudes toward Corporal Punishment  
**David C. Wilson**, University of Delaware, [dcwilson@udel.edu](mailto:dcwilson@udel.edu)

Ghost of Moynihan: The Role of Racial Attitudes and Traditional Family Values in Attitudes Toward Childcare  
**Jonathan Collins**, University of California, Los Angeles, [jcollins2511@ucla.edu](mailto:jcollins2511@ucla.edu)

Active Voices: Social Capital, Dialogue, and Collective Action in Black Neighborhoods  
**Todd C. Shaw**, University of South Carolina, [shawtc@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:shawtc@mailbox.sc.edu)  
**Kirk Foster**, University of South Carolina, [Kfoster@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:Kfoster@mailbox.sc.edu)  
**Barbara Combs**, University of Mississippi, [barbara.combs@state.or.us](mailto:barbara.combs@state.or.us)

Right and Wrong: Black Preachers and the Intersections of Morality and Public Policy,  
**Tamelyn Tucker-Worgs**, Hood College, [tuckerworgs@hood.edu](mailto:tuckerworgs@hood.edu)  
**Donn C. Worgs**, Towson University, [dworgs@towson.edu](mailto:dworgs@towson.edu)

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**Panel 14: Black-Latino Alliances and Immigration Policy**  
**Location: Gold B**

*Chair:* Evelyn M. Simien, University of Connecticut, evelyn.simien@uconn.edu

***Panelists***

Somewhere Over the Rainbow: The Prospects of an African American & Latino Political Alliance in Chicago

**Valerie C. Johnson, DePaul University, vjohnso5@depaul.edu**

**Robert Starks, Northeastern Illinois University, r-starks@neiu.edu**

Hart-Cellar and the Effects on African American and Immigrant Incorporation

**Christina M. Greer, Fordham University, cgreer@fordham.edu**

Spatialized Racial Progress: Contextual Effects on African American and Latino Views of Racial Progress, Within and Across Cities

**Jessica Lynn Stewart, University of California, Los Angeles, jessicalynn@ucla.edu**

*Disc:* Evelyn M. Simien, University of Connecticut, evelyn.simien@uconn.edu

**Panel 15: (Roundtable) 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Los Angeles Civil Unrest**  
**Location: Bamboo**

*Chairs:* Boris Ricks, California State University at Northridge, boris.ricks@csun.edu

***Panelists***

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Melina Abdullah, California State University, Los Angeles, mabdull2@calstatela.edu

**Student Poster Sessions – Prefunction Room – Thursday, March 17, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

An Issue in Race Relations Today: An Examination of the Disparity in Mass Incarceration and Policy Solutions  
**Arnedia K. Wallace, Southern University and A&M College, arnediaw@yahoo.com**

Success of Phase Two and Phase Three Black Politicians in State and Nationwide Campaigns: Examining the Campaigns of Senators Carol Moseley Braun, Cory Booker, and President Barack Obama  
**Sicqora Williams, Southern University and A&M College, sicqora\_williams\_00@subr.edu**

Need Assessment and Feasibility Study of Akashanda Health Center  
**Jessica Shotwell, Middle Tennessee State University, jms2df@mtmail.mtsu.edu**  
**Eyerusalem Tessema, University of North Carolina, tessema@email.unc.edu**

Eco-Tourism and Deforestation in Costa Rica  
**Agnes Porter, Middle Tennessee State University, arp4j@mtmail.mtsu.edu**

**Business Meetings**

**National Conference of Black Political Scientists**  
**Location: Bamboo Room – Thursday, March 17, 4:30-6:00 p.m.**

**Association for the Study of Black Women in Political Science**  
**Location: Gold Room – Thursday, March 17, 6:15-7:30 p.m.**

Friday Plenary – Grand Ballroom – March 18, 8:30 – 10:00 A.M.

