



53rd Annual Meeting of the
National Conference of Black Political Scientists

VISIONS OF BLACK FUTURES AT A CROSSROADS

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Our present times offer varying visions of the possible futures for Black people engaged in the struggle for liberation in the U.S. and beyond. These visions and the strategies deployed to affect their outcome are inspired and informed by generations of freedom fighters who came before, even as they are reconceptualized by Black women organizers in Georgia offering a model of how to leverage an energized Black electorate; massive global protests for racial justice that demand reckoning from political and non-political actors alike; and, multifaceted representation of Black narratives, Black history and Black future across multiple media. As Black people utilize new platforms to mobilize en masse in physical and virtual spaces to call out injustice and enact black visions, people seeking to uphold White supremacy and continue the subjugation of Black people attempt to overturn elections and overthrow governments, demonstrating that the realization of these possible futures will not come without continued conflict and confrontation.

The 2022 conference examines the collective visions of Black future being cultivated by Black individuals and groups engaged in what we broadly define as political work. We welcome panels, posters and roundtables that advance understanding of how black future visions (past and current) are articulated and contested, and how these future visions engender new meanings of state and global citizenship, establish new modalities of political engagement, and articulate new policy agendas, norms and practices. We seek to highlight research from a broad range of theoretical and methodological traditions, to spark conversations that transcend disciplinary and epistemological bounds. We especially encourage graduate and undergraduate students to submit proposals.

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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Welcome to our 53rd Annual Meeting, “Visions of Black Futures at a Crossroads.” I write as a political scientist survivor of a breakthrough COVID-19 case in January 2022. Like so many of us, what began as flu symptoms turned into a very dry throat, nasal overflow, and hips that ached too much to turn over for three weeks. We, who are so privileged to have survived, did so while our neighbors gathered maskless to revel in the tens of thousands;¹ sued school districts;² and blocked international borders;³ all to undo public health protocols. Meanwhile, the highest court in the land blocked Biden Administration vaccines and mask mandates for companies employing more than 100 people. Others kept burying their dead or getting up and going to work everyday with *long COVID*, even if the work was providing child care/health care/elder care - some of the many forms of devalued, gendered, and feminized care. The Supreme Court justices gestured toward expressing their concern for health equity by requiring medical facilities to keep these safety protocols in place. The justice's compromise reveals a quiet truth about our values. *We have decided to go on and to move forward with an unspoken understanding that nothing will ever be the same again.* While many people who fought being forced to take vaccines or wear masks were seriously misinformed targets of propaganda, the bitter wedge of truth hidden in their actions comes from the failure to tell accurate accounts of American power and governmentality. I would suggest that our vigilante friends and neighbors were manipulated by generational memories of social controls used against them in the past. Such repressed memories of violent forms of hegemony make our society particularly precarious emotionally.

Each day I remember the hundreds of thousands of people forcibly sterilized⁴ from the early 1900s until the 1970s in the United States alone because they were mentally ill, poor, Black, Latinx, Indigenous, or disabled. They were subject to sterilization because their reproduction was viewed as a catastrophe. In my own mind I mourn the birthing persons (who are not all women) who are forced to bear children during enslavement across the Americas, and those who were medically experimented on in the hundreds of medical plantations that existed across the hemisphere. I mourn too for the birthing persons today who are denied reproductive justice, health and education and forced to bear children in the full knowledge that the society has no wish to see their children thrive, flourish, belong, be raised by their birth parents or their birth communities, or grow up into their gifts and promise. It may be that guilt about participating in such lurid eugenic activities, or trauma over being the targets of such forms of violence, or anxiety about becoming victims of things that happen to racialized people all over the world everyday without comment or weeping caused our vigilante friends to run amok in the civil sphere. Eugenic nightmares have come home to roost.

We also live in a society that is armed to the teeth; where kids go to school and shoot each other up (not as often as we imagine but significantly more often than in any other part of the world); and where companies make

¹ “The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally Is Coming Back Despite The Ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic.” *Associated Press* (Via NPR) Aug 4 2021

² “US: Virginia school districts sue over governor's mask order.” *Al Jazeera*, 24 Jan 2022; Heyward, Giulia. “A new Virginia law will end school mask mandates and limit remote instruction”. *New York Times*, Feb 16 2022

³ “Ambassador Bridge protest: Truckers block vital Canada-US border crossing.” *BBC*, Feb 9 2022

⁴ Larson, Edward J. (1996). *Sex, Race, and Science: Eugenics in the Deep South*. *Journal of the History of Biology*, 29 (2) 320-322; Lombardo, Paul A., ed. (2011) *A century of eugenics in America: from the Indiana experiment to the human genome era*. Indiana University Press; Reilly, Philip R. “Involuntary Sterilization in the United States: A Surgical Solution.” *The Quarterly Review of Biology* 62, no. 2 (1987): 153–70. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2829217>

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mega-fortunes selling “games” that teach everybody that the best form of release, leisure, and relaxation is zoning out by practicing killing people on screen. There is an unspoken understanding about the misery of living this way.

Perhaps we have people arming their children⁵ and withdrawing to regions and states where it is politically normative to hate the very idea of government because they want to be left alone or perhaps it is because our history and our democratic value system require us to deal with difference, social complexity, and languages and music and food that we are unfamiliar with. Or maybe it is that our history and democratic value system require us to be accountable for treating blackness, indigeneity, queerness, transness as the ringer for humanity. We are at war against life itself...and most of us don't even know it.

As Black political scientists and as scholars of Black politics we are inheritors of incredibly rich histories of abolitionism, maroonage, egalitarianism, and deep democracy honed by the sacrifices of people who destroyed every justification for slavery that was conjured—generation after generation. We have inherited the understanding that the struggle for liberation, self-determination, community-led economic justice, and for space to create and time to craft wisdom is inevitable. In every generation we fight to change the conditions that constitute violence for us. We also fight in hopes that our children will learn the *gift* of knowing how to fight and knowing how to receive the fruit of better visions and bigger dreams. Cathy J. Cohen (1997, 2010) and her conspirators have told us that there are literally thousands of young kids of color chomping at the bit to reflect on the political science that they are doing in their everyday lives. Do we want to admit them, train them, nurture them, and let them direct the future of Black politics? May we remember to make room as we climb, protect the most vulnerable among us, refuse to be pushed out of spaces⁶ of formal education, and continue to share the ethos of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. May we forge a world worthy of our ancestors' dreams, even if it means speaking well-researched, historically sound, uncomfortable truths about the world we live in now.

Dreaming in to the future,

Dr. Tiffany Willoughby-Herard
University of California, Irvine

⁵ Healy, Jack. “Behind the Charges Faced by the Parents of the Michigan Shooting Suspect.” *New York Times*, Dec 4 2021

⁶ Nava, Lucas. “MU professors overwhelmingly support reversal of tenured faculty pay cuts.” *Columbia Missourian*, Feb 18 2022; Zahneis, Megan. “Governor Pledges to End Tenure for All New Hires.” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Feb 18 2022.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Welcome to the 53rd Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists! I want to personally thank our program chairs, Dr. Davin Phoenix and Dr. Cory Gooding for organizing and planning our conference. I want to also thank our President, Dr. Tiffany Willougy-Herard, Executive Director, Dr. Kathie Stromlie Golden, members of the Executive Council, Committee Chairs, Sponsors, and conference attendees for all that you have done to make this conference a success.

The theme of the 2022 Annual Meeting is “Visions of Black Futures at a Crossroads!” During a time of heightened racial upheaval, the erosion of democratic norms, COVID19, assaults on voting rights, and academic freedom, I cannot think of a more appropriate theme for our conference. This week scholars and community activists from around the globe will gather to present research and engage in intellectual debates and discussions about Black Politics from a variety of methodological and theoretical approaches. Join the conversations, talk through research ideas, and collaborate. I want to challenge our members to collaborate with junior scholars and graduate students by publishing your work in the *National Review of Black Politics* and other journals in the discipline where the work of Black Politics is respected and appreciated.

For many of our members, the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists is an opportunity to unplug, share experiences, collaborate, connect with friends, build networks, mentor younger scholars, and reinvigorate our scholarship and teaching. For the last two years, the COVID19 pandemic has impacted how we navigate society. Many of us have had to adjust how we teach, collect data, engage with students and colleagues. Many of us know someone who has been impacted or has either been affected personally by the COVID19 pandemic.

I also want to congratulate all of our members for the important work that you do every day to uphold the mission of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. I hope that you enjoy the conference!

Yours truly,
Emmitt Y. Riley, III, Ph.D.
DePauw University

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**MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIRS
WELCOME TO THE 53rd ANNUAL MEETING OF NCOBPS!**



The 2022 meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists centers visions of Black futures at the crossroads. The metaphor of crossroads suggests that there is not a single juncture, but indeed there are many. There are many opportunities to envision and enact new futures inspired by the struggle for liberation. There are also many classic and emergent challenges to those visions of Black future, which force us to reimagine our praxis and gather in community to meet the moment with the urgency it demands.

In many ways, the last year has allowed us to bear witness to the reality that nations, institutions, and communities are not static. Indeed, they are dynamic and their futures are made and remade everyday. In the United States, such efforts produced a preponderance of challenges to voting rights, battles in school boards over teaching critical race theory, state restrictions on reproductive rights endorsed by the highest courts in the land, continued criminalization and excessive surveillance of Black collectives engaged in organizing, and the continued toll of a pandemic laying bare age-old inequities while imposing a new reality upon us all. Beyond the shores of the United States, contestation over national futures have roiled Ethiopia and Cameroon, while people in Nigeria continued to mobilize en masse to dismantle an abusive police system. Meanwhile, Barbados shook off its last vestiges to a colonial queen, emerging as a new republic. Black people across the world face crossroads defined by old conflicts and new contestations, enduring promises and fresh possibilities.

NCOBPS, too, is a community that has been made and remade, inspired by the work of scholars, activists and members for over 54 years. We come together again on this occasion to acknowledge those who have come before us, to take an account of the challenges that face us today and to envision, enact and make possible visions of new Black futures.

Just as there is no future without those with the boldness to envision it and work for it, there is no NCOBPS without the labor and love of the people who comprise it. As we consider the crossroads we face as a constellation of scholars, educators and practitioners in these most uncertain times, let us rededicate ourselves to securing the future of NCOBPS. Through participation in the conference, through volunteering to make the conference go, through providing much needed financial support, as individuals and as institutions, we can do the work that is needed to sustain NCOBPS as an empowering and supportive space for generations of Black political scientists past, present and future. What we commit at this crossroads shapes our path forward. Join us. Onward.

Davin Phoenix
Co-Chair, 53rd Annual Conference
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WELCOME FROM THE LOCAL AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS



It is with great pleasure and anticipation that the Local Area Arrangements Committee welcomes you to the 53rd Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. This year our Annual Meeting was supposed to be in Baltimore and Washington, DC. Unfortunately, COVID-19 thwarted our in-person plans, and we were forced to move to an online platform. The good news is that our program chairs have organized a wonderful program lineup and we anticipate a productive, inspiring, and intellectually stimulating meeting. Our many roundtables, plenaries, and panels are organized around the conference theme, “Visions of Black Futures at a Crossroads” and are

designed to encourage us to reflect upon and reimagine the visions and strategies used to move us toward thriving Black futures. Several of our roundtables and panels are dedicated to examining this theme in Baltimore and Washington, DC and highlight many forms of political work including community activism and electoral politics at the local and state levels.

Some of the locally focused events we have planned include a conversation among Black women Maryland state legislators about Maryland’s groundbreaking police reform legislation and legislation aimed at advancing a Black agenda for the State of Maryland. There will also be a conversation among local activists from Baltimore and Washington, DC whose work focuses on community organizing around a myriad of issues including housing and tenants’ rights, reentry, and the rights of the incarcerated, D.C. statehood and funding for community work. One additional event will feature Black female scholars in conversation with the Baltimore based organization, Black Girls Vote. Additionally, there will be roundtables focused on voting and elections work in Baltimore and the challenges and possibilities related to governing Baltimore City at this political moment.

It is our hope that the conversations we have at this meeting will rejuvenate us all as we continue to hold race and justice at the center of our scholarship, teaching, activism, and work diligently toward thriving Black futures.

