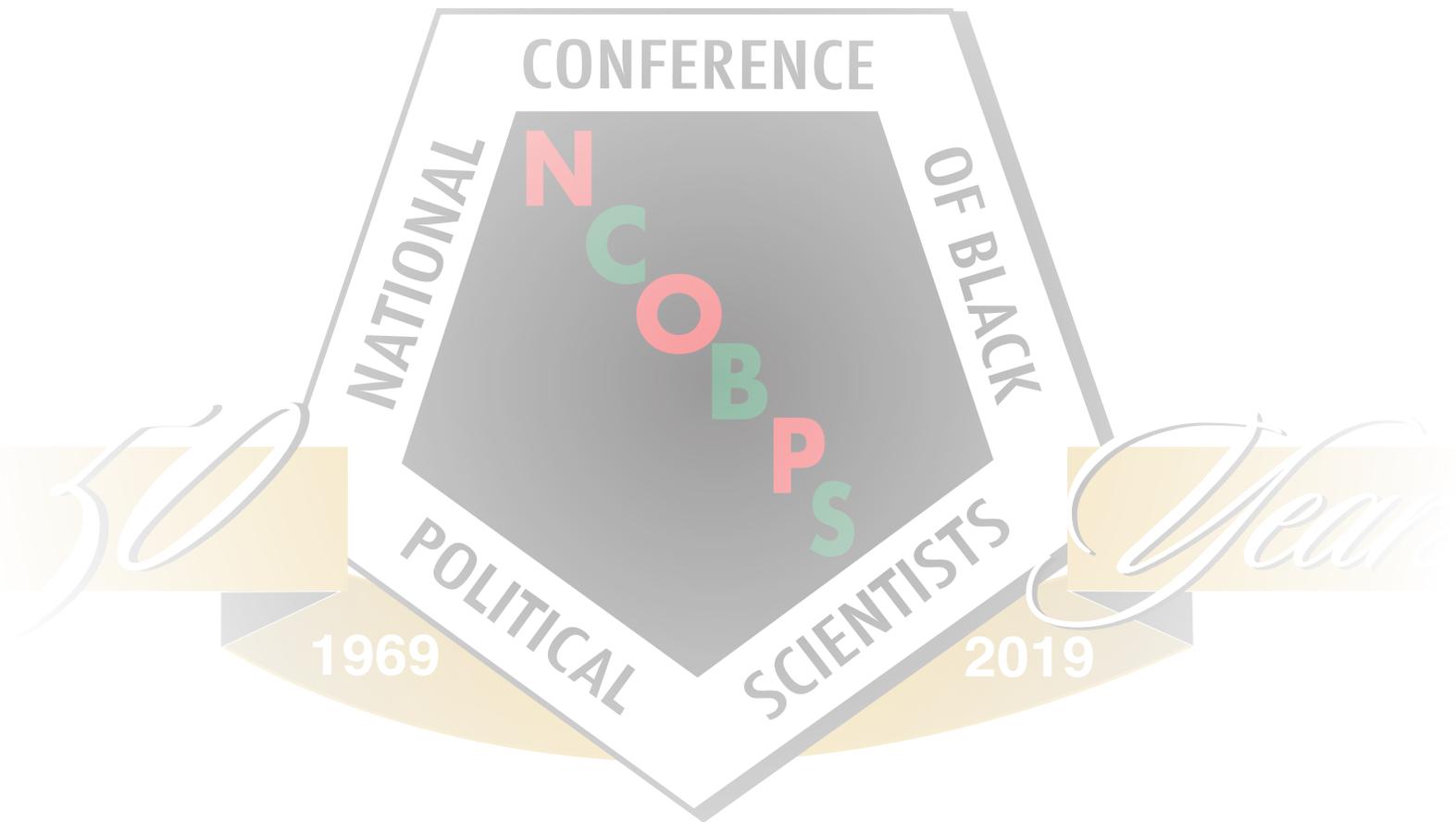


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WELCOME TO OUR 50th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE!



Dear NCOBPS Members:

Welcome and CONGRATULATIONS to you on being a part of our 50th Anniversary conference. It has been exciting to prepare for this commemoration for the past two years, and as we have been “on the road to gold,” it is unbelievable how fast time has transpired and that we are now in Baton Rouge (the birthplace of our Founding), to celebrate our 50 years (since 1969), as an organization. We are also convening with the expressed focus on the legacy of our organization and the 400th anniversary (since 1619) of 20 Africans having come to colonial Virginia. It is in the vein of reflection, and looking forward (“Sankofa”), that we can move our organization into its next 50 years.

As we are “living the legacy” of NCOBPS, we should become even more committed to the mission established by our Founders: researching, teaching, serving, and acting within the best interest of advancing African-descended people. Our organization’s founding comprised a historic vision of challenging racial exclusion and discrimination, while also autonomously asserting resources to advance the presence of African-descended people within the profession and, globally, outside the Academy. We have empowered ourselves to increase Black-subjectivity in our research on politics, while also committing to addressing pipeline issues and professional development advancements in political science.

With a journal, the *National Political Science Review* (NPSR), that has been a historic leader (for thirty years) in our discipline in disseminating research about Black people and politics and political research by various researchers (and, also those, who are of African descent), we have challenged the historic ways that various systems have operated to exclude and/or limit knowledge production about and by people of African descent. With a newer approach, our organization’s journal, will be yet another scholastic leader by emphasizing Black politics but also highlighting diverse political science scholarship by diverse scholars writing about politics, with promising ambition to enhance our impact factor and scholarly audience.

Our conversations at this conference will focus on documenting and inspiring these historic strides by our organization and the extremely dedicated people, who were at the helm of them—Our Founders, Our Past Presidents, Our Executive Council(s), Our Executive Director(s) and Administrative Assistant(s), Our Program Chairs, and Our Active Members, over the years. It is through their leadership that we are able to celebrate an organization that has had an influential presence for half a century.

Thus, it is WE, in our conversations at this conference, who can think not only about NCOBPS’ past but also its future. Our President-Elect, Sekou M. Franklin (2017-2019), who will be our 40th President, has the tremendous, yet capable, charge and wherewithal to lead us into our next 50 years. Our junior scholars and graduate and undergraduate students have the opportunity in the next few days to learn more about “why NCOBPS,” then, now, and for the future, and their leadership

foundation in our organization and the discipline will help shape our future scholarly influence.

Our Graduate Student Representative, Princess Williams, has worked with our graduate student members to provide new opportunities for professional development, student leadership, and research and writing. We have a graduate student- led and run pre-conference to promote dissertation writing. We are pursuing a new partnership with Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society (as it celebrates its 100th anniversary next year) to promote excellence in undergraduate research and professional development by co-sponsoring a professional development program for undergraduate student conference attendees, and what we hope will be additional co-sponsored programs on campuses across the country that highlight research in the profession as accessible, doable, and meaningful for knowledge's sake but also possible community and policy influences.

We also continue to work through our relationship with the American Political Science Association (APSA), to make sure that we can continue to advance some of the interests expressed in our mission and purpose to redress under-representation (in various ways) in our profession. Very importantly, as we seek to sustain and grow our organization, we understand that our commitment to Historically-Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Master's-degree and doctoral-level training, and our ongoing capital campaign to fundraise for future NCOBPS programming, relies upon our continual time and monetary investments.

In all, this is OUR time to rededicate ourselves to our purpose and our mission. As we convene our 50th annual conference, let us be mindful that, as Immediate Past President Todd C. Shaw has coined and re-centered our focus, this is ALL..."Because of NCOBPS."

Thank you to our Program Co-Chairs, Sharon Wright Austin, Chryl Laird, and Ismail White, and our Local Arrangements Committee, Albert Samuels, Jr. (Chair) and Blanche Smith, for leading our historic conference. Thank you to President-Elect Sekou M. Franklin, Secretary Emmitt Riley, Treasurer Nikol Alexander-Floyd, Executive Council Members, and Task Force and Committee Members for leading NCOBPS as faithfully as you have into our 50th year. Especially, thank you to our Executive Director, Kathie Stromile Golden, who has given NCOBPS almost three decades of unwavering, gratis labor and love to our organization. Thank you Margaret Clark for your years of commitment to assisting NCOBPS with being the great organization that it is. Thank you to all our members, who have ensured that we commemorate various aspects of our organization's legacy, with deserved fervor, substance, and proper documentation.