A Political Assessment of the White House Council on Women and Girls



“Advancing Equity for Women and Girls of Color:  
A Research Agenda for the Next Decade”



(Plenary Chair)  
Dr. Nikol Alexander-Floyd  
Rutgers University



Tommi Hayes  
UC Santa Cruz



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**Sessions – Friday, March 18, 10:15 – 11:35 a.m.**

**Panel 16: Roundtable on the Black Predicament and the 2016 Elections**  
**Location: Coronett & Crown**

*Chair:* Lorenzo Morris, Howard University, lmorris@howard.edu

***Panelists***

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Andra N. Gillespie, Emory University, angille@emory.edu

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Khalilah Brown-Dean, Quinnipac University

David C. Wilson, University of Delaware, dcwilson@udel.edu

**Panel 17: Political Dimensions of Diaspora Unity**  
**Location: Club**

*Chair:* Kurt B. Young, Clark Atlanta University, kyoung@cau.edu

***Panelists***

A Comparative Study of Black Racial Group Consciousness in the U.S. and UK  
**Ayobami Laniyonu, UCLA, alaniyonu@gmail.com**

Genocide and U.S. Foreign Policy

**Tierra Miller, Independent, tee\_carter001@yahoo.com**

Money Pools in the Americas: The African Diaspora's Legacy in the Social Economy

**Caroline S. Hossein, York University, carohossein@gmail.com**

*Disc:* Kurt B. Young, Clark Atlanta University, kyoung@cau.edu

**Panel 18: The Politics of Race & Crime**  
**Location: Gold A**

*Chair:* Keesha Middlemass, Trinity University, kmiddlem@trinity.edu

***Panelists***

Social Movements Against Racist Police Brutality and Department of Justice Intervention in Prince George's County

**Jonathan Hutto, Howard University, Department of Political Science, jhutto77@yahoo.com**

'Felon Power': Prison Gerrymanders, the 3/5 Clause, and the Incarceration of Democracy

**Christina Rivers, Depaul University, crivers@depaul.edu**

Legislation and the Prison Pipeline

**Elsie Scott, Howard University's Ronald Walters Leadership and Public Policy Center, scottie4of8@hotmail.com**

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The First Police Force?

**Keesha Middlemass, Trinity University, kmiddlem@trinity.edu**

*Disc:* Lakeyta Bonnette-Bailey, Georgia State University, lbonnette@gsu.edu

**Panel 19: Health Disparities and Public Health**  
**Location: Gold B**

*Chair:* Georgia Persons, Georgia Institute of Technology, georgia.persons@pubpolicy.gatech.edu

**Panelists**

Bad Blood: Examining the Health Disparities of the African American Community  
**Ayesha Montgomery, Western Illinois University, AJ-Montgomery@wiu.edu**

The Lost Generation: Excess Black Mortality During the Reagan and Bush Administrations  
 Javier M. Rodriguez, Mathematica Policy Research and University of Michigan, rodrigm@umich.edu  
**Dean A. Robinson, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, deanr@polsci.umass.edu**

Political Mobilization, Identity, Social Capital, & Health: An Exploration of Understudied Social Determinants of Health and Well-Being Among Black Sexual Minorities  
**Kasim S. Ortiz, University of South Carolina, ortizk@email.sc.edu**  
**Vickie Ybarra, University of New Mexico, vickie@ybarra.com**  
**Angelique Harris, Marquette University, angelique.harris@marquette.edu**  
**Juan Battle, City University of New York, jbattle@gc.cuny.edu**

Health Houses in Mississippi: Alternative Care for the Needy and the Affordable Health  
**Kiyadh Burt, Texas A & M University, kiyadh@gmail.com**

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**Panel 20: (Roundtable)Kush Plan: The Struggle for Self Determination and Economic Justice in Jackson, Mississippi**

**Location: Bamboo**

*Chair:* Noel Didla, Jackson State University, noel.e.didla@jsums.edu

**Panelists**

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Akil Bakari, Malcolm X Grassroots Organization, akil@mxgm.org

**Lunch - 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.**

**Sessions – Friday, March 18, 1:30 – 2:50 p.m.**

**Panel 21: After Obama: The Administration's Key Racial, Gender, Economic, and Political Implications for Black Politics**

**Location: Coronett & Crown**

*Chair:* Todd C. Shaw, University of South Carolina, shawtc@mailbox.sc.edu

**Panelists**

After Obama: Does Black Americans' Confidence in Federal Government Wax and Wane?  
**Shayla Nunnally, University of Connecticut, shayla.nunnally@uconn.edu**

Obama, Black Women, and Gender Equality  
**Wendy Smooth, The Ohio State University, smooth.1@osu.edu**

The Obama Era, Black Attitudes, and Immigration Policy

**Lorrie Frasure-Yokley, University of California, Los Angeles, lfrasure@polisci.ucla.edu**  
**Stacey Greene, University of California, Los Angeles**