Jasmine Noelle Yarish
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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

<u>Wednesday, March 9</u>	<u>Thursday, March 10</u>	<u>Friday, March 11</u>	<u>Saturday, March 12</u>
3:00-4:00pm ET Local Area Planning Committee Plenary I: The Maryland Black Agenda and Black Futures	11:00am-12:00pm ET I Write What I Like <i>Presidential Plenary:</i>	10:00-11:00am ET LGBTQ+ Caucus	10:00-11:00 am ET ASBWP Business Meeting
4:15-5:15pm ET Local Area Planning Committee Plenary II: Community Activism in Baltimore & Washington, D.C.	12:30-1:30pm ET Concurrent Sessions I	11:00am-12:00pm ET Program Chair's Plenary: Presenting Imo Imeh	11:00am-12:00pm ET Vice President's Plenary: Fifty Years Later: The Responsibility of the Black College to the Black Community
5:30-6:30pm ET Welcoming The Spirit of NCOBPS	1:45-2:45pm ET Concurrent Sessions II	12:30-1:30pm ET Concurrent Sessions I	12:15-1:45pm ET Concurrent Session I
6:45-7:45pm ET Local Area Planning Committee Plenary III: Black Girls Vote	3:00-4:00pm ET Concurrent Sessions III	1:45-2:45pm ET Concurrent Sessions II	2:00-3:00pm ET Closing Plenary
	4:15-5:15pm ET Concurrent Sessions III	3:00-4:00pm ET Concurrent Sessions III	
	5:30-6:00pm ET Presidential Reception & Job Market Candidates & Positions	4:15-5:15pm ET Concurrent Sessions IV	
	6:15-7:15pm ET Business Meeting	5:30-6:45pm ET Founders Symposium and APSA President's Remarks	
	7:30-8:15pm ET Reception & Planning Meeting NSLBI Faculty & Students	7:30-9:00pm ET Awards Ceremony	

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Wednesday March 9, 2022, 3:00-4:00pm ET

Local Area Planning Committee Plenaries and Welcome

Local Area Planning Committee Plenary I: The Maryland Black Agenda and Black Futures

Tamelyn Tucker-Worgs, Hood College, tuckerworgs@hood.edu, *Creating a Black Legislative Agenda*⁷

Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Esq., *Maryland House of Delegates, Chair Ways and Means Committee, Democrat, District 13, Howard County*, vanessa.atterbeary@house.state.md.us

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Speaker Adrienne A. Jones, *Maryland House of Delegates, Speaker of the House, Democrat, District 10, Baltimore County*, adrienne.jones@house.state.md.us

Wednesday March 9, 2022, 4:15-5:15pm ET

Local Area Planning Committee Plenary II: Community Activism in Baltimore and DC

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Dominic Moulden, One DC and Village of Love and Resistance (VOLAR), ethiopian61@gmail.com

Kelyse Adams from DC Vote

Wednesday March 9, 2022, 5:30-6:30pm ET

⁷ Titles are italicized for visual ease - italicization does not denote a published print status

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Welcome: The NCOBPS Spirit and the Role of the Black Political Scientist in Higher Education

Welcome from President & Vice President of NCOBPS

Welcome to Baltimore by Mayor Brandon Scott

Welcome to Baltimore by City Councilperson John Bullock

KUCI Interview Dr. Kathie Stromile Golden and Claudia Shambaugh--The Ethos of Black Politics in 2022,
<http://www.kuci.org/podcastfiles/984/Golden2-8-22.mp3>;

Scavenger Hunt/Prizes

Wednesday March 9, 2022, 6:45-7:45pm ET

Local Area Planning Committee Plenary III: Black Girls Vote

Ashley Daniels, Black Girls Vote, adaniels@blackgirlsvote.com

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Thursday March 10, 2022, 11:00am-12:00pm ET

Presidential Plenary: 'I Write What I Like': Celebration of Moral Courage and Political Clarity in Higher Education

In this Presidential Plenary presenters reflect on the conditions that find their teaching, research, writing, and thinking under attack. Moderators invite these scholar activists to continue to think, research, write, and teach what they like.

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Tony Affigne (Moderator), Providence College, affigne@providence.edu

Thursday March 10, 2022, 12:30-1:30pm ET

PANEL 1 | Author Meets Critics: LaGina Gause, *The Advantage of Disadvantage: Costly Protest and Political Representation for Marginalized Groups*

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PANEL 2 | Theory and Politics, Inequality & Social Justice

Jamiee Swift, Emory University, jaimie.swift@gmail.com, *A Note from a Black Feminist Political Scientist: Expanding the Frame of Reference of Black Politics from A Black Feminist Weltanschauung*

Dehjah Vaughn, Clark Atlanta University, dehjah.vaughn@students.cau.edu, *The Psychological Effects of Racism on African Americans*

Austin Lewter, Syracuse University, adlewter@syr.edu, *The Day the Gates Fall: Reimagining our Campus Communities*

Justin Zimmerman, Northwestern University, justinzimmerman2022@u.northwestern.edu, *Race, Class, and the Politics of Situational Trust*

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Angela Pashayan, Howard University, angela.pashayan@bison.howard.edu, *Security in New Frontier: Race, Disinformation, and the Psychology of Justification*

Anand Commissiong (Chair), California State University, Long Beach, anand.commissong@csulb.edu

PANEL 3 | Women's Perspectives, Experiences, & Mobilization in Africa/Diaspora

Mahder Habtemariam Serekberhan, Syracuse University, mhserekb@syr.edu, *Political Possibilities: Mobilization of Women in Sudan*

Françoise Cromer, Saint Elizabeth University, fcromer@steu.edu, *Perceptions of Maternal and Neonatal Care Practices in Uganda*

Robin Turner, Butler University, rturne1@butler.edu, *Researching African Politics in a Patriarchal White Supremacist Discipline*

Daquan Lawrence (Chair), Howard University, daquan.lawrence@bison.howard.edu

Safia Farole (Discussant), Portland State University, sfarole@pdx.edu

PANEL 4 | Afro-Latinx Politics

Yalidy Matos, Rutgers University, yalidy.matos@rutgers.edu, *At the Intersection of Afro-Latinidad and Gender*

Michelle Bueno Vásquez, Northwestern University, michellebuenovasquez2024@u.northwestern.edu, *Nightmares of the Sleeping Giant: Afro-Latino Disruptions to Latino Panethnicity in the U.S.*

Yalidy Matos, Rutgers University, yalidy.matos@rutgers.edu, Michelle Bueno Vasquez, Northwestern University, michellebuenovasquez2024@u.northwestern.edu and Domingo Morel, Rutgers University, domingo.morel@rutgers.edu, *Are Dominicans the Sleeping Giant? Dominican-American Elite Political Power in the United States*

Justina Blanco, Howard University, justina.blanco@bison.howard.edu, *Alain Locke, Race Contacts, and Latin America*

Fernando Tormos-Aponte, (Chair), University of Pittsburgh, ft@umbc.edu

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Thursday March 10, 2022, 1:45-2:45pm ET

PANEL 1 | Conservative Belief & Believers

Michael Strawbridge, Rutgers University, m.strawbridge@rutgers.edu, *Who Are the Black Sheep: A Descriptive Analysis of Black Republican Men and Women*

Diarra O. Robertson, Bowie State University, dorobertson@bowiestate.edu, *White Evangelicalism, Conservatism, and Authoritarian Tendencies*

Donn C. Worgs, Towson University, dworgs@towson.edu, *Moral Frames and Ideological Dualism Among African Americans*

Tammy Greer, Clark Atlanta University, tgreer@cau.edu, *Pro-Uterus and Pro-Birth are not the Same as Pro-Life*

Nyron Crawford (Discussant), Temple University, nyron.crawford@temple.edu

PANEL 2 | Issues in Criminal Justice

Tari Ajadi, Tari.Ajadi@dal.ca, Dalhousie University, *To Defund or Refund: A Case Study of Policy Narratives Surrounding Municipal Police Forces in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada*

Tolulope Babalola, University of Southern California, babalola@usc.edu, *Who Punishes? Who is Punished?*

Marty A. Davidson, II, University of Michigan, martydav@umich.edu, *Effects of Suspicious Complaints on Neighborhood Policing Outcomes*

Kayla Kelly, American University, kk9804a@student.american.edu, *Criminalization of Homelessness and Public Health Consequences*

Patricia Posey, University of Chicago, pdposey@uchicago.edu, *Class, and the Visibility of High-Cost Financial Markets*

Keesha Middlemass (Chair/Discussant), Howard University, keesha.middlemass@howard.edu

PANEL 3 | Author Meets Critics: Nadia Brown & Danielle Caserez Lemi, Sister Style: The Politics of Appearance for Black Women Political Elites

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PANEL 4 | Race, Elections & Public Policy in Brazil

Andrew Janusz, University of Florida, ajanusz@ufl.edu, *The Electoral Consequences of Racial Fluidity*

Cloves Luiz Pereira Oliveira, Federal University of Bahia, cloves.luiz@uol.com.br; Joyce Miranda Leão Martins, Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo, joycesnitram@yahoo.com.br; Carlos Souza, Federal University of Pará, carlossouza@ufpa.br; *The Diversity of Representation: Gender, Race and Ethnicity in Brazilian Municipal Elections in the 2020*

Wanderson Maia Nascimento, Universidade de Brasília, wanderson.ipol@gmail.com and Ana Claudia Farranha, Federal University of Bahia, anclaud@uol.com.br, *Anti-Blackness and Affirmative Actions in Brazil: an Empirical Analysis of Being Black in an Anti-Black Bureaucracy*

Gladys L. Mitchell-Walthour, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, mitchelg@uwm.edu, *Afro-descendant Social Welfare Beneficiaries Perceptions of Race and Class Discrimination in Brazil and the United States*

James Pope (Chair/Discussant), Winston-Salem State University, popejr@wssu.edu

PANEL 5 | Issues Related to Continuity of Government Best Paper Awards– Collaboration Between the Democracy Fund, Ronald Walters Leadership and Public Policy Center and NCPOBS

Elsie Scott (Chair), Director, Ronald Walters Center, Howard University, elsie.scott@howard.edu

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PANEL 6 | Identity, Migration & Policy Within and Beyond Borders

Michelle Bueno Vásquez, Northwestern University, michellebuenovasquez2024@u.northwestern.edu, *Nightmares of the Sleeping Giant: Afro-Latino Disruptions to Latino Panethnicity in the U.S.*

Sarah Daniel, UC Berkeley, sidaniel@berkeley.edu, *Diasporic Interest Group Formation in the U.S.: Evidence from the Nigerian-American Diaspora*

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Anita Plummer, Howard University, anita.plummer@howard.edu, *Indebtedness: Kenyan Political Mobilization in Response to China's Development Finance*

Bonfas Owinga, Clark Atlanta University, bowinga@cau.edu, *Advocacy Groups and Democratic Consolidation: From Hope to Popular Disengagement in Kenya and Zambia*

Errol Henderson (Chair/Discussant), Pennsylvania State University, eah13@psu.edu

Thursday March 10, 2022, 3:00-4:00pm ET

PANEL 1 | Voting Behavior & Candidate Supply & Demand

Andra Gillespie, Emory University, andra.gillespie@emory.edu, *Insights from Election 2021*

Alexandria Davis, University of California, Los Angeles, ajdavis29@ucla.edu, *Captured at the Ballot Box?: Black Voter Apathy in Presidential Elections*

Kevin Sparrow, Emory University, ksparr2@emory.edu, *Descriptive Representation Oversupply*

Hunter Rendleman, Harvard University, hrendleman@g.harvard.edu, *Does Subgroup Political Power Affect Candidate Emergence and Selection? Evidence from Black Congressional Candidates*

Christopher Stout, Oregon State University, Christopher.Stout@oregonstate.edu, *How Education Levels Influence the Efficacy of Progressive Racial Appeals*

Stephen Caliendo, (Chair), North Central College, smcaliendo@noctrl.edu

Brianna Mack, (Discussant), Ohio Wesleyan University, bnmack@owu.edu

PANEL 2 | Issues in American Political Development & Policy

Keesha Middlemass, Howard University, keesha.middlemass@howard.edu and Roger Caruth, Howard University, roger.caruth@howard.edu, *The Unvaccinated: Social Media, Disinformation, and the Black Community*

Albert L. Samuels, Southern University and A&M College, albert_samuels@subr.edu, *History Repeating Itself: Nullifying the Voting Rights Act of 1965*

A.J. Rice, University of California, Los Angeles, riceaj1@ucla.edu, *Race, Capitalism, and State Intervention*

Jada Addison, Clark Atlanta University, jada.addison@students.cau.edu, *Food Security*

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Christina Williams, Clark Atlanta University, christina.williams@students.cau.edu, *The Effect State Election Laws on Youth Voting*

Jayne Beasley, Clark Atlanta University, jayne.beasley@students.cau.edu, *The Politics of Water: A Case Study of The Jackson, Mississippi Water Crises*

PANEL 3 | Racial Equity in Financial & Social Welfare Policies

Tierra Burns, Howard University, tierra.burns@bison.howard.edu, *Public Housing, Economic Power and Economic Autonomy in the African American Communities*

Naomi Nubin, University of Houston, Naomi_nubin@yahoo.com, *The poor, the partisan, and the diverse: How do political institutions and racial diversity influence Temporary assistance for needy families benefit?*

Kendrick Roberson, University of Southern California, Kbrobers@usc.edu, *Penalty of Party on Black Homeownership*

Jesse Bulluck, (Chair/Discussant), Texas Tech. University, jabulluck@gmail.com, *Changing the Game: Envisioning Better School Climates for the 21st Century Student*

PANEL 4 | Cedric Robinson: *The Time of the Black Radical Tradition* by Josh Myers

Josh Myers, Howard University, joshmyers@gmail.com

Tasneem Siddiqui, Winston-Salem State University, siddiquita@wssu.edu

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PANEL 5 | Black Women's Representation in US Institutional Politics

India Lenear, Rutgers University, india.s.lenear@rutgers.edu, Jasmine C. Jackson, Purdue University, jacks604@purdue.edu, Michael Strawbridge, Rutgers University, m.strawbridge@rutgers.edu, and Nadia Brown, Georgetown University, nadia.brown@georgetown.edu, *Did You Get My Message: Republican Black Women's Messaging*

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Alexis Harris, Clark Atlanta University, alexis.harris@students.cau.edu, *Black Women in the United States Senate: A Constructivist Analysis of Political Socialization*

Adrienne Scott, Cornell University, as3659@cornell.edu, *An Intersectional Approach to Understanding American Citizenship*

Sydney Carr, University of Michigan, slcarr@umich.edu, *Public Opinion toward Black Female Political Elites*

Jatia Wrighten, Virginia Commonwealth University, wrightenj2@vcu.edu, *A Case study in Political Ambition: Stacey Abrams and the Heavy Lifter Theory*