For this conference, let us celebrate, commemorate, and excel at all of what we do and have done best for 50 years....Harambee!

Happy 50th Anniversary,

Shayla C. Nunnally
39th President (2017-2019)

WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE



Sharon Wright Austin
University of Florida



Chryl N. Laird
Bowdoin College



Ismail K. White
Duke University

Welcome to the 50th anniversary meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS)! In honor of our golden anniversary, the 2019 conference has returned to where it all began, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Baton Rouge is rich in black political history as the location of the first annual meeting of NCOBPS, the first civil rights bus boycott in 1953, and the home of the illustrious Southern University. To mark this extraordinary occasion the theme of the conference is “*Living the Legacy*.” Derived from the Ghanaian tradition of “Sankofa,” *Living the Legacy* will emphasize our strong belief that in order for us to proceed in our forward march, the knowledge of the past must never be forgotten.

The conference includes research papers, panels, plenaries, posters, and roundtable discussions that engage our theme, “*Living the Legacy*.” The conference also examines how far we have come in the black freedom struggle since the founding of NCOBPS in 1969; the historical significance of the 50th anniversary and what we expect for the future of the organization; the importance of black politics, economics, and culture, as we move further into the 21st century; and what we need to do to learn from our predecessors and ancestors to maintain our community voice in current and future political discourse.

We are very excited about the knowledge that will be disseminated at the conference this year, as we honor NCOBPS’s Founders, as well as the many individuals who have sustained and continue to enhance the organization. We are especially grateful to our co-sponsors, section chairs, president, president-elect, executive director, and others who have made this annual meeting possible. We sincerely hope that you will enjoy your professional and social experiences in Baton Rouge, and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Happy 50th Anniversary,

Sharon Wright Austin
Chryl Laird
Ismail K. White
Program Co-Chairs



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Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Dear Attendees:

Welcome to Baton Rouge, Louisiana's Capital City! It is my great honor to extend a warm welcome to all attending the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. We are excited to be the host city for this year's conference, and we hope everyone has a wonderful time tonight.

Named by French explorers as "the Red Stick City," Baton Rouge is where Louisiana's capital, flagship university, and unique Cajun and Creole cultures all come together in one nine-parish region. Baton Rouge is the fifth largest city on the Mississippi River and home to Louisiana's largest parish.

While you are in Baton Rouge, I hope you will take advantage of our outstanding cultural attractions such as the Old State Capital, the Rural Life Museum, the Louisiana Arts and Science Museum, the Southern University Museum of Art, and the Louisiana State Museum, which provides a panoramic exploration of the most vibrant state in America. Also, remember to visit one or several of the restaurants located throughout the Baton Rouge area. With such a variety of cuisines to offer, there is something for everyone.

I am hopeful that you will bring home with you wonderful memories of your visit to Baton Rouge.

On behalf of all the citizens who live and work in this great city, have a successful and memorable stay.

Sincerely,



Sharon Weston Broome
Mayor-President



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Greetings,

On behalf of the Southern University and A&M College System, the nation's only historically black university system, welcome to the National Conference of Black Political Scientists 50th Anniversary Meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

What an honor that you have chosen our capital city and home of our beloved Southern University to celebrate your organization's Golden Anniversary Meeting. Your theme to celebrate this milestone, "Living the Legacy," is a true testament to the contributions NCOPBS has made to the advancement of black politics, economics, and culture since its founding in Baton Rouge in 1969 during the height of the Civil Rights Movement.

Southern University is proud of its role in the fight for human rights and equality, and its trailblazing political scientists, like Rodney G. Higgins, Twiley W. Barker, T.E. McKinney Jr., Alfred Robertson, William Johnson, Thomas E. Smith, Arthur J. Penson, and of course, Jewel J. Prestage, the first African-American Woman to receive the Ph.D. in political science, who helped shape the political landscape for Baton Rouge, the state, and the country.

We welcome returning and new NCOBPS scholars to where it all began to enjoy enlightening sessions, innovative research, provocative panels, creative posters, and engaging roundtable discussions for the 2019 conference.

Please enjoy your time in Baton Rouge, and on The Bluff.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ray L. Belton".

Ray L. Belton, Ph.D.
President-Chancellor
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Greetings:

On behalf of the campus of Southern University and A&M College, the Southern University System President and Southern University Chancellor, Dr. Ray L. Belton, it is a pleasure to welcome the National Conference of Black Political Scientists to Baton Rouge, the birth place of your organization. It was in 1969 that Dr. Jewell Prestage convened a meeting of scholars at Southern University in Baton Rouge to study, enhance, and promote the political aspirations of people of African descent in the United States. Fifty years later, this organization is still contributing to the resolution of many challenges facing African Americans in their every-day lives.



As you attend your annual meeting, I hope that you will have an opportunity to tour our campus, which was chartered in 1880 as a state-supported institution to educate African Americans. One hundred and thirty-nine years later (139), we are still providing access for African Americans and others who otherwise may never have had the opportunity to fulfill their dreams of getting a college degree. We offer 56 degrees including, 32 undergraduate, 18 master's degree programs, and Ph.D. degrees in urban forestry, public policy, nursing, nursing practice, environmental toxicology, and science/math education. Additionally, we offer a law degree and online programs.

So, as you participate in the conference, I hope you will have an opportunity to visit our Southern Museum of Art, and the portion of our campus that runs along the Mississippi River. Again, welcome to "Jaguar Country," where "We are Southern."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James H. Ammons".

James H. Ammons, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President/Executive

Special Thanks...

American Political Science Association (APSA)
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NCOBPS Founders & Past Presidents (1969-2019)

NCOBPS Statement on Diversity and Harassment

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

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

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

NCOBPS Founding Board of Directors



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**NCOBPS Task Force
on the
CONTRIBUTIONS OF BLACK POLITICAL SCIENTISTS TO THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DISCIPLINE**

In February 2018, NCOBPS President, Shayla C. Nunnally, established the task force to study the contributions of Black political scientists to the political science discipline that commemorates Black political scientists, who over the past 50 years (1969-2019), have been major contributors in research, mentorship, and service. The formal charge of this task force was to: (1) identify and consider the names and contributions of Black political scientists to research and commemorate as a part of a report on their major contributions to the political science discipline, (2) by the March 2019 conference, write a report on the contributions that these persons have made to the discipline, (3) conduct digitally-recorded interviews with living scholars in order to document personalized accounts of their contributions, and (4) consider a tangible honor that can be bestowed on these persons by the 50th Anniversary Meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The task force, co-chaired by Robert C. Smith and Sherri L. Wallace, held several teleconference meetings to determine and define the scope of the project. After some preliminary research findings, the task force settled on honoring our Founding Board of Directors (*hereafter* Founders) as our contribution to the historical record. Task force members researched and prepared written profiles on each of our Founders for a formal commemoration at a luncheon in their honor.

The Task Force Committee:

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| Nikol G. Alexander-Floyd | Rutgers University |
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| Tasha S. Philpot | University of Texas at Austin |
| Robert C. Smith | San Francisco State University |
| Wendy Smooth | The Ohio State University |
| Sherri L. Wallace | University of Louisville |

Acknowledgments: The task force committee members would like to acknowledge the vision and leadership of President Shayla C. Nunnally and the NCOBPS Executive Council for your foresight in recognizing the importance of actively documenting our history and chronicling our future. We also appreciate the generosity and support of Kathie Stromile Golden, the Executive Director. It has been our privilege to serve NCOBPS and we believe that the information gathered and shared here not only adds to the historical record, but also to the legacy of our beloved NCOBPS.



The summer of 1969...

A group of Black political scientists from predominately HBCUs met in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at Southern University and A&M College at a conference, co-sponsored by a grant from the Ford Foundation and the American Political Science Association (APSA) Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession, to discuss the “Political Science Curricula in the Predominantly Black Colleges.” A detailed, duly entitled report on the proceedings was written by the conference director, the late Jewel Limar Prestage, and the committee members: Russell Adams, Mack Jones, Robert Martin, Lois Moreland, and Alex Willingham. Dr. Prestage presented the report to APSA leadership. The findings in the report and resulting sentiments from the conference planted seeds that sprouted and gave birth to the founding of an independent professional organization that will become known as the **NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BLACK POLITICAL SCIENTISTS (NCOBPS)**.