Obama, Employment, and Poverty Policy: An Intersectional Policy Based Analysis

**Julia Jordan-Zachery, Providence College, jjordanz@providence.edu**

The Race Whisperer: Barack Obama and the Political Uses of Race

**Melanye Price, Rutgers University, mtprice@rci.rutgers.edu**

*Disc:* Robert Brown, Spelman College, rbrown61@spelman.edu

**Panel 22: Moral Mondays and the Impact of Fusion Politics in the 21st Century**

**Location: Club**

*Chair:* Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, Purdue University, vsc@purdue.edu

***Panelists***

Fusion Politics in Moral Mondays: The Rewards and Challenges Organizing Across Difference

**Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, Purdue University, vsc@purdue.edu**

Religion and Indiana Moral Mondays

**Mark Denninghoff, Purdue University, mdennin@purdue.edu**

Indiana Moral Mondays and the Multiple Faces of Power

**Guillermo Caballero, Purdue University, gcaballerog@gmail.com**

They Say and What They Do: Indiana Moral Mondays, Inclusive Practice, and LGBT Issues

**Sharonda Woodford, Purdue University, swoodfor@purdue.edu**

**Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, Purdue University, vsc@purdue.edu**

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**Panel 23: Black Power in Global & International Contexts: A Graduate Student Panel**

**Location: Gold A**

*Chair:* Kurt B. Young, Clark Atlanta University, kyoung@cau.edu

***Panelists***

The American Presidency and the Pan-African Movement: A Comparative Foreign Policy and Case Study

Analysis of the Obama Presidency, Pan-Africanism, and the African Diaspora in Cuba

**Simonee Thomas, Clark Atlanta University, simoneproductions@gmail.com**

World Politics and American Exiles in Cuba

**Faheem Abdur-Rasheed, Clark Atlanta University**

The Road to Black Lives Matter: A Global Fight for Transformative Public Education

**Marla Hollis, Clark Atlanta University, Marlahlls@icloud.com**

*Disc:* Kurt B. Young, Clark Atlanta University, kyoung@cau.edu

**Panel 24: Racial Politics, Research, and Higher Education**  
**Location: Gold B**

*Chair:* David Montague, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, drmontague@ualr.edu

***Panelists***

Using HBCUs to Conduct Research on Black Political Attitudes and Behavior

**D'Andra Orey, Jackson State University, byron.d.orey@jsums.edu**

**Keiscia Dickinson, Jackson State University**

**Jajuan Knight, Jackson State University**

**Courtney Body, Jackson State University**

The Dynamics Surrounding Louisiana's Public State-Funded University Board Members

Individual Voting Behavior: A Case Study

**Melanie S. Johnson, Southern University and A&M College, Melanie\_Johnson@subr.edu**

Feminism, Activism and Commodification at Historically Black Colleges and Universities

**Byrdie Larkin, Alabama State University, blarkin@alasu.edu**

Affluent Colleges: Which Students Become Politically Active?

**Briana White, Northwestern University, bwhite@wellesley.edu**

*Disc:* David Montague, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, drmontague@ualr.edu

**Panel 25: Roundtable – Memory and Legacies of Violence in the Mississippi Freedom Struggle**  
**Location: Bamboo**

*Chair:* Melynda J. Price, University of Kentucky College of Law, melynda.price@uky.edu

***Panelists***

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**Sessions – Friday, March 18, 3:00 – 4:20 p.m.**

**Panel 26: Black Sexuality, Culture, and Politics**  
**Location: Coronett & Crown**

*Chair:* Lakeyta Bonnette-Bailey, Georgia State University, lbonnette@gsu.edu

***Panelists***

On Sluts and Saints: Examining Black Female Sexuality and Sex Positive Feminism Through Pop Culture

**Ashley C. Daniels, Howard University, ashleycjaniels@gmail.com**

Invisible Bodies: The Politics of Violence towards Black Masculine Lesbians

**Sharonda Woodford, Purdue University, swoodfor@purdue.edu**

**Nadia E. Brown, Purdue University, Purdue University, brown957@purdue.edu**

Love and Community: Thinking Beyond the Politics of Death Through Octavia Butler's Parable Series

**Jennifer Joines, University of Alabama, University of Alabama, jajoines@crimson.ua.edu**

A Comparative Analysis of Legislative Behavior on Abortion-Restrictive Policies by Race and Gender in Two Southern State Legislatures