Elizabeth Walker, College of the Desert, elizabeth.craigg@cgu.edu, *The Divine Nine: Political Prowess, Power, and Influence in the Election of VP Kamala D Harris*

Nadia Brown (Chair), Georgetown University, nadia.brown@georgetown.edu

PANEL 6 | Critical Race Theory (CRT) in Education & Liberatory Educational Practices—Presidential Panel

Reimagine, Retell, Reclaim, Repeat: A Conversation on Critical Race Theory in Education and Liberatory Educational Practices for Transformative Individual and Collective Healing

Kai Matthews, University of California, Los Angeles, kai.mathews@ucla.edu

Mary Senyonga, University of California, Los Angeles, senyonga@ucla.edu

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Thursday March 10, 2022, 4:15-5:15pm ET

PANEL 1 | Issues in Political Economy

Denise Quinlan, University of Florida, dquinlan@ufl.edu, *The Political Economy of Foreign Investments in Local Communities*

Elizabeth L. Carter, Elizabeth L. Carter, Esq., LLC, ec@elcesq.com, *Black Women Entrepreneurs and the Funding Problem*

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Christine Slaughter, Princeton University, cs27@princeton.edu , *No Money Mo' Problems: Millennials, Inequality, Voter Turnout*

Sharon Wright Austin, University of Florida, polssdw@ufl.edu, *Black Women & ROSCAs in America*

Andra Gillespie (Chair), Emory University, andra.gillespie@emory.edu

PANEL 2 | Mothering Dead Bodies: Black Maternal Necropolitics

Desireé Melonas, Birmingham Southern College, drmelona@bsc.edu

Tara Jones, Pacifica Graduate Institute, tara.e.atherley@gmail.com

Tiffany Caesar, Jackson State University, tiffany.d.caesar@jsums.edu

PANEL 3 | Future of Domestic & International Racial Politics

Jasmine Noelle Yarish, University of the District of Columbia, jasmine.yarish@udc.edu, Gregory Allen, University of the District of Columbia, gregory.allen@udc.edu, *Radical Republicanism in the 21st Century: Senator Jeff Merkley, William Lacy Clay, and "Abolition Amendment"*

Camille Shoals Southeast State Missouri University, cshoals1@gmail.com, and Jeremy Walling, *Where Do We Go From Here? An Analysis of White Supremacist Movements and Legislative Actions' in France, Germany, and the United States*

Kayla Thompson, DePauw University, kaylathompson_2022@depauw.edu, Uyinene's Ghost, *#AmINext: On Gender Based Violence and Black Liberation in 21st Century South Africa*

Albert Samuels (Chair/Discussant), Southern University and A&M College, albert_samuels@subr.edu

PANEL 4 | African Agency, Behavior, & Political Possibilities

Safia Farole, Portland State University, sfarole@pdx.edu, *Local Elections Under a Pandemic: Service Delivery Hardship and the Decline in Ruling Party Support in South Africa*

Alecia Hoffman, Alabama State University, ahoffman@alasu.edu, *Siddi Political Agency: A Review of the Literature*

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DaQuan Lawrence, Howard University, daquan.lawrence@bison.howard.edu, *Pan-Africanism in the Era of Globalization (International Colonialism)*

Robin L. Turner (Chair), Butler University, rturne1@butler.edu

Anita Plummer, (Discussant), Howard University, anita.plummer@howard.edu

PANEL 5 | Theorizing Otherwise and Rethinking the Political

Claire Crawford, University of Southern California, clairecr@usc.edu, *"Throwing Yourself Against the System": The Political in the Between*

Christopher Paul Harris, University of California, Irvine, christopher.paul.harris@uci.edu, *Black Grammar: Repertoires of Abolitions Future, Present, and Past*

Todd Shaw, University of South Carolina, shawtc@mailbox.sc.edu, Robert Greene, University of South Carolina, robertjerome.greene@gmail.com, and Alyssa Collins, University of South Carolina, ac95@mailbox.sc.edu, *Far Beyond the Stars: The Afrofuturist Prescience of Octavia Butler and Avery Brooks*

Hoda Zaki, Hood College, hzaki@hood.edu, *An Intersectional Revolutionary: An Analysis of Shirley Graham Du Bois's Biographies and Young Adult Fiction*

Nicholas Brady, Bucknell University, nab019@bucknell.edu, *Night of the Absolute: Rioting and Black Negativity*

Justin Zimmerman (Chair/ Discussant), Northwestern University, justinzimmerman2022@u.northwestern.edu

Thursday March 10, 2022, 5:30-6:00pm ET

President's Reception & Job Market Candidates and Positions

Networking reception

Thursday March 10, 2022, 6:15-7:15pm ET

Business Meeting

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Thursday March 10, 2022, 7:30-8:15pm ET

Virtual Reception & Planning Meeting of the No Student Left Behind Initiative (NSLBI) Faculty & Students

No Student Left Behind Initiative HBCU Affiliates Networking reception led by:
Emmitt Riley, DePauw University, emmittriley@depauw.edu

Friday March 11, 2022, 10:00-11:00am ET

LGBTQ+ Caucus Meeting

Jerome Hunt, Long Beach City College, jhunt@lbcc.edu

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

Friday March 11, 2022, 11:00am-12:00pm ET

Program Chairs Plenary: Presenting Imo Imeh Artist Showcase

Davin Phoenix, University of California, Irvine, dphoenix@uci.edu

Cory Gooding, University of San Diego, cgooding@sandiego.edu

Friday March 11, 2022, 12:30-1:30pm ET

PANEL 1 | Jewel Prestage Center Roundtable

Roundtable jointly organized by the Jewel Prestage Center, NCOBPS, and The Association for the Study of Black Women in Politics

Elsie Scott, Director, Ronald Walters Center, Howard University, elsie.scott@howard.edu

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PANEL 2 | Library of Congress Kluge Center: Resources & Opportunities for Scholars of Black Politics

Roundtable hosted by the Kluge Center, Library of Congress Residential Fellowships

Janna Deitz, Kluge Center, Library of Congress, jdeitz@loc.gov

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Jesse Holland, George Washington University, jesseholland@gwu.edu

PANEL 3 | History, Ontology & Social Science as Sites of Political Theorizing

Elizabeth Walker, College of the Desert, ewalker@collegeofthedesert.edu/ elizabeth.craigg@cgu.edu, *White Womens' Tears: The Quintessential Threat to Black Women Academics*

Kelly Harris, Seton Hall University, kelly.harris@shu.edu, *Contextualizing the Long Arc of Black Social Science*

Anand Commissiong, California State University, Long Beach, anand.commissiong@csulb.edu, *Black Women and Labor*

Stephanie Jones, University of California, Irvine, jonessd@uci.edu, *Rob Them: Competing Ontological Traditions in Geographical Contestations*

Desireé Melonas (Chair/Discussant), Birmingham Southern University, drmelona@bsc.edu, *Biology is a Bridge: Mending Racial Ruptures*

Todd Shaw (Chair) University of South Carolina, shawtc@mailbox.sc.edu

PANEL 4 | Black Rural Project

This roundtable, sponsored by NCOBPS's Black Rural Project, focuses on Black rural identity and politics in the South, an historically significant as a region that was ground zero of the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s, and is currently a flashpoint for contemporary debates about voting rights, poverty reduction, racial politics, and public health epidemics.

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PANEL 5 | Systemic Violence and Resistance

Claire Crawford, University of Southern California, clairecr@usc.edu and Ayana Best, University of Southern California, ayanabes@usc.edu, *Can We Say Their Names Too?: The Silencing of Black Trans and Masculine Presenting Women Around Police Violence in the Media*

Carolyn Coles, University of California, Irvine, ccoles@uci.edu, *Masked Emotion: Police Officer Perception of Threat in the era of COVID-19*

Felicity Stone-Richards, University of California, Santa Barbara, fstone-richards@ucsb.edu, *Black Lives Matter in Japan Too: Analyzing Japanese grassroots activism against anti-black discrimination and police harassment*

Monique Newton, Northwestern University, mnewton@u.northwestern.edu, *Race My Mind: Trauma Discourse Among Defund the Police Organizations in Chicago*

Krystal-Gayle O'Neill, University of Massachusetts Boston, k.oneill001@umb.edu, *Beyond Mammy, Jezebel and Sapphire: Reconceptualizing negotiations from an intersectional lens*

Yalidy Matos (Chair), Rutgers University, yalidy.matos@rutgers.edu, *At the Intersection of Afro-Latinidad and Gender*

Onyekachi Ekeogu (Discussant), Arizona State University, onyekachi.ekeogu@asu.edu

Friday March 11, 2022, 1:45-2:45pm ET

PANEL 1 | Governing Baltimore: Black Politics in Post-Industrial City

City Councilperson John T. Bullock, Baltimore District 9, John.Bullock@baltimorecity.gov

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City Councilperson Phylicia Porter, Baltimore District 10, Phylicia.Porter@baltimorecity.gov

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Donn Worgs, Towson University, dworgs@towson.edu

PANEL 2 | Political Identity and Community Organizing

Nykia Greene-Young, Clark Atlanta University, nykiagreene@gmail.com, *Theorizing Black Womens' Political Identity and Activism in the U.S. from Claudia Jones to Black Lives Matter*

Jasmine Noelle Yarish, University of the District of Columbia, jasmine.yarish@udc.edu, *Craftivism, Appalachian Political Identity, and the Candidacy of Paula Jean Swearengin: Rethinking the Landscape of Political Ideology*

Kimberly Shella, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, kimberly.shella@siu.edu, *Crisis Candidacies: Far Right Competition, Political Party Electoral Decline and Crisis, and Emergence of Black, Asian, and Asian Party Leaders in the West*

Ayana Best (Chair/Discussant), University of Southern California, ayanabes@usc.edu

PANEL 3 | Current Trends in Protest Politics

Adrian Pantoja, Pitzer College, adrianpan73@gmail.com, and Emilio Pantoja, emilio_pantoja@pitzer.edu, Pitzer College, *Secularism and Support for the Black Lives Matter Movement*

Tammy Greer, Clark Atlanta University, tgreer@cau.edu, *Protest to Policy: Methodology*

Leann McLaren, Duke University, leann.mclaren@duke.edu, and Zoe Walker, University of Michigan, zcwalker@umich.edu, *"By Any Means Necessary?" The Effect of Protest on Public Opinion*

Alexander Goodwin, University of North Texas, alexandergoodwin@my.unt.edu, *Protesting the "Right" Way: Exploring Respectability Politics and Support for Black Lives Matter*

Jamil Scott (Chair), Georgetown University, jamil.scott@georgetown.edu

Periloux Peay (Discussant), Georgia State University, ppeay@gsu.edu

PANEL 4 | African American Women Political Scientists in Institutions & Disciplines

Expanding the Boundaries of the Political in Institutions and Disciplines; This panel is one of two sessions honoring Jewel Prestage's role as founder of the sub-field of Black women in politics, offering reflection on the 30th anniversary of her classic essay, "In Quest of African American Political Woman."

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Friday March 11, 2022, 3:00-4:00pm ET

PANEL 1 | American Institutions: Path or Barrier to Producing Policy Change?

Charlton C. Copeland, University of Miami Law School, ccopeland@law.miami.edu, *Race, the Republican Party and the Marketing of Voter Fraud*

Karra McCray, Brown University, karra_mccray@brown.edu, *Race, Caucuses and the Progressive Agenda*

Chelsea Jones, University of California, Los Angeles, chelseajones@ucla.edu, *Taking Back the Ballot: Black Socio-cultural Institutions and the Contemporary Fight Against Voter Suppression*

Elsie L. Scott, Howard University, elsie.scott@howard.edu, *Louisiana Federal Judges and Race Related Cases*

Periloux Peay, Georgia State University, ppeay@gsu.edu, *Adaptive Information Use in Shaping Black-Interest Congressional Discourse*

Isabelle Soifer, University of California, Irvine, isoifer@uci.edu, *Racialization, Displacement, and Universities in the Smart City*

Tierra Burns (Chair/Discussant), Howard University, tierra.burns@bison.howard.edu

PANEL 2 | Africatown Collaboration

Elders and student researchers reflect on their collaborative preservation project of this historic community outside of Mobile, Alabama.

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PANEL 3 | Political Beliefs and Frames

Kamri Hudgins, University of Michigan, kkanoyh@umich.edu, Vincent Hutchins, University of Michigan, vincenth@umich.edu, Zoe Walker, Sydney Carr, University of Michigan, slcarr@umich.edu, *"If They Only Knew": Informing Blacks and Whites about the Racial Wealth Gap*

Mandi Bates Bailey, Valdosta State University, mmbailey@valdosta.edu and Zack Karazsia, Valdosta State University, zkarazsia@valdosta.edu, *Challenging Sh**hole Rhetoric: The Impact of Facts on Attitudes toward Africa*

Samantha Canty, University of California, Irvine, cantys@uci.edu, *Intersectionality and Black Political Engagement*

Kevin Sparrow (Chair), Emory University, ksparr2@emory.edu

PANEL 4 | Beliefs, Bodies & Sexuality

Mayannah Beauvoir, Rutgers University, mayannahbeauvoir@gmail.com, *Pan African Response to Honduran Abortion Crisis*

India Lenear, Rutgers University, india.s.lenear@rutgers.edu and Yalidy Matos, Rutgers University, yalidy.matos@rutgers.edu, *Black Womens' Attitudes Toward Immigration*

Clarissa Peterson, DePauw University, cpeterson@depauw.edu and Emmitt Riley, DePauw University, emmittriley@depauw.edu, *Racial Attitudes Among Hispanics and Asians: A Clash of American and Racial Identity*

Tushabe wa Tushabe, Widener University, decolonizelanguage@gmail.com, *African Philosophy and Sexuality*

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Tamelyn Tucker-Worgs, Hood College, tuckerworgs@hood.edu, and Donn Worgs, Towson University, dworgs@towson.edu, *Theology and Politics: Examining the Relationship Between Black Theology, The Prosperity Gospel, Black Political Attitudes & Behavior*

Jasmine Noelle Yarish (Chair), University of the District of Columbia, jasmine.yarish@udc.edu

PANEL 5 | Meet the Editors: A Publishing Roundtable

This will be a roundtable discussion by editors and authors from the *National Review of Black Politics; American Political Science Review and Politics, Groups, and Identities*, among others. They will provide information about the book and journal publishing process.