Eleven of the participants in the summer conference were among the eighteen **FOUNDERS**. These Black political scientists were in a generation of visionary scholars, teachers, mentors and advocates, who transformed academic disciplines and fields by founding this leading organization to study and promote Black politics via a global African diaspora lens, and to advance people of African descent in the profession and society. Fifty-years later, their legacy continues...

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Below are historical pictures taken at the conference and published in *PS* as part of the report:



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THE NCOBPS FOUNDERS
Brief Biographical Sketches
(Listed Alphabetically)

The longer, detailed profiles will be published in the *National Political Science Review* (NPSR).



Dr. Russell L. Adams

Dr. Russell L. Adams was born in Baltimore, MD, and raised in Quitman, GA in the Jim Crow South. He earned his BA in political science from Morehouse College, his MA (1954) and PhD (1965) from the University of Chicago, before his appointment as an assistant professor of political science at North Carolina Central University in Durham. In 1969, he joined the political science faculty at Federal City College (University of the District of Columbia), where he also served as acting director of the Division of Humanities. In 1971, he became chair of the Department of Afro-American Studies at Howard University during a time of students' demands for Black studies programs. Under his guidance, he built such a program that the Ford Foundation credited as a premier model for an interdisciplinary Black studies curriculum. During his 40-year career in higher education, Adams taught students together across two campuses—Howard and American University. He authored, *Great Negroes, Past and Present* ([1969] 1984), a volume for Black youth that offered biographies of important figures in Black history. In addition to his work during a critical phase in the institutionalization of Black Studies, he also helped document the contributions of Blacks to political science. In the 1980-90s, he and other Black political scientists conducted interviews with senior Black scholars as a part of the African American Political Scientist Oral History Project, archived at the Univ. Kentucky Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History. Retired, he is Professor Emeritus at Howard University. He and his wife Eleanor have two children.



Dr. Marguerite R. Barnett

The late **Dr. Marguerite “Margie” Ross Barnett** was born in Charlottesville, VA, and raised in Buffalo, NY. She earned her BA (1964) in political science from Antioch College, and MA (1966) and PhD (1972) at the University of Chicago. She became known as a trailblazer in higher education as a scholar and college administrator. She held faculty appointments at the University of Chicago, Princeton University, Howard University, and Columbia University, where she served as department chair at Howard University, and as the director of the Institute for Urban and Minority Education at Columbia. In 1983, Barnett joined the City University of New York to serve at the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs. In 1985, became the first Black chancellor of the University of Missouri-St. Louis. From there, she was named the president of the University of Houston in 1990. She was the first Black and first woman to hold the position. As the university president, she led UH with her vision of community engagement, economic development, fundraising, and inclusive excellence. She secured nearly \$100 million in major gifts from donors and alumni, establishing the Texas Center for University-School Partnerships. She also hired ten new faculty members of color. She authored, *The Politics of Cultural Nationalism in South India* (1976), which received the Ralph J. Bunche Award from APSA in 1981, four (edited) books and nearly fifty articles. At the time of her passing on February 26, 1992, she was the nation's highest-ranked Black woman college administrator. She had one child and one grandchild.



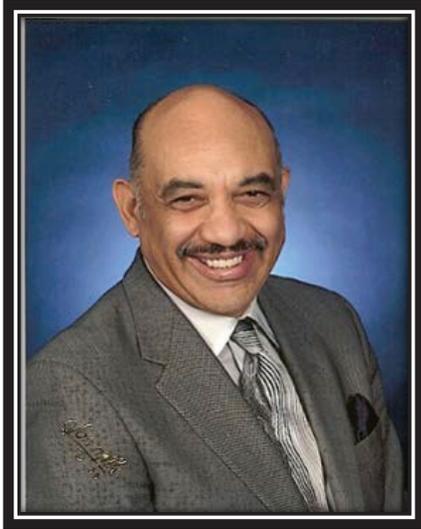
Dr. William J. Daniels

Dr. William “Bill” Daniels, the third president of NCOBPS (1972-73), was born in Chicago, IL. He attended DuSable High School where one of his teachers was Timuel Black, a long time NCOBPS member and the legendary Chicago political activist. He received his BA in political science from Upper Iowa University, MA and PhD from the University of Iowa as a Woodrow Wilson fellow. Among his classmates at the University of Iowa was another NCOBPS founding member, Alex Willingham. He served on the faculty of Union College in Schenectady, NY, for twenty-two years. He left to become Professor and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the Rochester Institute of Technology. He was active in the local chapters of the NAACP and Urban League, which lead to his receipt of the prestigious Alfred E. Smith Fellowship. This fellowship allowed him to work closely with Governor Nelson Rockefeller. He authored, *Governor Rockefeller of New York: The Apex of Pragmatic Liberalism in the United States*. His oral history is documented in Timuel Black’s volume, *Bridges of Memory: Chicago’s Second Generation of Black Migration* (2008). In the interview, he recounts his role in the founding of NCOBPS. He still lives in upstate New York area where in retirement, he does occasional work as an arbitrator. He has been married to Fannie Pearl Hudson for 55-years. They have a daughter and a grandson.



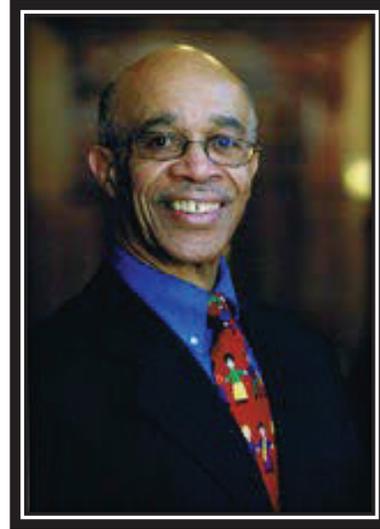
Dr. C. Vernon Gray

Dr. C. Vernon Gray, the eighth president of NCOBPS (1971-78), was born in Sunderland, Maryland. He received his BA from Morgan State, his MA from Atlanta University, and PhD from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He spent 30-years on the Political Science faculty at Morgan State, where he also served as chair, before he retired. He was the former director of research at the Joint Center for Political Studies. Being a politically-engaged scholar and active in Maryland politics, he was elected to the Howard County Council in 1982 in a majority white district, as the first Black elected to any office in that County. He was elected president of both the state of Maryland and National Association of Counties. Since 2006, he has been administrator of the Howard County Office of Human Rights. He has served on the Foreign Service Selection Board at the US State Department. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (Boule), a life member of the NAACP, and served on the Board of Trustees at St. John Baptist Church. He is the recipient of numerous public service awards, including the Governor of Maryland’s citation for service. He and his wife Sandra Trice Gray have two children and one grandson.



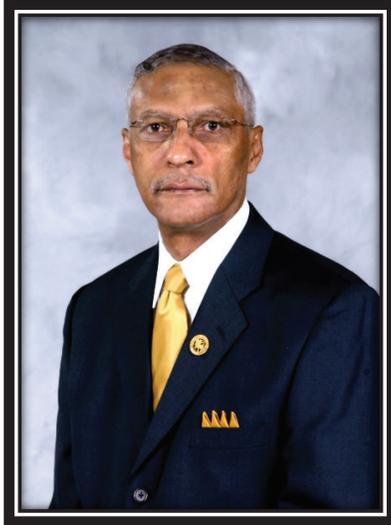
Dr. Lenneal Henderson

Dr. Lenneal Henderson, the twenty-fifth President of NCOBPS (1995-96), was born in New Orleans, LA, and raised in San Francisco, CA. He earned his BA, MA and the PhD from the University of California, Berkeley. As a student, he was active in the Afro-American Students Association. When Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. visited the campus to recruit volunteers for the Poor Peoples Campaign, Henderson joined him and spent time at Resurrection City. At age 19, he was the youngest of the NCOBPS founders. He has held faculty positions at St. Mary's College and the University of San Francisco as Director of Ethnic Studies, in California, Xavier University, the University of Tennessee as Department Chair, Howard University, North Carolina Central as Daniel T. Blue Endowed Chair in Political Science, and at the University of Baltimore, MD, as Distinguished Professor Emeritus in the School of Public and International Affairs. In "retirement," he is visiting adjunct at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA. He authored, *Black Political Life in the United States: A Fist as a Pendulum* (1972), and other works. He has worked for the US Department of Energy, the US Department of State, the Environmental Protection Agency, and with the Marion Barry mayoral administration. He was faculty associate at the Fielding Institute, and fellow and associate director of research at the Joint Center for Political Studies. He also performs his one-man "Thurgood Marshall" play. He and his wife Joyce have two sons, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