**Tonya M. Williams, Johnson C. Smith University, lmwilliams@jcsu.edu**

*Disc:* Lakeyta Bonnette-Bailey, Georgia State University, lbonnette@gsu.edu

**Panel 27: State Violence: Predatory Policies and the Criminal Justice System**  
**Location: Club**

*Chair:* Niambi Carter, Howard University, Niambi.Carter@howard.edu

***Panelists***

The Color of Mass Incarceration

**Ronnie B. Tucker, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, rbtuck@ship.edu**

The Predatory State, Collective Violence, and Race

**Brandon R. Davis, University of Alabama, brdavis1@crimson.ua.edu**

The Relationship between Stop, Question, and Frisk and Voter Turnout in New York City and Newark, New Jersey

**Ayobami Lanionu, University of California, Los Angeles, alanionu@gmail.com**

The Disadvantages of African American and Somali Males in the Criminal Justice System

**Dorian B. Crosby, Spelman College, dr.crosby@yahoo.com**

**Shenita Brazelton, Old Dominion University, sbrazelt@odu.edu**

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**Panel 28: Public Opinion and Presidential Politics**  
**Location: Gold A**

*Chair:* Andra N. Gillespie, Emory University, angille@emory.edu

***Panelists***

Analyzing the Public Opinion of DC Residents Toward Obama's Social Innovations and Civic Participation Initiative on Education

**Ashley Daniels, Howard University, ashleycdaniels@gmail.com**

To Be Southern: The Effects of Southern Culture on Black Political Attitudes

**Princess Williams, University of Michigan, princess.hope.williams@gmail.com**

How the Public Views Black Presidential Candidates

**Evelyn M. Simien, University of Connecticut, simien@uconn.edu**

**Sydney Carr, University of Connecticut, sydney.carr@uconn.edu**

Effects of Intergroup Language on Eye-Tracking and Moment-to-Moment Responses in Race-Based Political Messages

**Yael Granot, New York University, yagranot@gmail.com**

**Stephen M. Caliendo, North Central College, smcaliendo@noctrl.edu**

**Charlton D. McIlwain, New York University, cdm1@nyu.edu**

**Emily Balcetis, New York University, eb107@nyu.edu**

*Disc:* Tyson King-Meadows, University of Maryland at Baltimore, tkingmea@umbc.edu

**Panel 29: Legacy of Black Politics, Culture, and Power**  
**Location: Gold B**

*Chair:* James Taylor, University of San Francisco, [taylorj@usfca.edu](mailto:taylorj@usfca.edu)

***Panelists***

Martin Luther King, Jr. as a Black Power Sympathizer

**Osei Robertson, Bowie State University, [dorobertson@bowiestate.edu](mailto:dorobertson@bowiestate.edu)**

The Relevancy Dilemma in Black Political Science

**Kurt Young, Clark Atlanta University, [kyoung@cau.edu](mailto:kyoung@cau.edu)**

The Return of *Endarch: Journal of Black Political Research*

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Mack Jones, Clark Atlanta University (Retired), [mackhjones@bellsouth.net](mailto:mackhjones@bellsouth.net)

**Panel 30: Professional Development Workshop –  
 Transition from the Classroom to Administration  
 (Sponsored by the American Political Science Association)**  
**Location: Bamboo**

***Workshop Moderators***

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**Clark Atlanta University Alumni Affiliate Meeting**

**Location: Bamboo – Friday, March 18, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

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**Friday, March 18, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Location: Club, Coronet & Crown**

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**Founders' Symposium for Young Scholars**

**Moderator: Paul White, University of South Carolina**

**Friday, March 18, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

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**Mission Statement**

*In honor and recognition of distinguished NCOBPS scholars who have greatly contributed to political science and whose mentorship and legacy demonstrate our mission to "promote the political aspirations of people of African descent in the United States and throughout the world." This lecture series will provide a forum for scholarly exchange between junior scholars, researchers, community activists and esteemed scholars in black politics. This student symposium is intended to encourage a scholarly showcase of graduate students in NCOBPS in recognition of established senior and emeriti scholars relating to the legacy of NCOBPS. It provides students with a unique opportunity to get useful feedback from established and emergent scholars and the general audience in a supportive environment as they share their research interests and perspectives on Black politics and the future of the discipline. Select students will be given the opportunity to reflect and present on various topics and themes relevant to ongoing scholarly work or community engagement during the annual NCOBPS meeting.*

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## President's Reception and Awards Banquet Grand Ballroom

**Reception – 6:30 -7:30 p.m.**

**Awards Banquet – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.**



**U.S. District Judge  
Carlton W. Reeves**

Carlton Wayne Reeves (born 1964) is a United States district judge on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi. He was previously an attorney in Jackson, Mississippi. He graduated magna cum laude from Jackson State University in 1986 with a Bachelor of Arts. Reeves then earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1989.