Andra Gillespie, Emory University, andra.gillespie@emory.edu

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Jonathan Collins, Brown University, jonathan_collins@brown.edu

Friday March 11, 2022, 4:15-5:15pm ET

PANEL 1 | Trauma, Illness, and Hope in Contemporary Black Politics

Talia Wade, Hood College, tbw2@hood.edu, *Trauma in Beloved, Kindred, and Citizen*

Vanessa Okojie, Valdosta State University, Viokojie@valdosta.edu, *What Factors Predict the Warnock Vote in the 2021 Georgia State Runoff Election*

Rudwan Tahir, Clark Atlanta University, rudu.tahir35@gmail.com, *Minnesota State Response on COVID-19*

Bry'Shawna Walker, North Central College (Illinois), bawalker@noctrl.edu, *Education and Black Political Studies in Higher Education Race Consciousness*

Jesse Bulluck, Texas Tech University, jabulluck@gmail.com, *Changing the Game: Envisioning Better School Climates for the 21st Century Student*

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PANEL 2 | Still Life: Reflecting on *Black On Both Sides* by C. Riley Snorton

Isabel Felix Gonzales, University of California, Irvine, isabelfg@uci.edu, Joshua Falek, York University, josh@falek.com, and Zein Murib, Fordham University, zmurib@fordham.edu, *"Still Life": Reflecting on Five Years of Black on Both Sides by C. Riley Snorton*

Amanda Mixon, The University of Texas at Austin, amixon@uci.edu

Tommy Curry, University of Edinburgh, t.j.curry@ed.ac.uk

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PANEL 3 | Understanding Black Political Engagement

Ashley Daniels, Black Girls Vote, adaniels@blackgirlsvote.com, *Party at the Mailbox: Mobilizing Black Voters with Celebrations of Community*

Christine M. Slaughter, Princeton University, cs27@princeton.edu, *Ain't No Stopping Us Now: African Americans, Political Engagement, and Resilience*

Abdul Sharif, Florida A&M University, sharifarmstrong20@gmail.com, and Brandon Armstrong, Brandon Armstrong, Florida A&M University, brandon7.armstrong@gmail.com, *Have Black Voters Become Independent of Political Parties?*

Donovan A. Watts, Indiana University, Bloomington, donwatts@iu.edu, *Black Millennials, Slipping Alliances, and the Democratic Party*

Tammy Greer, (Chair/Discussant), Clark Atlanta University, tgreer@cau.edu

PANEL 4 | Approaches to Capturing Racial Identity Through Machine Learning

Jamil Scott, Georgetown University, jamil.scott@georgetown.edu, and Andy Neville, Legislator Diversity.com, andy.neville@gmail.com, *Approaches to Capturing Racial Identity Through Machine Learning*

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PANEL 5 | Projects for Teaching & Learning Development

Dorian Brown Crosby, Spelman College, dr.crosby@yahoo.com, and Cassandra Berice, Spelman College, cberice@spelman.edu, *What's Happening? An Analysis of the Career Preparation and Trajectories of Black Women Majoring in Political Science at Historically Black Colleges and Universities*

Elizabeth A. Walker, Claremont College of the Desert, ewalker@collegeofthedesert.edu, *Gentrification of the Academy*,

Kelly Harris, Seton Hall University, kelly.harris@shu.edu, *The Gary Convention as an active learning model*

Georgia Persons (Chair/Discussant) Georgia Tech University, gp12@gatech.edu

Friday March 11, 2022, 5:30-6:45pm ET

Founder's Symposium & American Political Science Association President Remarks

Kesicia Dickinson, Michigan State University, dicki124@msu.edu

Jasmine C. Jackson, Purdue University, jacks604@purdue.edu

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John Ishiyama, President, American Political Science Association, University of North Texas, john.ishiyama@unt.edu, *Rethinking Political Science*

Kim Mealy, American Political Science Association, kmealy@apsanet.org

Friday March 11, 2022, 7:30-9:00pm ET

Awards Ceremony KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Maya Rockeymoore Cummings

Saturday March 12, 2022, 10:00-11:00am ET

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Association for the Study of Black Women in Politics Business Meeting

Saturday March 12, 2022, 11:00am-12:00pm ET

Vice President's Plenary: Fifty Years Later: The Responsibility of the Black College to the Black Community

Ashely Daniels, Black Girls Vote, adaniels@blackgirlsvote.com

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Emmitt Riley, DePauw University, emmittriley@depauw.edu

Saturday March 12, 2022, 12:15-1:45pm ET

PANEL 1 | American Political Science Association Professional Development Roundtable: Annual NCOBPS Forum

Forum with career insights for graduate students and early career scholars, hosted and moderated by the American Political Science Association

Kim Mealy, American Political Science Association, kmealy@apsanet.org

Tiffany Willoughby-Herard, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, and University of California, Irvine, twilloug@uci.edu

Jamila Michener, Head of the Status Committee on Blacks in the Profession, Cornell University, jamila.michener@cornell.edu

Steve Smith, Executive Director of the American Political Science Association, smithsr@spanet.org

PANEL 2 | Visions of Liberation

Cienna Benn, University of California, Irvine, ciennab@uci.edu, *Mumia The Human Being': Black Digital Humanities and the Inheritance of Archival Care*

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Lawanda Walker, Hampton University, lawandaswalker@gmail.com, *An Assault on the Soul: A Comparative Analysis on Theories of The Prison Industrial Complex and its Solution in the Works of Mumia Abu-Jamal and Angela Davis*

Domingo Delgado, Morgan State University, dodel1@morgan.edu, *“We Call Him Hamza”: Intifada Street, Revolutionary Art, & The Campaign To Bring Mumia Home*

Tariq Edwards, University of California, Irvine, tariqe@uci.edu, *Imprisoned For A Lifetime: The Impact of Power and Influence*

Jasmine McGary, University of California, Irvine, jmcgary@uci.edu, *A New Death Row*

Melanye Price (Chair), Prairie View A&M University, mtprice@pvamu.edu

PANEL 3 | New Visions for Educational Fugitivity Research Collective

Margaret Goldman, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA, mgoldma2@uci.edu, *Carceral Education and Conditional Care: A Call for Departure*

Mariel Rowland, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA, mariel.rowland@uci.edu, *Collective Practice: Pedagogies at work in the Activist Studio West Education Program*

Tara Jones, Pacifica Graduate Institute, tara.e.atherley@gmail.com, *Get Out! Pan-African Traditions and Educational Fugitivity*

Evelynn Cuautle, University of California, Irvine, evelynncuautle@gmail.com, *Education as Liberation: Honoring the Legacy of the Oakland Community School*

Tiffani Smith, Claremont Graduate Institute, tiffani.smith@cgu.edu, *The (Miss)Education of the Black Girl: Black Girl-Centered Collectives Fugitivity*

Françoise B. Cromer (Chair), Saint Elizabeth University, fcromer@steu.edu

PANEL 4 | NCOBPS Presidential History Series with Members of the President's Council

Sheila Harmon Martin, University of the District of the Columbia, sharmon@udc.edu

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Minion K.C. Morrison, University of Delaware, kcmorrison2@gmail.com

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PANEL 5 | Author Meets Critics: Tanya Hernandez, *Racial Innocence: Unmasking Latino Anti-Black Bias and the Struggle for Equality*

Frederick Harris, Columbia University, fh2170@columbia.edu

Nancy Lopez, University of New Mexico, nlopez@unm.edu

Devon W. Carbado, University of California, Los Angeles, carbado@law.ucla.edu

Tanya K. Hernandez, Fordham University, thernandez@law.fordham.edu

PANEL 6 | Grant Acquisitions: How to Get Grant Funding

Najja Baptist, University of Arkansas, nbaptist@uark.edu

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Saturday March 12, 2022, 2:00-3:00pm ET

Closing Plenary: *REFLECTING ON VISIONS OF BLACK FUTURES*

Najja Baptist, University of Arkansas, nbaptist@uark.edu

Desireé Melonas, Birmingham Southern College, Drmelona@bsc.edu

Felicity Stone-Richards, University of California, Santa Barbara, fstone-richards@ucsb.edu

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Special Sessions

Association for the Study of Black Women in Politics

Friday March 11, 2022, 12:30-1:30pm ET—Jewel Prestage Center Roundtable

Friday March 11, 2022, 1:45-2:45pm ET—African American Women Political Scientists in Institutions. & Disciplines

Saturday March 12, 2022, 10:00-11:00am ET—Association for the Study of Black Women in Politics (ASBWP) Business Meeting

Transnational Black Womxn in African Politics Research Network Symposium

Thursday March 10, 2022, 12:30-1:30pm ET—Women's Perspectives, Experiences, & Mobilization in Africa/Diaspora

Thursday March 10, 2022, 1:45-2:45—Identity, Migration & Policy Within and Beyond Borders

LGBTQ+ Caucus

Friday March 11, 2022, 10:00am ET—LGBTQ+ Caucus Meeting

Friday March 11, 2022, 4:15-5:15pm ET—Still Life: Reflecting on *Black On Both Sides* by C. Riley Snorton

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NCOBPS Awards Banquet
Friday March 11, 2022
7:30-9:00 pm Awards Banquet
Order of the Program

Welcome (7:30-7:40)	Cory Gooding Davin Phoenix
Invocation (7:40-7:45)	Tiffany Willoughby-Herard
Introduction of Keynote Speaker (7:45-7:50)	Tamelyn Tucker-Worgs Jasmine Noelle Yarish
Keynote/Remarks (7:55-8:15)	Maya Rockeymoore Cummings
Awards PowerPoint (8:15-8:35)	Emmitt Riley Kathie Stromile Golden Lorrie Frasure-Yokley Elsie Scott
Closing Remarks (8:35)	Davin Phoenix and Cory Gooding

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PLENARY SPEAKER BIOS

Wednesday March 9, 2022, 3:00-4:00pm ET

Local Area Planning Committee Plenary I: The Maryland Black Agenda and Black Futures

Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Esq., *Maryland House of Delegates, Chair Ways and Means Committee, Democrat, District 13, Howard County*, Vanessa E Atterbeary has been a member of Maryland House of Delegates since January 14, 2015. In 2021 she was named the Chair of the [Ways and Means Committee](#), Among the many committees on which she serves in the House of Delegates, she is a member of the [Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families](#) and the [Rules and Executive Nominations Committee](#), She also chaired the [Work Group to Address Police Reform and Accountability in Maryland](#). Atterbeary was Born in Columbia, Maryland, and attended Atholton High School in Columbia. She went on to the College of William and Mary, earning a B.A. in government. Atterbeary also attended Villanova University School of Law, earning a law degree. She served as a law clerk to Judge David W. Young, Baltimore City Circuit Court, 2001-02 and was admitted to Maryland Bar, 2001; District of Columbia Bar, 2002; U.S. District Court for District of Maryland, 2003, for District of Columbia, 2006. She is a member of numerous organizations including the Maryland State Bar Association; District of Columbia Bar Association. Vice-President, Silver Spring Chapter, The Links, Inc., the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women. Leadership Montgomery, 2010. Leadership Maryland, 2012. Member, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She is a recipient of a number of awards including the Legislative Champion Award, Women Legislators of Maryland, 2018. 25 Women to Watch in 2018, Baltimore Sun, 2018. Maryland's Top 100 Women, Daily Record, 2020.

Senator Jill P. Carter, Esq., *Maryland State Senate, Democrat, District 41, Baltimore City*, Jill P. Carter has been a member of the Maryland State Senate since May 4, 2018. She is a member of the [Judicial Proceedings Committee](#), the [Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review](#), the [Joint Committee on Fair Practices and State Personnel Oversight](#), and served on the Marijuana Legalization Work Group among many others. She is also the Senate Chair of the [Joint Committee on Federal Relations](#), Carter is a member of the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland, Women Legislators of Maryland, and the Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus. Carter has spent a long time in public service and was also a member of House of Delegates from 2003-2017. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Carter attended Western High School, Baltimore, Maryland. She went on to Loyola College earning a B.A. in English and then University of Baltimore School of Law earning a law degree. She served as Law clerk to Judge Kenneth L. Johnson, Baltimore City Circuit Court, 1992-93. She was admitted to Maryland Bar, 1993 and is the member of many organizations including the Maryland State Bar Association; Monumental City Bar Association (chair, legislative committee); Maryland Association for Justice (formerly Maryland Trial Lawyers Association). She is a founding member, Black Lawyers Group. She also worked as a journalist Afro American Newspapers, 1987-88. She is the founder and president of the Walter P. Carter Foundation, and the Executive Director of the Maryland Minority Business Association, 2002. She has won many awards and been cited as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women.