Dr. Robert "Bob" Holmes

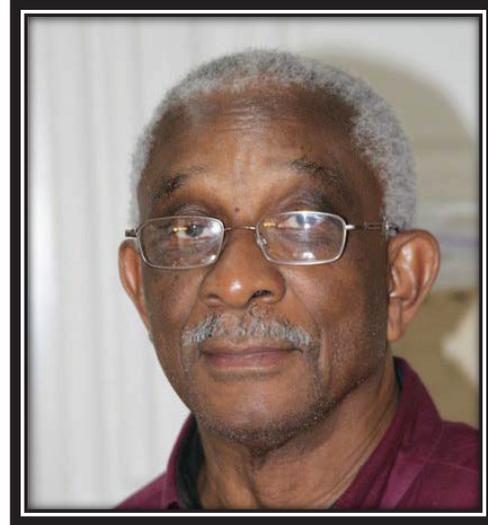
Dr. Robert "Bob" Holmes, the fourth president of NCOBPS (1973-74), was born in Shepherdson, West Virginia. He earned his BA in political science from Shepard College in West Virginia. A Woodrow Wilson Fellow, he earned his PhD from Columbia University under the tutelage of Robert Weaver, the first Black to serve in the Cabinet of a US President. In 1969, he was recruited by Jewel Prestage to join the political science faculty at Southern University. He left to join the political science faculty at Baruch College in New York as a professor and director of the "SEEK" program. He was recruited by Mack Jones to join Atlanta University's (now Clark Atlanta University, CAU) political science faculty, where he helped to start the PhD program and retired in 2005. A prolific scholar, he authored *Maynard Jackson: A Biography* (2009) and an autobiography, *From Poverty to History Maker* (2014), over 50 articles. In Atlanta, he was actively engaged in multiple neighborhoods, civic, community, and political organizations. He worked on the Andrew Young for Congress campaign and Maynard Jackson's mayoral campaign. Elected to the Georgia General Assembly, he served from 1974-2018. He was director of the Southern Center for Studies in Public Policy and was editor of the acclaimed *State of Black Atlanta* series. In recognition of his outstanding community service, a portion of Interstate 285 in Atlanta is named in his honor. In retirement, he has been as a consultant to the Nigerian Congress, and the National Popular Vote Project (NPVP). He has participated in over 150 races and is a member of the board of directors of the Road Runners Club of America. He is married to Gloria Carley Holmes, the father of three and the grandfather of eight.



Dr. Edward R. Jackson

Dr. Edward R. Jackson, a native of New Iberia, Louisiana, earned his BA (1965) from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, his MA (1965) in Political Science from Marquette University and PhD (1968) in Political Science from the University of Iowa. He was hired as an assistant professor at Southern University in 1968, where he became acting department chair. Other teaching jobs included positions at Fisk University in Nashville, TN, Howard University in Orangeburg, SC, where he established an Honors College. He served as vice provost and vice president of academic affairs at South Carolina State before returning to Southern University & AM College-Baton Rouge campus to serve as dean of the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, executive vice president and provost before his appointment as the seventh chancellor in 1988 by the Southern University Board of Supervisors. He also held positions in prestigious research organizations like NSF and NASA. These are but a few of his illustrious achievements.

Dr. Mack H. Jones, the first president of NCOBPS (1970-71), was born in Oakdale, LA. He came of age at the height of the Freedom Movement. He was expelled in 1960 for protesting segregated facilities at an area bus terminal, launching a case that ultimately landed in the Supreme Court (*Garner v. Louisiana* 1961). He earned his BA at Texas Southern University, his MA and PhD at the University of Illinois. In 1964, as a politically-engaged president of the campus NAACP, He led a demonstration against US senator and presidential candidate, Barry Goldwater (R-AZ), during a visit to the university. As a scholar, he is



Dr. Mack H. Jones

known for his probing critical analysis of white supremacy, its role in shaping American politics and policy, and how to generate knowledge that Blacks could use to transform their condition in the Black diaspora. In 1966, he began his career as an assistant professor at Texas Southern University. Branded a troublemaker for his challenge to “traditional” political science and support for student activism, the administration declined to renew his contract. He was hired on the faculty at Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University, CAU). He became chair of the political science department in 1968. Under his leadership, and with a grant from the Ford Foundation, CAU established a PhD program that emphasized Black liberation politics and hired new faculty, funded graduate fellowships, and became a top producer of Black political scientists in the nation. His work was foundational to the institutionalization of the study of race and inequality, beginning with his 1969 essay “A Frame of Reference for Black Politics,” available in *Knowledge, Power, and Black Politics: Collected Essays* (2013), with his other seminal works that “trace the development, evolution, and maturation of a Black perspective in the scientific study of politics and its impact on the discipline” (Smith 2014: ix-x). He co-authored four editions of *African Americans and the American Political System* (1976-99) with L. Barker and K. Tate. In a career spanning over five decades, Jones held appointments at Howard University, Prairie View A&M University, Kentucky State University, and Mississippi Valley State University. Now retired, Jones holds Professor Emeritus status at MVSU and CAU. Jones is married to Dr. Barbara Ann Posey Jones, the father of three children and grandchildren.



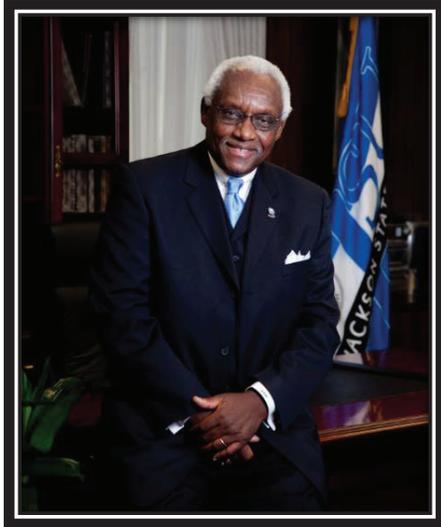
Dr. Mae C. King

Dr. Mae Coates King was born in Lee County, Arkansas. She earned her BA (1960) in social study with a minor in history from Bishop College, an HBCU in Marshall, TX. During that time, she was the Chairman of the local chapter of the Young Women’s Christian Association and was at the forefront of student challenges to racial discrimination in Marshall. She earned her MA (1962) and PhD (1968) in political science, on a National Defense Education Fellowship, at the University of Idaho. In 1963, in between these degrees, she taught at Texas Southern University where she met Mack Jones and other Black political scientists. From 1975-89, she taught and conducted research at the University of Benin in Nigeria. She was hired at American Political Science Association (APSA), as the first Black and woman to work on its professional staff, leading the Committee on the Status of Blacks and Committee on the Status of Women. In this key role, she assisted Jewel Limar Prestage with organizing the pivotal conference in Baton Rouge, LA. After the founding of NCOBPS, she served as membership secretary and secretary-treasurer of the Graduate Assistantship Program. She also was instrumental in other organizations, including the National Council of Negro Women, African Studies Association, and the African Heritage Studies Association, where she served as Director and holds lifetime membership. The Association for the Study of Black Women in Politics created the “Mae C. King Distinguished Paper Award on Women, Gender, and Politics” in her honor. She authored, *Basic Currents of Nigerian Foreign Policy* (1996), a seminal text on Nigerian politics, and other critical works on global and Black politics.