During the 111th Congress, a committee including Mississippi Democratic Party Chairman Jamie Franks and Democratic members of the Mississippi House delegation recommended Reeves for filling a vacancy on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi. On April 28, 2010, President Barack Obama formally nominated Reeves to a judgeship on the Southern District of Mississippi. Reeves was confirmed by the United States Senate on December 19, 2010, by voice vote. He received his commission on December 20, 2010.

Reeves is the second African-American federal judge from Mississippi. He garnered national attention for his widely acclaimed speech during a court ruling in February 2015. During the speech, he addressed the history of lynching in Mississippi while condemning a hate crime carried out by three white men against a black man. On November 25, 2014, he ruled in the case of *Campaign for Southern Equality v. Bryant* that Mississippi's same-sex marriage ban violates the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment. The ruling was celebrated by civil rights activists across the country.

Judge Reeves has served on numerous boards and commissions, including those of the ACLU of Mississippi, Mississippi Workers Center for Human Rights, Mississippi Center for Justice, Mississippi Access to Justice Commission, Mississippi Center for Legal Services and the Mississippi Capital Defense Resource Center. Judge Reeves is also the recipient of many honors and awards including the Magnolia Bar's highest honor, the R. Jess Brown Award. He was named the Mississippi Association of Justice's Distinguished Jurist of the Year for 2014-2015.

### Order of the Program

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**Continental Breakfast – Grand Ballroom - Saturday, March 19 – 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.  
Association for the Study of Black Women in Political Science**

**Sessions – Saturday, March 19, 9:00 – 10:20 p.m.**

**Panel 31:        *National Political Science Review:*  
A Standards-Driven Academic Refereed Journal of Black Politics**

**Location:        Coronett & Crown**

***Panelists***

Tiffany Willoughby-Herard, University of California, Irvine, twilloug@uci.edu

Julia S. Jordan-Zachery, Providence College, jjordanz@providence.edu

Duchess Harris, Macalaster College, harris@macalester.edu

Sharon Wright-Austin, University of Florida, polssdw@polisci.ufl.edu

Angela K. Lewis, University of Alabama at Birmingham, dralewis@uab.edu

Keisha Blain, University of Iowa, keisha-blain@uiowa.edu

**Panel 32:        Honoring Michael Mitchell’s Legacy of Expanding Black Politics in the Academy**

**Location:        Club**

*Chair:* Gladys Mitchell-Walthour, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee,  
gladyslmitchell@yahoo.com

***Panelists***

K.C. Morrison, Mississippi State University, kcmorrison@pspa.msstate.edu

Dianne Pinderhughes, Notre Dame University, Dianne.M.Pinderhughes.1@nd.edu

David L. Covin, California State University at Sacramento, covindl@csus.edu

**Panel 33:        Culture and Behavior**

**Location:        Gold A**

*Chair:* Tony Affigne, Providence College, affigne@gmail.com

***Panelists***

To Fear or Not to Fear: Examining How Unconscious Fears Affect Fear and Aggression in Police Officers’  
Policing of African American Men

**Karra W. McCray, University of South Carolina, mccraykw@email.sc.edu**

Am Not My Hair: The Effect of Respectability Politics on African American Millennial Women

**Lauren Mims, University of South Carolina, brockicl@email.sc.edu**

The Determinants of Antisocial Behavior and Juvenile Crime

**Caitlyn Brockington, University of South Carolina, mimslt@email.sc.edu**

Supply and Demand: How History and Public Policy Created the Racial Wealth Gap

**Armand Demirchyan, University of California, Irvine, ademirch@uci.edu**

*Disc:* Tony Affigne, Providence College, affigne@gmail.com

**Panel 34: (Roundtable) When the Road Turns: Confronting Personal and Family Life Changes in the Academy**  
**Location: Gold B**