Speaker Adrienne A. Jones, *Maryland House of Delegates, Speaker of the House, Democrat, District 10, Baltimore County*, Adrienne Jones has been a member of Maryland House of Delegates since October 21, 1997 and the House Speaker since 2019. She is the first woman and the first African American speaker of the house in the state of Maryland. She served as the Speaker Pro Tem, 2003-19. She served as a member of many committees in the House of Delegates during her long tenure in public service including the [Legislative Policy Committee](#), [Spending Affordability Committee](#), [Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics](#), and she is the Co-Chair of the [Joint Covid-19 Response Legislative Work Group](#), 2020 and so many more. Jones also served as a member of the Transportation

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Task Force, the Capital Debt Affordability Committee, and the Education Commission of the States. Jones was born in Cowdensville, Maryland and attended Baltimore County public schools. She also attended the University of Maryland Baltimore County earning a BA in psychology), Jones also served as a part time columnist for the Baltimore Times, She has served on many boards including the Friends of Benjamin Banneker Historical Park, Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland, and the We Are Family Community Development Center Baltimore County Leadership Alumni Board. She's also been a member of many organizations including Woman Power, Inc., the Liberty/Randallstown Coalition and the Baltimore County Democratic Central Committee. She has also won many awards, including the Community Services Award, Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Citizens Award, Baltimore County Police Department, Award of Appreciation for Outstanding Services to the Asian/Indian Community, Award of Appreciation, Baltimore County Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 1996. Meritorious Service Award, National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., the Governor's Certificate of Merit for outstanding contributions in field of victims' rights and services, Delegate of the Year, Maryland State's Attorneys' Association, 1998 Honorary Doctor of Law Degree, Goucher College, 2008. John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Award, Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement, Salisbury University, 2012. President's Award, University of Baltimore, 2015. Outstanding Service Award, Board of Trustees, University of Maryland College Park Foundation, 2015 and many more.

Wednesday March 9, 2022, 4:15-5:15pm ET

Local Area Planning Committee Plenary II: Community Activism in Baltimore and Washington

Wednesday March 9, 2022, 6:45-7:45pm ET

Local Area Planning Committee Plenary III: Black Girls Vote

Dr. Ashley C.J. Daniels (adaniels@blackgirlsvote.com) is a recent graduate of the Political Science department at Howard University. She conducts research in the areas of Black Politics, Black feminist and womanist theory, public opinion, and popular culture. After completing her undergraduate studies at Bowie State University (BSU), where she received a Bachelor of Arts in English, she continued her education by earning Master of Arts degree in Public Administration. Her dissertation, "Unlocking the Power of the Sister(hood) Vote: Exploring the Opinions and Motivations of NPHC Sorority Black Women Supporting Black Women Candidates" examines how Black sorority women evaluate and connect with Black women candidates.

Her writing has been featured in the Washington Post, the Washington and Baltimore Afro-American Newspaper, the blog, ForHarriet, the PHILLIS Journal for Research on African American Women, and the National Review of Black Politics. She has also presented her research at several national and regional conferences, including the National Conference for Black Political Scientists, the Black Doctoral Network, the HBCU Conference on Retention, the American Political Science Association, and Delta Days in the Nation's Capital. She is a recipient of several awards including the Organization for Research on Women and Communication, the National Conference for Black Political Scientists, Howard University, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Dr. Daniels served for nearly eight years as an administrator with the Delta Research and Educational Foundation. She currently serves as the 2021-2022 Leading Edge Fellow for the National Conference on Citizenship with the

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Party at the Mailbox initiative through the Black Girls Vote. She is a native of Baltimore, Maryland and currently resides in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Nykidra Robinson (nrobinson@blackgirlsvote.com) A Baltimore, Maryland native, Nykidra "Nyki" Robinson is an entrepreneur, visionary, motivator, and connector with a passion for changing the world. She believes in the collective power of the people to make positive change for communities that have been underserved. [Nyki graced the cover of Baltimore Magazine as one of "Baltimore's Top 30 Female Leaders,"](#) and was named [by The Daily Record as one of "Maryland's Top 100 Women in 2020,"](#) as well as being named [one of The Daily Record's Most Influential Marylanders in 2021.](#) On November 30, 2015, inspired by Shirley Chisolm's birthday, Nyki launched [Black Girls Vote, Inc.](#) – a non-partisan, grassroots organization that focuses on encouraging, mobilizing and activating Black women to use their collective voting power, to be civically-engaged, and to advocate for issues that impact Black women and their families. The organization seeks to cultivate a generation of Black women leaders who will continue to push for justice. Nyki has dedicated her career to organizing for social causes. As a seasoned outreach specialist, she has over 14 years of experience in politics, project management, strategic planning, and community engagement. In 2020, Nyki created the innovative and groundbreaking ["Party at the Mailbox" \(PATM\) campaign,](#) one of the first [most successful COVID-19 pandemic-proof voter education engagements in the nation.](#) PATM launched in Baltimore, MD during the April 2020 presidential primary election. The program then expanded to Detroit, MI and Philadelphia, PA for the presidential general election; Atlanta, GA for the 2021 Senate run-off elections; and Richmond, Virginia for the 2021 gubernatorial election. Nyki and her team are currently overseeing an extensive randomized control trial evaluation focused on Black voter engagement.

Nyki is a proud graduate of Randallstown High School. A first-generation college student, she attended Frostburg State University where she graduated with a degree in business administration and a minor in leadership studies. After graduation, she studied Mandarin and international business in Beijing, China. In 2018, Nyki earned her Masters of Public Administration from Baruch College as part of the 50th anniversary class of the National Urban Fellows program.

Dr. Pearl K. Dowe (pearl.dowe@emory.edu) is the Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Political Science and African American Studies with a joint appointment between the university's Oxford College and Emory College of Arts and Sciences. Her recent scholarship focuses on African American women's political ambition and public leadership. Her manuscript *The Radical Imagination of Black Women: Ambition, Politics and Power* is under contract with Oxford University Press. Her most recent publication *Resisting Marginalization: Black Women's Ambition and Agency* published in 2020 received the Anna Julia Cooper Best Paper Award from the Association for the Study of Black Women in Politics. Dr. Dowe's published writing includes co-authorship of [Remaking the Democratic Party: Lyndon B. Johnson as Native-Son Presidential Candidate](#) (University of Michigan Press: 2016) and editorship of [African Americans in Georgia: A Reflection of Politics and Policy Reflection in the New South](#) (Mercer University Press, 2010). She has published numerous articles and book chapters that have appeared in the *Journal of African American Studies*, *Political Psychology*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Black Studies*, and *Social Science Quarterly*.

Dr. Dowe has presented widely at professional conferences and given frequent news-media interviews about American political topics. She is a member of several committees for the American Political Science Association, and previously served on the executive council of the Southern Political Science Association and the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. She is co-editor of the [National Review of Black Politics](#) and is a member of the editorial boards of the *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy* and the *Race, Gender & Class Journal*.

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Andra Gillespie (andra.gillespie@emory.edu) is Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the James Weldon Johnson Institute for the Study of Race and Difference at Emory University. She earned her Ph.D. in Political Science from Yale University. Her research focuses on the political leadership of the post-civil rights generation. In particular, she studies African American politicians who attempt to transcend race and how Black voters respond to them. She is the author of *The New Black Politician: Cory Booker, Newark and Post-Racial America* (2012) and *Race and Obama Administration: Symbols, Substance and Hope* (2019). She is also the editor of *Whose Black Politics? Cases in Post-Racial Black Leadership* (2010). She also serves as the co-editor of the *National Review of Black Politics*.

Wendy G. Smooth (smooth.1@osu.edu), Ph.D. is Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer for the College of Arts and Sciences at The Ohio State University. She holds a faculty appointment as an Associate Professor of Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies and holds courtesy appointments in Political Science and the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. A noted scholar of intersectionality and American politics, she is one of the foremost voices writing on the experiences of women of color as law makers in political institutions and women of color issues in public policy. Her current research focuses on girls of color and their interests in political leadership and the exponential growth in women of color led organizations linking communities of color to the democratic process. She regularly commentates and consults on issues impacting Black women in electoral politics as voters and candidates. Her writings appear in numerous journals including, *Politics and Gender*; *Journal of Women Politics and Policy*; and the *National Political Science Review* and edited volumes such as *Situating Intersectionality: Politics, Policy and Power*; *Gender and Elections: Shaping the Future of American Politics*; *Legislative Women: Getting Elected, Getting Ahead*; and *Still Lifting, Still Climbing: Black Women's Contemporary Activism*.

Ashiah Parker (ashiah.parker@noboundariescoalition.com) is a longtime resident of the Sandtown neighborhood in Central West Baltimore. She is committed to working to make her neighborhood and Baltimore City as a whole a better place.

Ashiah works as the Executive Director of the No Boundaries Coalition. The No Boundaries Coalition is a resident-led advocacy organization building a unified and empowered Central West Baltimore. The Coalition mobilizes residents from seven different neighborhoods in 21217 to address racial and economic inequality in Baltimore City and improve the quality of life for Central West Baltimore residents.

Ashiah is also a partner at Tidmore Public Affairs LLC, a public affairs firm and serves on various boards and organizations throughout Baltimore.

Ms. Parker holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of Baltimore and lives with her two children, Aaliyah and Jeremiah and her partner, Keith.

Krystal Leaphart (klapheart@blackgirlsvote.com) is an award-winner organizer and strategist from Detroit, Michigan. Krystal brings more than a decade of experience in legislative advocacy and grassroots activism to build power towards a world that is equitable for all people, especially black women and girls. She uses electoral strategy, intersectional political analysis and scholarship to implement the ideals of radical black feminism.

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She most recently worked at the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women, or NOBEL Women. As the Operations and Policy Associate, Krystal supported black women in elected and appointed office through training and supporting policy initiatives that contribute to the betterment of black women and girls. Prior to this, Krystal served as the Chief of Staff at IMPACT, an organization that fosters civic engagement, political involvement and economic empowerment for millenials of color.

She currently served as the Advocacy co-lead for Black Girls Vote. BGV is a non-partisan non-profit organization that is designed to represent the concerns and interests of Black women. The mission of the Advocacy Committee is to organize our membership and community around issues that disproportionately affect black women and girls. We do this by organizing education events, utilizing partnerships and demanding policy changes from elected officials. The Black Girls Vote Advocacy Committee is dedicated to using black women's collective vote and voice to improve the conditions of their lives and the lives of others.

Thursday March 10, 2022, 11:00am-12:00pm ET

Presidential Plenary: 'I Write What I like': Celebration of Moral Courage and Political Clarity in Higher Education

In this Presidential Plenary presenters reflect on the conditions that find their teaching, research, writing, and thinking under attack. Moderators invite these scholar activists to continue to think, research, write, and teach what they like.

Hakeem Jefferson, Stanford University, Hakeem Jefferson is an assistant professor of political science at Stanford University where he is also a faculty affiliate with the Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, the Stanford Center for American Democracy, and the Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law. He is currently on leave as the 2021-22 SAGE Sara Miller McCune Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. Hakeem received his PhD in political science from the University of Michigan and graduated from the University of South Carolina with undergraduate degrees in political science and African American Studies.

Hakeem's research focuses primarily on the role identity plays in structuring political attitudes and behaviors in the U.S. His in-progress book project builds on his award-winning dissertation to consider how Black Americans come to support punitive social policies that target members of their racial group. In this work and in a range of other projects, Hakeem takes an interdisciplinary approach to showcase and clarify the important and complex ways that identity matters across all domains of American life.

As a public-facing scholar, Hakeem writes frequently about identity for FiveThirtyEight, where he is an academic contributor, and his writings and commentary are regularly featured in major news outlets. He is also active on Twitter, and you can follow him @hakeemjefferson.

Duchess Harris, Macalester College, Professor Harris arrived at Macalester as an instructor and a visiting assistant professor in 1994, teaching courses in women's and gender studies. In 1998 she joined the tenure-track faculty in political science and African American studies. She was tenured in 2004, earned a Juris Doctorate in 2011, and was promoted to full professor in 2013. Dr. Harris was also a founding member of the American Studies department and served as chair for eight years, including as its inaugural chair. The breadth of courses Dr. Harris has taught is wide-ranging, and includes Foundations of U.S. Politics, Policy Analysis: Health Care in the United States, Black

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Political Thought, Race and the Law, and “The Obama Presidency.” Among the things she’s most proud of during her time at Macalester are the lifelong bonds she builds with her students in the classroom. Professor Harris was a Mellon Mays Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania. She graduated with a degree in American History. In 1990, she was elected Student Body President, which made her the first Black woman to serve in this role at an Ivy League institution. She earned a Ph.D. in American Studies from the University of Minnesota. While in graduate school, she worked for the late U.S. Senator Paul D. Wellstone. She did a Policy Fellowship at the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, and also completed Postdoctoral Fellowships at the University of Minnesota Law School and the University of Georgia. Harris has advocated on the national level at the Congressional Black Caucus., Locally, she was appointed as a Minneapolis Civil Rights Commissioner by Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton, appointed to the Governor’s Council on Black Minnesotans by Governor Jesse Ventura, appointed to Co-Chair the Statewide Martin Luther King Holiday (twice) by Governor Mark Dayton; and appointed to the Board of Public Defense by Governor Tim Walz. Her academic books include, *Racially Writing the Republic: Racists, Race Rebels, and Transformations of American Identity* (2009), *Black Feminist Politics from Kennedy to Clinton* (2009), *Black Feminist Politics from Kennedy to Obama* (2011), *Black Feminist Politics from Kennedy to Trump* (2018) and *Black Girl Magic Beyond the Hashtag: Twenty-First Century Acts of Self-Definition* (2019). She is also the proud curator of the [Duchess Harris Collection](#), which has 120 written for 4-12 graders.