Dr. Shelby F. Lewis

Dr. Shelby Faye Lewis, the twelfth president of NCOBPS (1981-82), was born in Plain Dealing, Louisiana. She earned her BA in political science from Southern University (SU), her MA (1963) from the University of Massachusetts, and PhD (1973) from the University of New Orleans. Her career spans nearly six decades holding positions as a teacher, scholar, consultant and administrator in academic institutions globally—many of which are too numerous to list here. She began her career in 1962 in Uganda working for the Teachers for East Africa (TEA) Project. In 1967, she became Director of the Council of the Africa American Institute in NY. She left to join the Political Science Faculty at SU in 1968. For 22-years, she was a faculty, administrator and published scholar at Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University, CAU) and did short-term teaching, research and consulting in Africa, Asia, Latin American and the Caribbean. At CAU, Morris Brown and Dillard University, she served as Vice President Academic Affairs; Vice President of Research and Sponsored Programs; Dean of Arts and Sciences and Coordinator of International Programs until 1995. She edited, *Historical Inevitability: The Role of Hurricane Katrina in the New Orleans Saga* (2009). She was Vice President of International Development and Executive Director of the Global Center and worked with UNCF Special Programs. She was appointed by President Barack Obama to the J.W. Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. She served on the Board for the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars. She was the force behind the Jewel and James Prestage Mentorship Foundation and worked closely with the Robert Woodruff Archival Research Center at CAU to create the James and Jewel Prestage Archival Collection. She is Professor Emeritus at CAU, and the Founder and Executive Director of the John C. and Mary D. Lewis Foundation. She serves as Vice-Chair on the NCOBPS Council of Presidents. She is the mother of two.



Dr. Leslie-Burl McLemore

Dr. Leslie-Burl McLemore, the fifth and sixth president of NCOBPS (1975-76), was born in Walls, Mississippi. He was raised in Memphis, TN and educated in the public schools of DeSoto County. He earned his BA in social science and economics from Rust College on a full scholarship, his (MA) in political science at Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University, CAU) and PhD in government at the University of Massachusetts. As a freshman at Rust College, he became actively involved in the Civil Rights Movement via the NAACP, SNCC, the Freedom Vote Campaign, and Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP). He was as a delegate to the infamous 1964 Democratic National Convention and served on the Platform Committee of the 1988 Democratic National Committee. In 1971, he was the founding chair of the political science department at Jackson State University (JSU), where he served in a variety of strategic administrative roles, including founding the Fannie Lou Hamer National Institute on Citizenship and Democracy, and establishing the Department of Public Policy and Administration. For the State of Mississippi, he served as the acting director of the University Center, chair of the Mississippi Humanities Council and vice chair of the Board of the Federation of State Humanities Councils, receiving many awards for his life-time contributions. In 1999, he won a special election to fill a vacant seat on the Jackson City Council where he served for ten years as president of the council, and acting mayor. He was the vice chair of the MFDP and a member of the Veterans of Mississippi Civil Rights Movement. He serves as a member of the Walls, MS Board of Aldermen where he made history as one of two African Americans elected to the Board. He co-authored *Freedom Summer: A Brief History with Documents* (2016). His activist work has been shared on C-Span. He is married to Attorney Betty A. Mallet, the father of one son, who is married with one child.



Dr. Calvin Miller

The late **Dr. Calvin Miller** was born in the Jim Crow south segregated Bessemer, Alabama. He enrolled at Morehouse College in 1942; however, two years into his undergraduate studies, he was drafted into the army during World War II. Upon completion of military service, he earned his BA and MA in Political Science from the New School for Social Research in New York City, NY, while working at the United Nations. He earned another MA from New York University, and later his PhD in Political Science from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA. Dr. Miller was a practitioner, scholar and activist, who actively marched in protest with the NAACP and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He participated in the 1965 March for voting rights in Selma, Alabama. He served as the Chair of the Department of Political Science at Virginia State University (VSU) for 26-years. His first political science teaching positions were held in his home state at Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, AL, and Jackson State University (JSU) in Jackson, MS before joining the faculty at VSU in Petersburg, Virginia. Upon his retirement from VSU in 1992, he returned to teach at JSU, where he ended his 35-year storied teaching career. He passed away on December 4, 2007.



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Dr. Frank Morris, Sr.

Dr. Frank Morris was born in Cairo, IL. He earned his BA with honors from Colgate University, his MA in Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, and his PhD in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Over the span of his career, he served as the Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Public Affairs at the University of Maryland at College Park; a visiting professor in the O'Connor Chair at Colgate; as an associate professor at Northwestern University; and as a visiting professor in the School of Social Sciences at the University of Texas, Dallas. He was Dean of Graduate Studies and Urban Research at Morgan State University until he retired in 1995. Through his congressional testimony, he helped Morgan and other HBCU graduate schools gain access to graduate funding under Title III of the Higher Education Act. He helped win a grant designating Morgan as a national transportation center, which he supervised. He also served on 30 doctoral committees in educational administration. Outside academia, he held key positions in the US Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, US State Department, National Institute for Education, and the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. In the 1990s, he was a member of the Board of the Center for Immigration Research. He was president of the Council of Historically Black Graduate Schools, served on the NAACP National Educational Advisory Board, the Education Testing Service GRE Advisory Committee, the AARP National Policy Council, as a trustee of Huston Tillotson University, and moderator and chairman of the Domestic Mission Board of the United Church of Christ (UCC). He has received honors and awards from NAACP, the US State Department, and *Chicago Defender*. He is listed as a history maker at the historymakers.com under educators. He and his wife Winston Baker have been married over 50-years. They have four children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Dr. Jewel Limar Prestage

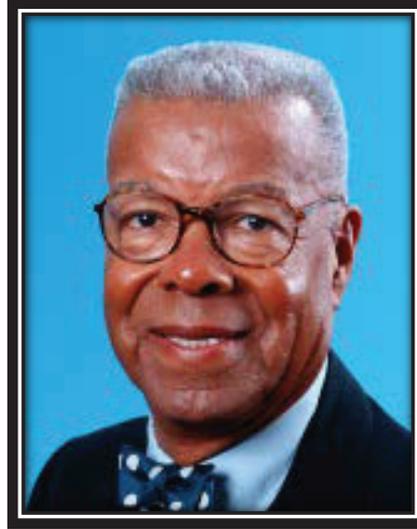
The late **Dr. Jewel Limar Prestage**, the seventh- and first-woman president of NCOBPS (1976-77), was born in Vernon Parish, Louisiana. She earned her BA from Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, where she graduated *summa cum laude*. She earned her MA and PhD from the University of Iowa in 1954, as the first Black woman, and one of the youngest, to earn a PhD in political science in the US. She was hired on the faculty at Prairie View A&M University in Texas; however, she returned to the political science department at Southern University where she would make her indelible mark as a faculty member, department chair and Dean of the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs. In recognition of her contributions, she was conferred the status of Distinguished Professor Emerita. In 1989, she returned to Prairie View A&M University as a professor in political science and Dean of the Benjamin Banneker Honors College until 2002. She would change the consciousness of the discipline through her institutional capacity building. It was from her initiative and invitation to a group of Black scholars to attend the meeting on "Political Science Curricula in the Predominantly Black Colleges," that set-in motion the founding of NCOBPS, planting a seed that shaped the future of the study of Black politics and the careers of countless Blacks in the profession. Her storied, professional career as a political scientist, citizen activist, educator, and author spanned over five decades. Ever the astute mentor, she invested in preparing generations of Black students for careers in the academy, namely 45 PhDs and more than 200 lawyers, judges and others in public service-oriented careers. She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and the Links, Inc. At the time of her passing on August 1, 2014, she had been married to James Jordan Prestage for 60-years. They had five children, nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild.



Dr. William P. Robinson

The late **Dr. William P. Robinson Sr.**, the second president of NCOBPS (1971-72), was born in Norfolk, VA. He graduated from Booker T. Washington HS, received his BA and MA from Howard University, and PhD from New York University. He also pursued postdoctoral studies at Harvard University and the University of Michigan. At Howard, he was mentored by Ralph J. Bunche, the renown political scientist, diplomat and Nobel Peace Prize recipient. His career reflected his staunch commitment to HBCUs, where he was professor of government at Southern University, dean at Alcorn State College (University), assistant to the president and business manager at Morris Brown College, and department chair at Texas Southern University. In 1962, he founded and served as chair of the political science department at Norfolk State University, where he was able to secure a federal grant for a summer civic engagement program for Black students. He retired from NSU as head of the social science division. In 1969, Robinson became the first Black elected to the Virginia House of Delegates since Reconstruction, representing his inner-city district in Norfolk. In 1980, he also became the first Black delegate to chair a House committee—the Health, Welfare and Institutions Committee. He dedicated his life to serving as a scholar, teacher and public servant. A building on the campus of Norfolk State University is named in his honor, The William P. Robinson, Sr. Technology Building, stands as a memorial to his innumerable contributions to this institution. He had one son, his namesake, and four grandchildren.