*Chair:* Nikol Alexander-Floyd, Rutgers University, ngaf@rci.rutgers.edu

***Panelists***

Tiffany Willoughby-Herard, University of California, Irvine, twilloug@uci.edu

Nikol Alexander-Floyd, Rutgers University, ngaf@rci.rutgers.edu

**Sessions – Saturday, March 19, 10:30 – 10:11:50 p.m.**

**Panel 35: Dimensions in Black Politics**  
**Location: Coronett & Crown**

*Chair:* Tony Affigne, Providence College, affigne@gmail.com

***Panelists***

Social-Media Activism, Social Capital, and Young African-Americans

Geoffrey Bell, Howard University, geoffrey.bell@bison.howard.edu

Queer Necropolitics on the African Continent”

Camille May, Spelman College, cmay2@scmail.spelman.edu

The Politics of Women and Religion

S.N. Cathey, Tougaloo College, sncathey@tougalo.edu

A Racial Justice Based Model of Political Trust

Jamel Love, Rutgers University, jl1886@scarletmail.rutgers.edu

*Disc:* Tony Affigne, Providence College, affigne@gmail.com

**Panel 36: Virtue Ethics, Breach of Public Trust, and African-American Political Officials**  
**Location: Club**

*Chair:* Daryl Roberts, Tuskegee University, drobert@mytu.tuskegee.edu

***Panelists***

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Benjamin Newhouse, Tuskegee Consulting Group, bnewhouse711@gmail.com

Floyd Webb, Associate, CAMPAIGNANALYTICA, LLC,

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*Disc:* Joseph L. Jones, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, josephleronjones@gmail.com

**Panel 36: (Roundtable) Teaching While *Black*: Navigating the Application Process, Teaching, Scholarship, and Service En Route to Tenure at Predominantly White Institutions as Black Political Scientists.**

**Location: Gold A**

***Panelists***

Christopher Whitt, Augustana College, christopherwhitt@augustana.edu

Boris Ricks, California State University at Northridge, boris.ricks@csun.edu

Mary Ruth Bruce, Governors State University, [mclark@govst.edu](mailto:mclark@govst.edu)

Kim Mealy, American Political Science Association, [kmealy@apsanet.org](mailto:kmealy@apsanet.org)

**Panel 37: Book Discussion: Ronald Walter's *Fighting Neoslavery in the 20th Century***  
**Location: Gold B**

Elsie Scott, Howard University, Howard University's Ronald Walters Leadership and Public Policy Center, [scottie4of8@hotmail.com](mailto:scottie4of8@hotmail.com)

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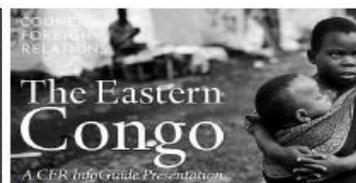
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**Keynote Address  
Ambassador  
Reuben E. Brigety II**

Reuben E. Brigety II is adjunct senior fellow for African peace and security issues at the Council on Foreign Relations and dean of George Washington University’s Elliott School of International Affairs. He most recently served as the appointed representative of the U.S. to the African Union and permanent representative of the U.S. to the UN Economic Commission of Africa. Prior to this appointment, he served as deputy assistant secretary of state in the Bureau of African Affairs (Nov. 2011-Sept. 2013).

From December 2009 to November 2011, Ambassador Brigety served as deputy assistant secretary of state in the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration. In this capacity, he supervised U.S. refugee programs in Africa, managed U.S. humanitarian diplomacy with major international partners, and oversaw the development of international migration policy.

Ambassador Brigety also served as director of the sustainable security program at the Center for American Progress from January 2008 to November 2009 and as a special assistant in the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance at the U.S. Agency for International Development from January 2007 to January 2008. He also served as a senior advisor for development and security to the U.S. Central Command assessment team in Washington, DC, and in Doha, Qatar from November 2008 to January 2009.

Prior to his work in the policy arena, Ambassador Brigety served as assistant professor of government and politics at George Mason University and at American University’s School of International Service between August 2003 and April 2009. In addition, he was a researcher with the arms division of Human Rights Watch (HRW) from August 2001 to May 2003, where he conducted research missions in Afghanistan and Iraq. Before joining HRW, Ambassador Brigety was an active duty U.S. naval officer and held several staff positions in the Pentagon and in fleet support units.

Ambassador Brigety is a 1995 distinguished midshipman graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, where he earned a BS in political science (with merit), served as the brigade commander, and received the Thomas G. Pownall scholarship. He holds an MPhil and a PhD in international relations from the University of Cambridge, England. Ambassador Brigety is a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a recipient of CFR’s International Affairs Fellowship.