H. L. T. Quan, Arizona State University, H. L.T. Quan is a political theorist, an award winning filmmaker. She is an Associate Professor of Justice and Social Inquiry affiliate faculty member of African/African American Studies, Asian Pacific American Studies and Women's and Gender Studies in the School of Social Transformation at Arizona State University. Her research centers on movements for justice, and race, gender & radical thought. Her monograph (2012), *Growth Against Democracy* is a radical critique of modern development thought and policies. She recently completed the book manuscript, *Against Tyranny: A Feminist Ethic for Democratic Living* that explores will-full resistance to various forms of governing. Through QUAD Productions, C. A. Griffith and Quan produced/directed short and feature documentaries such as *Mountains That Take Wing/Angela Davis & Yuri Kochiyama: A Conversation on Life, Struggles & Liberation*, *América's Home*, a film about gentrification and displacement in Puerto Rico, and most recently, *Bad Form: Queer, Broke & Amazing* – a film about LGBTQ+ people and the struggles for economic justice in the United States. Quan is the editor of the recent collection of essays by *Cedric J. Robinson: On Racial Capitalism, Black Internationalism, and Cultures of Resistance* (Pluto Press, 2019). In 2020, she served as the Editor in Residence for the justice related [Praxis Center Blog](#), where robust theory+informed practice is featured. Since January 2021, Quan also regularly co-hosts and co-produces the [Equality Arizona Podcast](#).

Sharon Wright Austin, University of Florida, Sharon Wright Austin is Professor of Political Science at the University of Florida. Her research focuses on African-American women’s political behavior, African-American mayoral elections, rural African-American activism, and African-American political behavior. She is the author of *Race, Power, and Political Emergence in Memphis* (Garland 2000); *The Transformation of Plantation Politics in the Mississippi Delta: Black Politics, Concentrated Poverty, and Social Capital in the Mississippi Delta* (State University of New York Press 2006); and *The Caribbeanization of Black Politics: Race, Group Consciousness, and Political Participation in America* (State University of New York Press 2018). She has also published articles in the *National Political Science Review*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *the Journal of Black Studies*, and *Politics and Policy*, as well as several book chapters. She is currently editing a book entitled *Political Black Girl Magic: The Elections and Governance of Black Female Mayors* (Under Contract, Temple University Press). Dr. Austin is also a member of the editorial team for the *American Political Science Review*.

Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, Purdue University, Valeria Sinclair-Chapman’s work focuses on American political institutions, legislative politics, minority representation in Congress, and minority political participation. Broadly construed, her research examines why and how previously marginalized groups gain inclusion in the American

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political system. She is author or co-author of journal articles in the *Journal of Politics*, *Electoral Studies*, *Political Research Quarterly*, and *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, as well as several book chapters and an award-winning book, [Countervailing Forces in African-American Political Activism, 1973-1994](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2006). Sinclair-Chapman's current research projects examine how legislators represent the interests of racial and ethnic minorities in Congress at various stages of the legislative process. She is past president of the Women's Caucus of the South in the Southern Political Science Association, and former co-president of the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section of the American Political Science Association. She teaches courses on Race and Ethnic Politics, African-American Politics, Political Representation, Black Political Leadership, Congress as an Institution, and Introduction to American Politics.

Jenn Jackson (Moderator), Syracuse University, Jenn M. Jackson (she/they) is an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science. Jackson also holds faculty affiliations in African American Studies, Women's and Gender Studies and LGBT Studies, and is a senior research associate at the Campbell Public Affairs Institute. Their research is in Black Politics with a focus on group threat, gender and sexuality, political behavior and social movements. Jackson is the author of peer-reviewed articles at *Public Culture*, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, and the *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy*, and is the author of several forthcoming book chapters on the intersections of race, gender, class and politics. Jackson's first academic book project investigates the role of threat in influencing Black Americans' political behavior through the lens of policing in the United States. They find that Black women are most likely to express concerns about state-based and intragroup threat. Comparatively, Black men vary drastically in their responses to group threat depending on their sexual orientation, gender expression and vulnerability to stereotypes. Jackson received a doctoral degree from the Department of Political Science at the University of Chicago where they also received a graduate certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies. Jackson earned a B.S. in industrial engineering from the University of Southern California with a minor in sociology, and went on to earn an M.A. with honors in political science from California State University, Fullerton, where they later taught Political Science Research Methods and Black Politics.

Tony Affigne (Moderator), Providence College, Dr. Anthony (Tony) Affigne is a senior professor in PC's political science department and Black studies program, and a core faculty member in Latin American and Latina/o Studies. He has been a member of the American Political Science Association for more than three decades, and was principal founder of the political science subfield on Race, Ethnicity, and Politics, established in 1995. His research on Latino, Black, and Asian American politics, environmental parties and policy, and the early history of political science, has been published in the US and abroad. Prof. Affigne offers some of Providence College's most innovative and thought-provoking classes, including "Race and Politics in the Americas," "Political Thought in Science Fiction," and "The Politics of Climate Change." He has also taught at Brown University, as visiting professor of political science, ethnic studies, and public policy. He recently served on the Advisory Board of the Washington-based Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs, and as Book Review Editor for the *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*. In 1998 he co-founded the national Latino Caucus in Political Science, later serving as its President, and in 2011 was honored with the Frank J. Goodnow Award, the American Political Science Association's highest award for distinguished service to the discipline. In 2021 Affigne was recipient of the Adalijza Sosa-Riddell Mentoring Award (named for the first Latina to earn a PhD in political science), conferred by the American Political Science Association for outstanding service as a mentor to Latinx and other students and junior faculty of color. He is a longtime member of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, and for NCOBPS's 50th Anniversary Meeting in 2019, was asked to develop a new program division on Afro-Latino Politics.

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Friday March 11, 2022, 11:00-12:00pm ET

Program Chairs Plenary | Presenting Imo Imeh: Artist Showcase

Dr. Imo Nse Imeh is a Nigerian-American visual artist and scholar of African Diaspora art. Presently, he is Associate Professor of Art and Art History at Westfield State University in Massachusetts. He is a Columbia University alumnus, and received his Masters and Doctoral degrees in Art History from Yale University in 2009.

Dr. Imeh leverages his practice of visual art and research in art history to investigate historical and philosophical issues around the black body and cultural identity. He has made contributions to visual arts discourse with publications, lectures, and provoking studio art projects that interrogate the ways in which black bodies are imagined, installed, ritualized, and transformed. Recently, his art has been recognized by PBS News Hour, New England Public Media, Orion Magazine, and the contemporary art and culture magazine Art New England. His recent project *17 Years Boy: Images, Sounds, and Words Inspired by the Life and Death of a Young Black Boy*—created in response to a spark of racist incidents on his campus—utilizes public performance, visual art, and musical tributes to reimagine Trayvon Martin and other slain black boys, in an effort commemorate them while warning viewers of the horrific consequences of ongoing and evolving systems of racial subjugation in the United States.

His current studio project, *Benediction*, tells the story of a group of angels that have been cast down to earth, and bound to the skins of black boys and men. Their task is to serve as witnesses to the traumas and triumphs that they experience while in this guise. Dr. Imeh considers this series as his personal response—as a black man—to the global pandemic, and the many horrific realities of black existence that the darkness of this plague has elucidated for the entire world to witness.

Friday March 11, 2022, 7:30-9:00pm ET

Awards Ceremony Keynote Speaker



Dr. Maya Rockey Moore Cummings is a nonresident senior fellow at Brookings Metro and the Founder, President and CEO of Global Policy Solutions. Dr. Rockey Moore Cummings is the author of the forthcoming book *RAGEISM: Racism, Ageism, and the Quest for Liberation Policy* (Routledge). A wealth, health, and education equity expert, Dr. Rockey Moore Cummings has conducted extensive research and policy analysis on aging, Social Security, the social determinants of health, and the racial wealth and achievement gaps. She also conceived and co-authored the first-ever study examining the labor market impact of level 5 autonomous vehicle technology.

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A frequent guest on prominent television and radio news shows, Dr. Rockeymoore Cummings has appeared on CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, ABC News, CBS, BET, BBC, Al Jazeera, BNC, NPR, and Sirius XM among many other national and international outlets. She has also testified before the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, and the Democratic National Committee platform committee on Social Security policy. Her articles, letters to the editor, and quotes have appeared in the Washington Post, New York Times, Fortune, The Atlantic, Baltimore Sun, Houston Chronicle, CNN.com, USA Today, Boston Globe, The Root and HuffingtonPost.com among many other news outlets.

Dr. Rockeymoore Cummings has worked as Vice President for Programs and Research at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, professional staff on the Social Security Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee, Chief of Staff for former Congressman Charles Rangel, Senior Resident Scholar for Health and Income Security at the National Urban League's think tank, and Assistant to the Director of the Marion County (IN) Health Department. She earned her Ph.D. and M.A. in political science, with an emphasis in public policy, from Purdue University and her B.A. in political science and mass communication from Prairie View A&M University. She has taught at American University's Women & Politics Institute and served as an Eastern regional panelist for the White House Fellowship program during the second term of the Obama Administration and the first year of the Trump Administration.

Dr. Rockeymoore Cummings has chaired the boards of the National Association of Counties Financial Services Corporation and the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare. She has served on the boards of the National Academy of Social Insurance, National Council on Aging, Economic Policy Institute, Public Health Policy and Law, and the Baltimore Museum of Art among other organizations. She has co-chaired the Commission to Modernize Social Security and the National Academy of Social Insurance Study Panel on Medicare and Disparities. Dr. Rockeymoore Cummings has been a member of the National Association of Black Political Scientists, American Public Health Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, National Association of Corporate Directors, Asset Funders Network Tax Policy Advisory Group, National Network of Consultants to Grantmakers, Women's Information Network, American Political Science Association, and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People among other organizations. She was a founding member of the Council of Urban Professionals and the Experts of Color Network.

The recipient of many honors and awards, Dr. Rockeymoore Cummings has been selected as an Aspen Institute Henry Crown Fellow, a Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Fellow, and a Woodrow Wilson Public Policy and International Affairs Fellow.

Saturday March 12, 2022, 11:00-12:00pm ET

Vice-President's Plenary. Fifty Years Later: The Responsibility of the Black College to the Black Community

Dr. Ashely Daniels, Black Girls Vote. Dr. Ashley C.J. Daniels is a recent graduate of the Political Science department at Howard University. She conducts research in the areas of Black Politics, Black feminist and womanist theory, public opinion, and popular culture. After completing her undergraduate studies at Bowie State University (BSU), where she received a Bachelor of Arts in English, she continued her education by earning Master of Arts degree in Public Administration. Her dissertation, "Unlocking the Power of the Sister(hood) Vote: Exploring the Opinions and Motivations of NPHC Sorority Black Women Supporting Black Women Candidates" examines how Black sorority women evaluate and connect with Black women candidates. Her writing has been featured in the

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Washington Post, the Washington and Baltimore Afro-American Newspaper, the blog, ForHarriet, the PHILLIS Journal for Research on African American Women, and the National Review of Black Politics. She has also presented her research at several national and regional conferences, including the National Conference for Black Political Scientists, the Black Doctoral Network, the HBCU Conference on Retention, the American Political Science Association, and Delta Days in the Nation's Capital. She is a recipient of several awards including the Organization for Research on Women and Communication, the National Conference for Black Political Scientists, Howard University, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Dr. Daniels served for nearly eight years as an administrator with the Delta Research and Educational Foundation. She currently serves as the 2021-2022 Leading Edge Fellow for the National Conference on Citizenship with the Party at the Mailbox initiative through the Black Girls Vote. She is a native of Baltimore, Maryland and currently resides in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Byron, D'Andra Orey, Jackson State University, Dr. Byron Orey is a full Professor of Political Science and former Chair in the College of Liberal Arts at The Jackson State University. He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of New Orleans, an M.A. in Political Science from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, an MPPA from the University of Mississippi, and a B.S. from Mississippi Valley State University. His research examines Race and Politics, BioPolitics, Political Psychology, Legislative Politics, and Voting. He has published numerous articles in top journals in political science. He has also received many accolades for his mentorship of students. Dr. Orey has placed 18 African American students in Ph.D. programs over the last 10 years. He is the recipient of a multimillion-dollar federal grant and is currently overseeing one of the only political science research labs at an HBCU in the nation. Dr. Orey is also an expert witness in racial redistricting and contributes political commentary for several major news networks.

Dr. Nyron Crawford, Temple University, Nyron N. Crawford, Ph.D., is a political scientist, evaluator, and facilitator. He currently serves on the faculty of Temple University, where he is Assistant Professor of Political Science and a faculty fellow in the Public Policy Lab (PPL). Professor Crawford was previously a lecturer and visiting scholar at the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA). He received his doctorate (and M.A.) in Political Science from The Ohio State University and has a B.A. in the same discipline from Howard University. His teaching and research activities are in American politics, with an interest in the psychology of political behavior, experimental and survey methods, public opinion, and urban politics and problems. His current research focuses on identity and group-based behavior, cognitive processes in political judgments, and individual/institutional accountability. Prior to joining Temple, Professor Crawford was a pre-doctoral fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), a fellow in the Todd A. Bell National Resource Center on the African American Male, and an affiliate with the Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network. He earned his BA from Howard University, a MA from The Ohio State University, and has certificates in nonprofit management/leadership, social enterprise development, and survey research.