Charles “Chuck” Sumner Stone, Jr., was born in St. Louis, MO, and raised in Hartford, CT. During World War II, he was a flight navigator with the Tuskegee Airmen. After the war, he earned his BA in political science and economics from Wesleyan College, his MA in sociology from the University of Chicago and studied



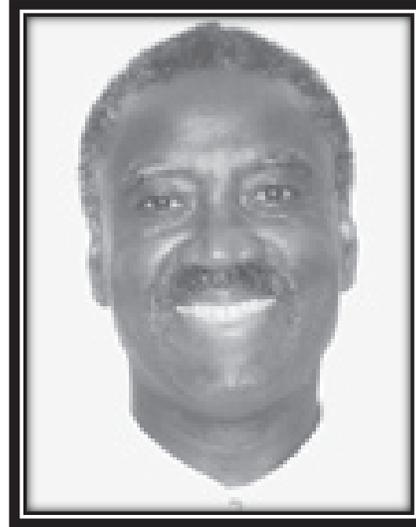
Professor Charles “Chuck” Stone

law for a year at the University of Connecticut before embarking upon a professional career in journalism. Appointed as Carson-Pirie-Scott department store’s first Black executive, he traveled overseas as a representative for CARE. Upon return, he began his career in journalism, working for prestigious Black newspapers, including the *New York Age*, the *Washington Afro-American*, and the *Chicago Daily Defender*. He served two-years as a chief administrative aide and press secretary to Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. (D-NY). In 1970, he was hired as the Director of Minority Affairs at the Educational Testing Service. Citing institutional racism and apathy, he resigned in 1972, and subsequently helped found the National Center for Fair and Open Testing. He worked for *Philadelphia Daily News*, as the first Black columnist and senior editor. He was a staple on national and local television and radio shows. He was the first Black hired by a Chicago station to do television commentary. He was a contributor to NBC’s *Today* show; and hosted various Philadelphia media talk shows, including the *Black Perspective on the News* on PBS. He was a visiting lecturer at Bryn Mawr College’s Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research. In 1982, he became a fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University; and later, a professor at the University of Delaware, where he taught journalism. He was named the Walter Spearman Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, receiving several teaching awards. He authored numerous books and articles. He was a founding president of the National Association of Black Journalists. A recipient of awards and six honorary doctorates, he also was inducted into the NABJ Hall of Fame. In 2007, he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by President George W. Bush in recognition of his World War II service. He passed away on April 6, 2014. He was the father of three children.



Dr. Hanes Walton, Jr.

The late **Dr. Hanes Walton, Jr.** was born in Augusta, GA. Educated in Georgia public schools, he graduated from high school with honors. He earned his BA in political science from Morehouse College (earning membership into Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Kappa Mu, and Pi Sigma Alpha), his MA (1964) in political science from (Clark) Atlanta University, and his PhD (1967) as Howard University's first doctorate in Government. He taught one year at CAU before joining the faculty at Savannah State College (University), where he was named the Fuller E. Calloway Endowed Professor. In 1992, he joined the faculty as professor of political science at the University of Michigan, where he was also appointed to UM's Center for Political Studies as faculty associate, then promoted to senior research associate and later research professor. He served multiple terms as secretary to the faculty in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. He was one of the most prolific scholars in political science to emerge from the civil rights era—publishing 25 books and over 100 book chapters, sections in encyclopedia, book reviews, and peer-reviewed articles. His seminal work, *Invisible Politics* (1985), revolutionized the thinking on Black politics. Over his 45-year career, he served on 12 review boards and was APSA Vice President from 2012-13. He received over 25 awards and grants, including being named a Social Science Research Council Fellow, John Simon Guggenheim Fellow, National Endowment of Humanities Fellow, Educational Testing Service Fellow, American Society of Public Administration Fellow, Rockefeller Foundation Fellow, APSA Congressional Fellow, and a United Negro College Fund Distinguished Scholar. He held visiting scholar positions at the Division of Political History at the Smithsonian Institution, the Institute for Urban Affairs and Research at Howard University, the Office of Civil Rights Compliance, and the Africana Research Center at Cornell University.



Dr. Alex P. Willingham

Dr. Alex P. Willingham was born in southwest Arkansas and grew up on northwest Louisiana. He earned his BA (1963) from Southern University, his MA (1965) from the University of Iowa, and his PhD (1974) from the University of North Carolina. He returned to Southern, his alma mater to begin his academic career. Motivated by his upbringing during the Jim Crow Era in the South and a desire to dismantle racial segregation, he conducted research on national elections, the movement to develop affirmative voting and election procedures, and the redefinition of the political community resulting from increasing empowerment of national minoritized groups. He authored, *Beyond the Color Line? Race, Representation and Community in the New Century* (2002), and numerous other publications. As a scholar and activist, he actively supported voting rights litigation brought by civil rights groups including the Georgia Legal Services, ACLU, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, the Center for Constitutional Rights, and the Southern Poverty Law Center. In 1989, he joined the political science faculty at Williams College in Boston, MA, where he has also served as the Chair of the African American Studies Program, the Director of the Multicultural Center, the faculty advisor for the Williams College Law Society, and the Schumann Professor for Democratic Studies. Retired, he is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Williams College, and has two sons.

Walton, Jr. continued: He taught and mentored a legion of undergraduate and graduate students. He will be remembered for his encyclopedic knowledge, sense of humor, ability to connect with his students, and signature Nike baseball cap. He was a gifted photographer, wrote and published a book of poetry, and even wrote, produced, and shot his own film complete with soundtrack and movie poster. He passed away on January 7, 2013. He was the father of two sons.

PRESIDENTS OF NCOBPS

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| Mack H. Jones 1970-71 | Michael B. Preston 1985-86 | Marvin Haire 2001-03 |
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| William Daniels 1972-73 | Michael Combs 1987-88 | Melissa Nobles 2005-07 |
| Robert "Bob" Holmes 1973-74 | Dianne Pinderhughes 1988-89 | Desiree Selma Pedescleaux 2007-09 |
| Tandy Tollerson 1974-75 | Paula L. McClain 1989-90 | James Taylor 2009-11 |
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| Jewel Limar Prestage 1976-77 | Franklin D. Jones 1992-93 | Wendy Smooth 2013-15 |
| C. Vernon Gray 1977-78 | Mamie E. Locke 1993-94 | Todd C. Shaw 2015-17 |
| Larry Moss 1978-79 | William H. Boone 1994-95 | Shayla C. Nunnally 2017- Present |
| William E. Nelson 1979-80 | Lenneal J. Henderson 1995-96 | |
| Elsie Scott 1980-81 | Kathie Stromile Golden 1996-97 | |
| Shelby F. Smith Lewis 1981-82 | Sheila Ards 1997-98 | |
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NCOBPS CONFERENCE SECTIONS & CO-CHAIRS
50th Annual Meeting – Baton Rouge, LA
March 13-17, 2019

African and Diaspora Politics

Kingsley Esedo , Southern University, Baton Rouge
Gloria Underwood, Southern University, Baton Rouge
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Politics, Inequality, and Social Justice

Meghan Wilson, University of Chicago
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Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Transnational Politics

Hannibal Leach, Fisk University
Dorian Crosby, Spelman College

Identity Politics: Gender, Class, Ethnicity, Sexuality, and Religion

Lafleur Stephens, Princeton University

Teaching, Scholarly Research, and Professional Development

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Nicky Mack, Ohio Wesleyan University

Afro-Latino Politics

Tony Affigne, Providence College
Danielle Clealand, Florida International University