<b>Closing Luncheon – Saturday, March 19, 12:00 p.m. (Grand Ballroom)</b>	
<b>Pearl Ford Dowe, <i>Presiding</i></b>	
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<b>Moderator of Q and A</b>	<b>Dr. Elsie Scott</b>
<b>2016 Conference Co-Chairs</b>	<b>Sekou Franklin Pearl Ford Dowe</b>
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<b>Todd C. Shaw</b>



**Dr. Elsie L. Scott  
Founding Director  
Ronald W. Walters Leadership and  
Public Policy Center**

**Moderator of the Q & A**

Elsie L. Scott, Ph.D. serves as the founding director of the Ronald W. Walters Leadership and Public Policy Center. She previously served as president and chief executive of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) and as the organization’s vice president for research and programs. Dr. Scott has served as executive director of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) and Deputy Commissioner of Training for the New York City Police Department. She has also held senior and supervisory roles in the police departments of Detroit and the District of Columbia and with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. She has taught political science, urban studies and criminal justice at several universities, including Howard University, Rutgers University, the University of Central Florida and North Carolina Central University. She earned degrees in political science from Southern University-Baton Rouge, the University of Iowa and Atlanta University.

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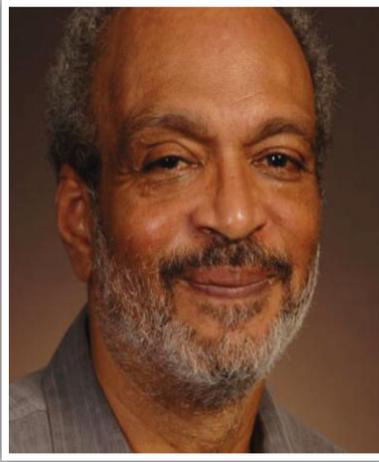


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## *In Memoriam*

### **DR. MICHAEL J. MITCHELL** ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Professor Michael J. Mitchell was an expert in Afro-Latino and Afro-Brazilian politics and culture. Professor Mitchell attended Fordham after graduating from Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx. A summer internship at the State Department led to a year abroad at Universidad Católica de Chile in Santiago. Following graduation, he and his wife served in the Peace Corps in Hualpencillo, Chile. Upon their return, he completed his M.A. in Latin American Studies and his Ph.D. in Political Science at Indiana University. He worked at Arizona State University (ASU) since 1990. Prior to arriving at ASU in 1990, he taught at MIT, Princeton, St. Peter's College in Jersey City, and SUNY-Albany.

Professor Mitchell is especially remembered for his dedication to his students. His commitment to teaching was first recognized in 1990, when he was honored with the Outstanding Teaching Award in Political Science; he received the award again in 2001. He also received awards and commendations from the Devils Advocates, the Associated Students of Arizona State University, the Sun Devil Club, the Graduate and Professional Student Association at ASU, and the Distinguished Teaching award.

As a scholar, Professor Mitchell sought to understand the role of race in Brazilian politics and culture. He was “the intellectual leader of the Race and Democracy in the Americas Project,” which focused on Brazil and engaged scholars and activists throughout the Americas and the Caribbean. Professor David Covin, his long-time collaborator, notes that Prof. Mitchell “introduced four generations of scholars to the study of Afro-Brazilian politics.” His research was widely respected and recognized by Latin American activists and academicians such as: Professor Eduardo de Oliveira, president of the National Afro-Brazilian Congress; Vanderli Salatiel, an Afro-Brazilian activist; Luiza Bairros, who served in President Dilma Rousseff’s cabinet (and was the only Afro-Brazilian cabinet member); Joao Carlos Nogueira, Executive Coordinator of Afro-Brazilian Entrepreneurs; and Unified Black Movement founder Milton Barbosa.

Over his career, he presented dozens of scholarly papers at professional conferences sponsored by groups as diverse as the American Political Science Association, the National Congress of Afro-Brazilian Researchers, the Universidade Federal da Bahia, the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, and the Network of Brazilian Legal Professionals to Combat Racial Discrimination. He also completed six years of service as co-editor of the National Political Science Review.

Professor Mitchell departed on October 27, 2015. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, a son, daughter and her husband and two granddaughters as well as cousins, a host of nieces, nephews and friends and former students around the world.