Dr. Christine Slaughter, Princeton University, Christine Marie Slaughter is a Postdoctoral Research Associate in the Department of Politics at Princeton University and is jointly appointed in the [Center for the Study of Democratic Politics](#) in the [School of Public and International Affairs](#). In fall 2022, she will be an assistant professor of political science at Boston University. She received her Ph.D. in political science from the [University of California, Los Angeles](#). Christine holds an MA in Political Science from UCLA. Prior to UCLA, she graduated with a BA in Political Science and Comparative Women's Studies from Spelman College, a historically Black women's college in Atlanta, Georgia. Christine studies Black politics, political behavior and political psychology, racial and ethnic politics, and poverty in the United States. In particular, she is interested in how African Americans in the United States channel adversity to participate in non-electoral political acts. Her book project in development, *"No Strangers to Hardship": African Americans, Inequality and the Politics of Resilience*, develops a theory and measurement of "racial resilience" for lower resource African Americans with frequent engagement in the political system. [Her research](#) has been published or is forthcoming in the *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*, *PS: Politics and*

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Political Science, and *PHILLIS: The Journal for Research on African American Women* (PHILLIS). In addition, she contributed a chapter on Intersectionality to the Oxford Handbook of Political Participation forthcoming in 2022.

Dr. Albert Samuels, Southern University and A & M College, Albert L. Samuels is the Jewel L. Prestage-Kellogg Professor of Political Science and the Chair of the Department of Political Science and History. He is originally from Shreveport, Louisiana. He graduated from Green Oaks High School in 1984 and enrolled in Southern University and A&M College that following Fall semester. He holds a B.A. in Political Science (1988), an M.A. in Social Sciences (1991), both from Southern University and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Louisiana State University (1998). After teaching for one year at Abraham Baldwin College in Tifton, Georgia, he returned to the Southern University Department of Political Science in 1999 as a full-time professor, where he has taught ever since. In his tenure at Southern University, he has taught courses in American government, state and local government, constitutional law, civil liberties, the American presidency, race relations, Louisiana politics, black politics, politics and religion, international relations, and comparative government. In addition to publishing several research articles, he is the author of *Is Separate Unequal: Black Colleges and the Challenge to Desegregation* (Lawrence: University of Kansas Press, 2004), which received the Best Book Award from the Race and Ethnicity Section of the American Political Science Association. He is a frequent commentator on national, state, and local politics and has served as an elections analyst for local radio and television stations. His quotes have appeared in *The Washington Post*, *The USA Today*, *The Huffington Post*, *U.S. News and World Report*, *The Morning Advocate*, *The Baton Rouge Business Report*, and other publications.

Emmitt Riley, DePauw University, Dr. Emmitt Y. Riley, III is an Associate Professor of Political Science and Africana Studies at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. He also serves as the Director of the Africana Studies Program. He was born and raised in the heart of the Mississippi Delta. Dr. Riley earned a bachelor's degree in English and a bachelor's degree in political science in 2008 at Mississippi Valley State University. He earned a master's degree in political science from Jackson State University in 2010. Prof. Riley continued his education at The University of Mississippi, where he earned a master's and Doctorate of Philosophy in political science with a specialization in American Politics and International Relations in 2014. He is an expert in American Politics, Black Politics, Legislative Politics, and Racial Attitudes. In 2018, he was named the [2018 Anna Julia Cooper Teacher of the Year](#) by the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. In 2020, he received the [Fannie Lou Hamer Award for Service](#) from the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. He also received the [2021 G. Bromley Oxnam Award for Service](#), named for [DePauw's 13th president, who served from 1928-1936](#). Dr. Riley has teaching and research interests in Race Politics, Black Politics, Legislative-Process, American Government, Political Marginalization, Inequality, and Identity Politics. Dr. Riley's research explores the degree to which African American political representation impacts racial attitudes and political behavior. His research investigates both the substantive and symbolic benefits of black descriptive representation. Dr. Riley's research has sparked regional, national, and international interests. Dr. Riley has written several peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. His research has appeared in the *Journal of Black Studies*, *Journal of Race & Policy*, and the *National Review of Black Politics*. He is co-author of *Racial Attitudes in America Today: One Nation, Still Divided*.

Saturday March 12, 2022, 2:00-3:00pm ET

CLOSING PLENARY: REFLECTING ON VISIONS OF BLACK FUTURES

Najja Baptist, University of Arkansas, Dr. Najja K. Baptist is an assistant professor of political science at the University of Arkansas Fayetteville. He earned his doctorate in political science from Howard University and his work has appeared in numerous journals, such as *National Political Science Review*, *Journal of Race and Ethnicity*,

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Politics, Groups, and Identities, and other outlets. Dr. Baptist's work is primarily focused on Black politics, social movements, culture, political behavior, public opinion, and mass media in the United States. My project examines how the current president engages with Congress members, specifically southern Congressional Black Caucus women of color. He is also a two-time NSF grant awardee.

Desireé Melonas, Birmingham Southern College, Desireé Melonas is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Birmingham-Southern College (BSC) in Birmingham, Alabama. Since joining the faculty in 2017, Dr. Melonas has developed a new academic program—Distinction in Black Studies—and created a political theory focus within the political science department. She was also selected as a 2020-2021 Career Enhancement Fellow through the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. Dr. Melonas used the fellowship to help prepare the book manuscript, *A Political Theory of Place*, for publication. Dr. Melonas' research also focuses on Black feminine embodiment, the politics of radical self-care, and Black geographies."

Felicity Stone-Richards, University of California, Santa Barbara, Felicity Stone-Richards is a political theorist with a background in Japanese studies and East Asian European Imperial history. My work is very wide ranging, I study Sino-Japanese political relations, Japanese historical acknowledgment vis-à-vis that Asia Pacific War, and White Western, Afro-diasporic and Japanese political theory. My guiding theory on historical acknowledgment I draw from Stanley Cavell, James Baldwin and Alice Walker's conceptions of soul communication and the way in which we are implicated in societal denial of particular atrocities. At this point, I am exploring Japanese activists and theorists who understand should communication in similar ways, and hope to put together a transnational comparative political theory dissertation on soul communication. I am also exploring Japanese minority and feminist radical movements, and hoping to highlight those that are already engaging with the political practice of acknowledgment that I want to highlighting. This work has led me into the sub-discipline of Afro-Japanese studies. I am currently working on two journal projects, one exploring BLM in Japan, and one exploring Afro-Japanese feminist practice.

Ashley Daniels, Black Girls Vote, Dr. Ashley C.J. Daniels is an alumna of the Department of Political Science at Howard University. She conducts research in the areas of Black Politics, Black feminist and womanist theory, public opinion, and popular culture. After completing her undergraduate studies at Bowie State University (BSU), where she received a Bachelor of Arts in English, she continued her education by earning a Master of Arts degree in Public Administration. Her dissertation is entitled, *The Power of the Sister Vote*, which explores how Black women candidates are evaluated by Black women voters who are members of four of the nine historic Black sororities of the National Pan Hellenic Council. Professionally, she has worked at the Delta Research and Educational Foundation in Washington, D.C.. Currently, she is the 2021-2022 ACLS Leading Edge Fellow for Black Girls Vote.

Anand Commissiong is a political theorist focused on the emancipatory politics and movements of race, gender, and class in local and transnational contexts. He is the author of *Cosmopolitanism in Modernity*.

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Health Policy and Health Disparities: An Anthology Call

DR. GEORGIA PERSONS AND DR. LENNEAL HENDERSON ARE RENEWING THE CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO A PLANNED ANTHOLOGY ON HEALTH POLICY AND HEALTH DISPARITIES.

We recognize that the Covid Pandemic has disrupted our academic lives and research activities, and we are pleased to join with you in efforts of renewal of our research agendas. Hence, we are reissuing the call for contributions to our planned Anthology on Health Policy and Health Disparities. Indeed, the Covid Pandemic has served to remind us that the health of the larger Black community remains an unduly tenuous one. Please join us in researching, writing about, and publishing on the full range of health-related issues and activities that are unfolding in our individual communities, and in our larger shared, national community. In addition to contributions that focus on the range of issues pertaining to physical health at the individual and group level, we are particularly interested in contributions that focus on Black Mental Health, and as well, specific trends in the Health of the Black Male.

Vital Details

We invite word of your planned contributions. Please provide your intended chapter title, names of contributors, and places of academic affiliation. Contributions of varying lengths are welcomed, up to a limit of 30 pages of narrative, citations, and references. Additional details on chapter structure will be provided preparatory to submission of chapter contributions to the publisher. We are hopeful of gathering all contributions no later than end of August, 2022.

Please send information about proposed contributions to:

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The 2022 Founder's Symposium honors the legacies of Dr. Elsie Scott and Dr. Leslie Burl McLemore.

Dr. Elsie Scott's career spans across academic and public and private sector settings. She is currently the Director of the Ronald W. Walters Leadership and Public Policy Center at Howard University, and has been a professor at several universities including Rutgers University and North Carolina Central University. She is the author of several articles on Black politics, elections, and criminal justice. Dr. Scott has worked as chief executive officer, senior vice president, program manager, and consultant in the public and private sectors. Her professional affiliations include the National Organization for Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, and the New York City Police Department (Daniels 2020). From 1980 to 1981, she served as NCOBPS president and focused on expanding the organization's global outreach.

Dr. Leslie Burl McLemore is a civil rights activist, political scientist, and politician. As a student, he founded the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at Rust College. He also organized with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. He was a professor at Southern University before moving to Jackson State University where he founded the Political Science Department and the Fannie Lou Hamer Political Institute. He is published in the areas of southern Black electoral politics, the civil rights movement, and environmental politics. Dr. Burl McLemore is a founding member of NCOBPS and served as President from 1974 to 1976. He is the first Black elected official in Walls, MS where he serves as an Alderman.

Both scholars' commitment to research and activism has contributed to the study and accessibility of Black politics within the academy and beyond. Please expect to address the following questions:

1. The 2022 National Conference of Black Political Scientists examines the possible futures for Black people engaged in the struggle for liberation in the world. This year's conference also address the continued conflict and confrontation we face as we journey toward progress. With this in mind,
 - a. Both Dr. Scott and Dr. Burl McLemore have contributed scholarship discussing Black political engagement, how does that work fit in present day discussions of the state of Black political engagement? (Thinking especially about redistricting, attempts to overturn elections, etc.)

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- b. As we reimagine the relationship between the Black community and police, thinking about Dr. Scott's work
- c. What is the future for Black people globally and how does the work of both scholars help us in our present understanding? What can we learn from their work as we adapt the vision we have for Black futures?

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Democracy on the Brink: Are We Headed to a New McCarthyism?

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In the aftermath of the 2022 elections we are concerned with electoral rights including gerrymandering, voting, challenges to democratic elections, physical threats against poll workers, and the US and State Constitution-backed transition of power. But electoral rights have the purpose of guaranteeing a much wider expanse of human rights and representation including clean water and air and soil, health care, educational access, legal access and fully representative courts, LGBTQ+ rights, reproductive health access, digital privacy, the census, just living conditions, employment, lending and investment, and safety from evictions. Controversies surrounding stay in place orders, mandatory masking and vaccines, to alleviate the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic, has made these issues that much more salient.

While we continue to have valid and serious concerns about electoral rights, we are on the brink of facing authoritarian roadblocks. We face concrete threats of being censored, harassed, reported, sued, and hunted by vigilantes for: “making whites feel bad about United States history”, talking about Black history and/or Ethnic Studies, for seeking reproductive health options, for teaching accurate United States history, and for talking about valid current political issues. Our experience as victims of racial authoritarianism in state, local, and federal government has made us keenly aware of the stakes of such a regression. When we consider the enduring legacy of anti-Black race riots in Springfield, Illinois; Tulsa, Oklahoma; San Diego, California; Portland, Oregon; Wilmington, North Carolina; and Boston, Massachusetts, among so many others we understand what comes next. In our estimation the entirety of the society is now becoming subject to overt authoritarianism in all facets of life. And, the establishment is allowing this to happen.

If the Obama Presidency was the beginning of the Third Reconstruction we are seeing a Third post-Reconstruction. This Third post-Reconstruction is characterized by the emergence of a lethal backlash against human rights and an

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absolute refusal to acknowledge the political, social, and economic rights of people of color, and in particular Black people.

Observing the post-Trump authoritarian turn, we have witnessed attempts to capitalize on largely disenfranchised communities that are Black, Latino, Asian American, Native American, and migrant in order to advance a rightward national consensus that will result in the destruction of these very same communities and their political interests. We have seen the recruitment of pseudo-representatives to undermine the needs of the most vulnerable people and prohibit the functioning of democratic pluralism through tokenism. We have always had conservative political, cultural, and social ideologies in the Black community but the coupling of this conservatism with the post-Trump authoritarian ethos points to a very bleak future. This includes recycling discourses, ideologies, and even presidential staff familiar with demonizing Black interests as “socialist,” “foreign,” and “un-American” to cloak white supremacy.

We urge participants in the 2023 conference to consider the implications of the virulent backlash to the brief expansion of rights achieved by the mass movement politics initiated by protests against police brutality and the state sanctioned killing of Black people. We invite papers to carefully examine the political, economic, social and cultural ethos achieved by successful campaigns like Moral Mondays, the Movement for Black Lives, Black Girls Vote, banning evictions, the expansion of the electorate in Georgia, historic Senate seats, presidential elections and the ripple effect of non-elected lifetime positions that follow them, judicial nominations and Supreme Court nominations, the embrace of a working-class political agenda, and the COVID-19 debt relief.