Political Theory, Philosophy, and Methodology

Marcus Board, Georgetown University
Maruice Mangum, Alabama A & M University

Undergraduate Research

Julian Wamble, Stony Brook University
Emmitt Riley, DePauw University

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

| <u>Monday, March 11- Tuesday, March 12</u> | <u>Thursday, March 14</u> | <u>Friday, March 15</u> | <u>Saturday, March 16</u> |
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| <p>Graduate Student Pre-Conference Writing Retreat, New Orleans, LA</p> | <p>8 am-5 pm Conference Registration and Exhibit Viewing</p> | <p>8-9 am Politics, Groups, and Identities Coffee Hour</p> | <p>8 am-2:00 pm Exhibit Viewing</p> |
| <p><u>Wednesday, March 13</u> 12-4 pm Executive Council Meeting</p> | <p>9-10:15 am Opening Plenary –“Because of NCOBPS...” Historical Reflections on the Past 50 Years</p> | <p>8 am-5 pm Conference Registration and Exhibit Viewing</p> | <p>8-9 am ASBWP Business Meeting and Mentoring Breakfast</p> |
| <p>4:30-5:30 pm A Conversation with the President</p> | <p>10:30-11:45 am Concurrent Sessions I</p> | <p>9-10:15 am Plenary Session 2: Race in the “Red Stick”: The Persistence of Inequality in Baton Rouge</p> | <p>9:00-10:15 am Concurrent Sessions VII</p> |
| <p>4:30-6:30 pm Conference Registration</p> | <p>12-1:30 pm Luncheon: Honoring Our Founders</p> | <p>10:30-11:45 am Concurrent Sessions IV</p> | <p>10:30 -11:45 am Concurrent Sessions VIII</p> |
| <p>6-8:00 pm Welcome Reception</p> | <p>1:45-3:00 pm Concurrent Sessions II</p> | <p>12-1 pm Luncheon-Civil Rights Today and Beyond</p> | <p>12:00-2 pm Presidential Inauguration Luncheon</p> |
| | <p>3:15-4:30 pm Concurrent Sessions III</p> | <p>1:15-2:30 pm Concurrent Sessions V</p> | <p>2:15-3:30 pm The State of Black Politics: After 400 Years, Where Are We?</p> |
| | <p>4:15 – 5:15 pm APSA’s Committee Meeting on the Status of Blacks in the Profession</p> | <p>1:30 – 4:30 pm Student Poster Session</p> | |
| | <p>4:15 – 5:15 pm LGBTQ Caucus Meeting</p> | <p>2:45-4 pm Concurrent Sessions VI</p> | |
| | <p>4:15-5:15 pm Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Professional Development Program</p> | <p>4:15-5:15 pm Founders Symposium Reception</p> | <p>7-10:00 pm Evening Gala: Celebration of NCOBPS’ 50 years & Commemoration of Africans’ 400 Years in VA</p> |
| | <p>4:15-5:15 pm Graduate Student Mixer</p> | <p>5:30-6:30 pm Discussion with Past Presidents</p> | |
| | <p>5:30-6:30 pm NCOBPS Business Meeting</p> | <p>6:30-7:30 pm President’s Reception</p> | |
| | <p>7-9:00 pm Dr. Jewel Prestage Event (at Southern University)</p> | <p>7:30-9:30 pm Awards Banquet</p> | |

**2019 Annual Meeting of the
National Conference of Black Political Scientists
*Living the Legacy (The 50th Anniversary):
Understanding the Future of Black Politics through the History of NCOBPS***

The National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) is celebrating its 50th anniversary! In honor of our golden anniversary, the 2019 conference returns to where it all began, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Baton Rouge is rich in black political history, as the location of the first annual meeting of NCOBPS, the first civil rights bus boycott in 1953, and the home of the illustrious, Southern University. To mark this extraordinary occasion the theme of the conference is “*Living the Legacy: Understanding the Future of Black Politics through the History of NCOBPS.*” Derived from the Ghanaian tradition of ‘Sankofa,’ “*Living the Legacy*” will emphasize our strong belief that, in order for us to proceed in our forward march, the knowledge of the past must never be forgotten.

The conference includes research, panels, posters, and roundtable discussions that engage our theme, “*Living the Legacy.*” The conference examines how far we have come in the black freedom struggle since the founding of NCOBPS in 1969; the historical significance of 50th anniversary and what we expect for the future of the organization; the importance of black politics, economics, and culture as we move further into the 21st century; and what do we need to learn from our predecessors and ancestors to maintain our community voice in current and future political discourse.



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PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Monday and Tuesday, March 11-12

NCOBPS Graduate Student Pre-Conference Writing Retreat—New Orleans, LA

Coordinators

Princess Williams, Graduate Student Representative, University of Michigan

Periloux Peay, University of Oklahoma

Christine Slaughter, University of California, Los Angeles

Wednesday, March 13

Executive Council Meeting

12:00pm-4:00pm

Location: Camellia

A Conversation with the President

4:30-5:30pm

Location: Camellia

Conference Registration

4:30-6:30pm

Early-Bird Welcome Reception

Co-Sponsored with the Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC)

6:00pm-8:00pm

Location: Magnolia

Thursday, March 14th

Thursday, March 14th, Opening Plenary, 9:00-10:15am

“Because of NCOBPS...” Historical Reflections on the Past 50 Years

Location: Salon I

Chairs: Shayla C. Nunnally, President, NCOBPS, University of Connecticut

Sekou M. Franklin, NCOBPS President-Elect, Middle Tennessee State University

Rogers Smith, President, American Political Science Association (APSA), University of Pennsylvania

Todd C. Shaw, Immediate Past President, NCOBPS, University of South Carolina

Shiela Harmon Martin, Historian and Archivist, NCOBPS, Co-Chair, NCOBPS Task Force on the History of NCOBPS, University of District of Columbia

Joseph P. McCormick, II, Past President, NCOBPS, Co-Chair, NCOBPS Task Force on the History of NCOBPS, Pennsylvania State University, York

Tiffany Willoughby-Herard, Managing Editor, National Political Science Review (NPSR), University of California, Irvine

Panel 1: Afro-Latino Politics, Roundtable Collaborative Study of Race in the Americas, Workshop One

Location: Bienville

Chair: *David Covin California State University, Sacramento*

Silvio Umberto, State University of Feira de Santana

James Steele, North Carolina A&T University

Edilza Sotero, State University of Bahia

Kathie Stromile Golden, Mississippi Valley State University

Raquel de Souza, Federal University of Bahia

Panel 2: Roundtable: Analyzing the 2018 Midterm Elections, Gender, Black Politics, and Progressive Politics

Location: Lafourche

Chairs: *Andra Gillespie, Emory University*

Emmitt Riley, DePauw University

Nikol Alexander-Floyd, Rutgers University

Khalilah Brown-Dean, Quinnipiac University

Stephanie Williams, University of South Florida

Melanye Price, Prairie View A&M University

Camille Burge, Villanova University

Christopher Whitt, Creighton University

Panel 3: Census 2020 and Its Impact on Research in the Black Community and the Black Census Project

Location: Acadiana

Chair: *Donald Cravins, Jr., Charter Communications*

Ebony Baylor, Howard University

Juhem Navarro-Rivera, Socioanalitica Research

Discussant: *Donald Cravins Jr., Charter Communications*

Panel 4: Professional Development Roundtable: The Promise and Pitfalls of Administration: Black Political Scientists as Deans and Department Chairs

Location: Evangeline

Chairs: Todd Shaw, University of South Carolina

Wendy Smooth, Ohio State University

Pearl Ford Dowe, University of Arkansas

Andra Gillespie, Emory University

Panel 5: Evaluations of Student Performance

Location: Feliciana

Chair: Vincent Hutchings, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Pitch Your Discipline

Elizabeth Walker Craig, Claremont Graduate University

The Intersectionality of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Bias in Student Grade Challenges

Athena King, Virginia State University

Mentorship, Coaching, and Student Success: CSUN M3 Program

Boris Ricks, California State University at Northridge

Discussant: Andrea Benjamin, University of Missouri, Columbia

Thursday, March 14th, 12:00 pm-1:30 pm
“A Legacy of Leadership: A Celebration of the Founders of the
National Conference of Black Political Scientists” (Luncheon)
Location: Salon I

A Legacy of Leadership
Celebration of the Founders of the
National Conference of Black Political Scientists

March 14, 2019
12:00 – 1:30 PM

• *Program Schedule* •

• *Welcome* •

Charisse Burden-Stelly, Program Host

• *Invocation* •

Todd Shaw

• *Lunch* •

• *Remarks* •

Charisse Burden-Stelly

• *Presentation of our Founders* •

Adolphus Belk, Jr. and Gloria Braxton

• *Tribute to our Fallen Founders* •

Wendy Smooth

• *Special Presentation to our Founders* •

Sherri L. Wallace

• *Closing Remarks* •

Shayla C. Nunnally, President



Panel 6: Politics of the African Diaspora

Location: Bienville

Chair: TBA

The Caribbean Call for Reparations
Ife Williams, Delaware County Community College

Sankofa to Bimbia, Cameroon: Little Known and Largest Site of Transatlantic Slavery in Africa Exposed
Lisa Aubrey, Arizona State University

The Link between Good Governance and Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in Sub-Saharan Africa
Theodore Davis, University of Delaware

Bronzeville: Robey Theater Company and the Performance of Black Struggle
Zachary Price, Texas A&M University

Phantom Pain - The Effect of Police Violence in the United States on Black Attitudes and Behaviors in Britain
Ayobami Laniyonu, Center for Policing Equity

Discussant: TBA

Panel 7: Roundtable: Black Studies at 50: Politics, Prospects, and Problematics

Location: Lafourche

Chair: Charisse Burden-Stelly, Carleton College

AJ Rice, Michigan State University
Lester Spence, Johns Hopkins University
Tiffany Willoughby-Herard, University of California, Irvine

Panel 8: Consciousness, Conservatism, and Respectability

Location: Acadiana

Chair: Michael Leo Owens, Emory University

Policing Norms: Respectability and the Politics of Punishment in Black America
Hakeem Jefferson, Stanford University

Do All Black Lives Matter to Black State Legislators?