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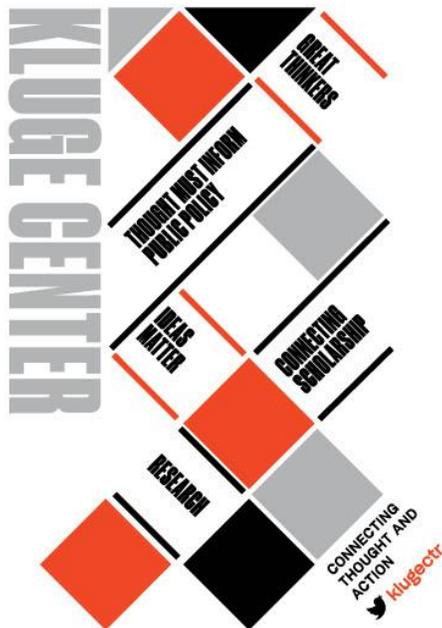
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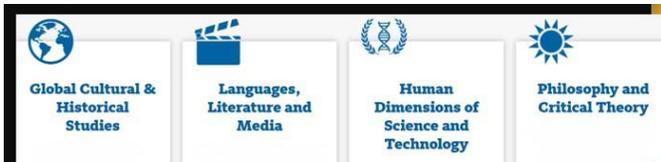
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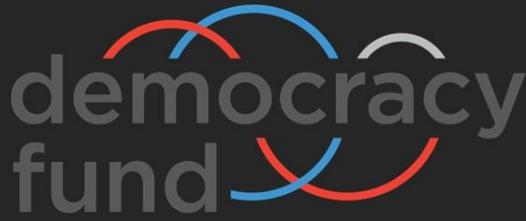
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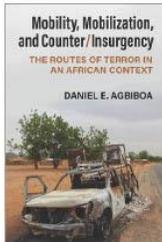
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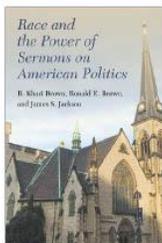
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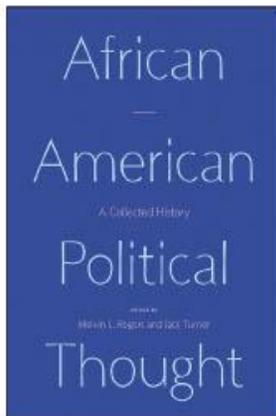


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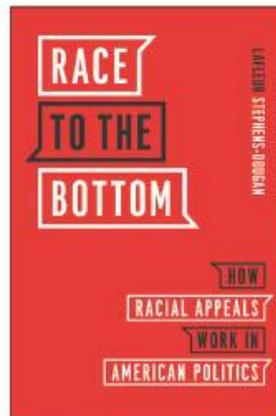
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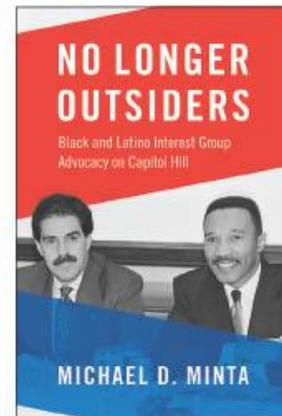
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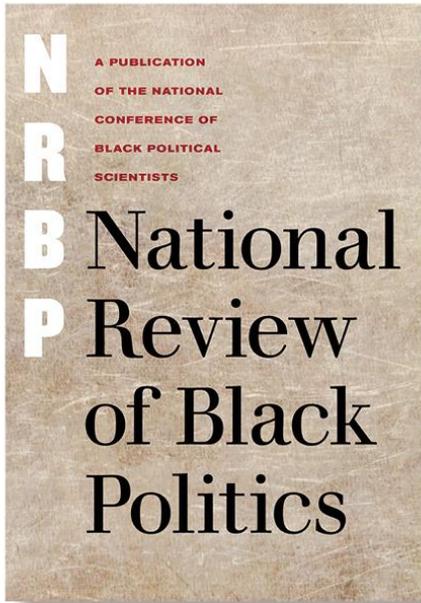
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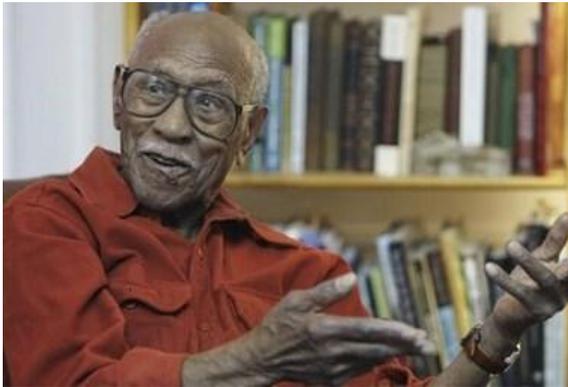
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TIMUEL DIXON BLACK JR.:
IN MEMORIAM



Timuel Dixon Black, Jr., educator, activist, arts patron and NCOBPS longtime member was widely regarded as Chicago “Bronzeville’s historian”, he was born in Birmingham, Alabama on December 7 1918, the youngest of three children of Mattie McConner Black and Timuel Dixon “Dixie” Black. In 1919, the Black family came to Chicago, joining the first wave of the Great Migration of African Americans who moved north to escape oppression and find opportunity.

Arriving in the city just weeks after the worst race riot in its history, the Black family settled into the segregated “Black Belt”, near 51st Street and Michigan Avenue where they joined a thriving community of professionals, blue collar and domestic workers with close-knit, hard working families who took pride in their homes, churches and civic organizations and stressed education and self-respect.

Timuel grew up in a loving household with his parents, older sister Charlotte, brother Walter, and maternal grandmother, Laura McConner, an ex-slave who had a profound impact in the shaping of his outlook and determination to fight and improve his community. His parents, followers of Marcus Garvey, often hosted visitors like W.C. Handy, “The Father of the Blues” and Oscar DePriest, the first African American Congressman from the north. He attended DuSable High School with classmates that included jazz giant Nat King Cole, publisher John H Johnson, and comedian Redd Foxx.

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As a child of the Great Depression, he went to work at an early age doing odd jobs that included selling the *Chicago Defender* newspaper, delivering groceries by bike and his red wagon. At age 14, he met LeVert Kelly, a renowned union organizer who enlisted him as a trainee organizing the nascent Colored Retail Clerk's Union, with a boycott under the banner "Don't Spend Your Money Where You Can't Work." This landmark experience in union organizing shaped his lifelong commitment to fight for jobs, housing and education for African Americans.

Tim served with honor and distinction in World War II, receiving four battle stars and the French Croix de la Guerre as a member of the racially segregated US Army in Europe. He was assigned to the 308th Quartermaster Railroad Company known as the Red Ball Express, driving trucks loaded with food and munitions to the front, through dangerous terrain during the Battle of the Bulge. His Brigade was among the first U.S. troops to enter Buchenwald concentration camp, where he witnessed at close range the horrors of fascism and genocide. The experience marked him for life, giving rise to a deep commitment to defend democracy and to oppose fascism and racism, especially upon returning home in 1944.

After the war, he made use of the GI bill to attend Roosevelt University, where he studied with the great social scientist St Clair Drake. He became part of the large group of deeply politicized veteran students who had returned from the War determined to change the country and the world. He encountered and became friends with Roosevelt student activists including Harold Washington (first Black Mayor of Chicago), Gus Savage (elected to the Congress in 1980), and Dempsey Travis, author of the book *An Autobiography of Black Chicago*, all who joined together to transform Chicago politics and open the door for full black participation. He went to the University of Chicago where he earned his master's degree from the School of Social Work Administration in 1953. After working briefly in Gary, Indiana he and his wife, son and daughter moved back to Chicago where he returned to the University of Chicago where he began doctoral studies in history.

However, in early 1954, while watching TV news footage of a young minister in Alabama speaking out against segregation and inequality in Montgomery he said "I knew then, this was a call I'd been looking for and I flew to Alabama and signed on with Dr King and the Montgomery Movement." He abandoned his doctoral studies at the University of Chicago and became an organizer for the Movement in Chicago while teaching in the Chicago Public Schools.

As a teacher he organized Negro History Clubs, took "at risk" youth under his wing, and recruited his students into his movement organizing. Among his movement and organizing activities was his co-founding of the Teachers Committee for Quality Education, leadership in the Chicago Chapter of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), served as president of the Chicago Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), president of the Chicago Chapter of the Negro American Labor Council founded by Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters president A. Phillip Randolph. Thus, in 1963 he organized two "Freedom Trains" that took 3,000 Chicagoans representing a broad coalition of labour unions, church congregations and community organizations to the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. He also worked closely with the United Packinghouse Workers Union (which later merged to become the United Food and Commercial Workers Union) and was a founding member of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU).

His commitment to Civil Rights and education led him in 1963 to join with grassroots organizer Rosie Simpson to stage the largest Black student boycott of the Chicago Public Schools because of overcrowding, segregation, and inequality where 250,000 students were joined by thousands of supporters who marched on to school headquarters and forced the superintendent of the school system to resign. In this same period he was active in the Chicago Urban League and the Coordinating Council of Community Organizations (CCCCO) which gave him personal input in community organizing.

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In 1963 he ran for Fourth Ward Alderman, the first two unsuccessful tries for public office. Although he lost to the Mayor Richard J Daley Machine's candidate, he gained national attention for his branding Daley's political control of the Black Community as "Plantation Politics". He was an integral participant in several progressive organizations including the Independent Voters of Illinois (IVI) and the Independent Political Organization (IPO), served as a delegate to three Democratic National Conventions, worked with Operation Breadbasket and later Rainbow PUSH.

His educational, political and Arts and Cultural involvement was immense and intense. In 1969 he joined the staff of Wright City College as Dean of Transfer Programs. He was Vice President for Academic Affairs at Olive Harvey City College from 1972 to 1973, and was Director and Chairperson of Community Affairs for City Colleges of Chicago from 1973 to 1975. He was Professor of Social Sciences at Loop City College (now Harold Washington City College) from 1975 until his retirement as Professor Emeritus in 1989. While at City Colleges, he was a founding member of Black Faculty in Higher Education, and organization of activist educators.

While serving as co-chair of the 1st District Illinois Congressman Harold Washington's Education Task Force in 1980, he met a vivacious young volunteer named Zenobia Johnson, who was a member of the congressman's Housing Task Force. A mutual attraction soon developed and the couple were married the following year. He always gave himself ample credit for having the good sense to marry Zenobia, his devoted life partner for 40 years.

In 1982 he co-chaired the People's Movement for Voter Registration and Education and led an historic drive that registered over 250,000 new voters, convincing the congressman to run for Mayor of Chicago. During the movement to elect Washington in 1983, he collaborated with the Black business leadership, Reverend Jesse Jackson, and Professor Robert T. Starks, Chair of the Task Force for Black Political Empowerment and hundreds of young activists working in the campaign. He remained a close and trusted advisor to Mayor Washington until his death in 1987. In these year he was also active in the Free South Africa Movement and joined hundreds of marchers who participated in weekly demonstrations outside of the South African Consulate in Chicago to protest apartheid and demand the release of Nelson Mandela from prison.

Among the many elected officials that he supported and advised were Congressman Charles A. Hayes, U.S. Senator Carol Moseley Braun, Rev. Jesse Jackson in his run for President in 1984 and 1988, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, and Barack Obama, a young organizer who came to Chicago in the early 1980s, who was elected to the State Senate, the U.S. Senate and the 44th President of the United States.

His love of Black art and culture was reflected in his association with a wide range of organizations and institutions. He worked with Dr. Margaret Burroughs to establish the South Side Community Art Center and supported her and her husband, Charles in the founding on the DuSable Museum of African American History and Culture. He was a longtime member of the Hyde Park Jazz Society, served on the board of the Jazz Institute of Chicago, a strong supporter of eta Creative Arts Foundation and served on the Advisory Council for the National Public Housing Museum.

Tim Black was a friend of Dr. Carter G Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) and a lifetime member of that organization. As a longtime member of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) he attended several NCOBPS meetings, served as a featured panelist at the 2008 meeting in Chicago, received an award at the 2015 meeting as the senior scholar of the organization, hosted an annual panel of Chicago professors including Robert Starks of Northeastern Illinois University and Dick Simpson of University of Illinois Chicago Professor Dianne Pinderhughes, Notre Dame University, who brought her class members to Chicago for 5 years to discuss Chicago Politics.

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He was a major supporter and major organizer of the Ankobia Project, an oral history of the Chicago Civil Rights Movement for the Vivian Harsh Collection at the Chicago Carter G. Woodson Chicago Public Library. Thus, in 2012 he made a gift of more than 250 boxes of personal papers, photographs, artifacts and memorabilia to the Vivian Harsh Collection.

At his 100th birthday celebration in 2018, among the more than 50 awards that he received, was the French Legion of Honor - the nation's highest civilian award - for his valiant service in World War II. His academic honours include an honorary doctoral Degree from the University of Chicago in 2012. Other notable awards include the inaugural City of Chicago Champion of Freedom Award in 2013, and the Rainbow PUSH Legends in the Movement Award in 2014. In 2021, he became the first person inducted into the Illinois Black Hall of Fame at Governors State University.

His oral history collection, Bridges of Memory, Volumes I (2003) and II (2008), was published by Northwestern University Press and contains extensive interviews with Chicagoans who were part of the Great Migration. His memoir, Sacred Ground: The Chicago Streets of Timuel Black, was published in 2018.

A number of awards and honours have been established in his name to provide support for young activists, educators and artists including the Tim Black Community Scholar Award at the University of Chicago, the Timuel Black Inspiration and Education Project at the Jazz Institute of Chicago.

In addition to his wife, Zenobia Johnson-Black, he is survived by his daughter, Ermetra Black Thomas (Maurice Thomas) and numerous beloved cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son Kerrigan Black and stepson, Athony Johnson.

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