LaFleur Stephens-Dougan, Princeton University

From Consciousness to Coalition: Examining Racialization and Afro-Caribbean Inter-group Attitudes

Cory Gooding, University of San Diego

The Black Church vs. Social Media: Addressing the generational divide between ideology and partisanship within the African American Community

Naomi Nubin, University of Houston

Discussant: Andra Gillespie, Emory University

Panel 9: Black Representation in Media, Education, and Anti-Black Voting in Brazil

Location: Evangeline

Chair: Gladys Mitchell-Walthour, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Afro-Brazilian Studies: A Panorama of the Field

Dalila Fernandes de Negreiros, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Daniela Gomes, University of Texas, Austin

Anti-Black Voting in the 2018 Brazilian Presidential Election

Maristela Rosa de Silva, Federal University of Juiz de Fora (UFJF)

The Construction of Brazilian Black Identity through Communication and Media

Ivanilda Amado Cardoso, PPGE – Federal University of São Carlos – UFSCar and Research Scholar, Georgia State University

Discussant: Gladys Mitchell-Walthour, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Panel 10: Campaigns, Candidates, and Policy: Interpreting Political Influences

Location: Feliciano

Chair: Christina Greer, Fordham University

Chronic Candidates: Understanding How Politicians Framed Support for Marijuana Legalization During the 2018 Midterm Elections

Jessica Stewart, Wake Forest University

The Democratic Party a Rainbow Coalition: The Remaking of the Party After Jesse Jackson's Run for President

Sherice Nelson, St. Mary's College

From Congress to Courts: Voting Rights in a Post-Shelby County Era

Shenita Brazelton, Tuskegee University

The 2018 Gubernatorial Elections: Survey Results from Three States

Andra Gillespie, Emory University (Simultaneous participation)

Discussant: Christina Greer, Fordham University

Panel 11: Lynching, Law, and Partisanship: Political Strategies for Change

Location: Bienville

Chair: TBA

Pepperdine University: The Politicization of the Academy
Elizabeth Walker Craigg, Claremont Graduate University

Black Leviathan: Race, Polity, and the American Super Predator
De'Ondre Swails, Brown University

Legacies and the Metalanguage of Lynching: "What We Ain't Gon' Do Is Have THIS Conversation"
LaShonda Carter, University of California, Irvine - School of Humanities

Parallel Legal Systems During the Reconstruction Era: The Development of Freedmen's Bureau Agency Courts
Marty Davidson, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Hoodies on the Floor: Exploring Black Members' Legislative Response to Police Brutality
Matthew Platt, Morehouse College

Discussant: TBA

Panel 12: Afro-Latino Migration, Incorporation, and Empowerment in the United States

Location: Lafourche

Chair: *Atiya Stokes Brown, Coastal Carolina University*

Afro-Cuban Group Consciousness and Political Participation in Miami-Dade County
Sharon Wright Austin, University of Florida

Who is Afro-Latinx? Race, Place, & Sexuality
Melina Juarez, University of Arkansas - Department of Political Science
Lisa Cacari Stone, University of New Mexico
Nancy Lopez, University of New Mexico
Edward Vargas, Arizona State University

Diasporic Consciousness among Afro-Caribbeans in the U.S.
Cory Gooding, University of San Diego

Reimagining What It Means to Be Black in the U.S.: Family Cultural Socialization Practices That Shape Racial Identities among Afro-Latinos
Latifa Fletcher, Graduate Center of the City University of New York

Discussant: *Tiffany Howard, University of Nevada, Las Vegas*

Panel 13: Racial Democracy

Location: Acadiana

Chair: *Brianna Mack, Ohio Wesleyan University*

Drugs, Alcohol, and Lynching and the Expansion of the Law and Order President, 1890-1933
Joshua Miller, Catholic University

When Terror Induces Liberation: Black Religion's Analog and Digital Reactions to White Violence
Danielle King, University of Missouri - St. Louis, Department of Political Science

Dissonant People, Unfitting Places
Desiree Melonas, Birmingham-Southern College

Black Morality Politics: Progressive Moral Frames at the Dawn of the Trump Era
Tamelyn Tucker-Worgs, Hood College

Politics to Protest: Explaining African American Political Interest in the 2016 Presidential Election
Jonathan Collins, Brown University

Discussant: *Brianna Mack, Ohio Wesleyan University*

Panel 14: The Politics of Identity

Location: Evangeline

Chair: *Davin Phoenix, UC Irvine*

American Identity and Support for the Black Lives Matter Movement
Amber Spry, Brandeis University
Shayla C. Nunnally, University of Connecticut

Navigating Identity in Campaign Messaging: The Influence of Race & Gender on Strategy
in U.S. Congressional Elections
Jennifer Cryer, Stanford University

Identity Salience for Black Muslims in the U.S.
Nura Sedique, Duke University

Discussant: *Jared Climens, Duke University*

Panel 15: Professional Development Workshop – Opportunities with the College Board's AP Government and Politics Program/College Board's Access & Diversity Collaborative

Location: Feliciana

Chair: *Boris Ricks, California State University, Northridge*

Thursday, March 14th, 4:15 pm – 5:15 pm

**“Chat and Chew” with Southern University Alumni in the Profession
Undergraduate Professional Development Panel
(Co-Sponsored with Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society in Political Science)**

Location: Salon I

Ismail White, Duke University

John Valery White, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Albert Samuels, Jr. Albert Samuels, Jr., Jr., Southern University

Blanche Smith, Southern University

Elsie Scott, Interim President, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation

**NCOBPS Graduate Student Networking Mixer
(Co-Sponsored with the American Political Science Association)**

Location: Salon II

APSA Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession Meeting

Location: Acadiana

LGBTQ Caucus Meeting

Location: Bienville

**NCOBPS Business Meeting
Thursday, March 14th, 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Location: Salon I**

**Thursday, March 14th, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Dr. Jewel Limar Prestage Honors Reception
Southern University
Sponsored by the Office of President-Chancellor Ray Belton, Southern University
*Transportation provided, first-come, first-served basis**

Friday, March 15th

Friday, March 15th, 7:30 am – 9:00 am
Politics, Groups, and Identities Coffee Hour
Location: Salon I

Friday, March 15th, Plenary 2, 9:00 am –10:15 am
Race in the “Red Stick”: The Persistence of Inequality in Baton Rouge
Location: Salon I

Moderator: Albert Samuels, Jr., Jr., Southern University

Pat LeDuff, Local Community Activist (Affordable Housing, Drugs, and Crime)
Angelle Bradford, M.D. Student and Local Political Organizer (Environmental Justice)
Jerry Jones, Executive Director, Baton Rouge North Economic Development District
Leslie Taylor Grover, Southern University

Friday, March 15th, 10:30 am-11:45 am -- Concurrent Session IV

Panel 16: Policy and Political Priorities

Location: Bienville

Chair: Sherri Wallace, University of Louisville

What Police Chiefs Show Officers About Race and Arrest Decisions
Andrew McCall, University of California, Berkeley

Race and the Legislative Representation of Collective Action Concerns
LaGina Gause, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

More than Just a Strategy: Black Mayors & Deracialized Governance
Jamil Scott, Georgetown University
Kesicia Dickinson, Michigan State University

Voters and Municipal Pension Reform: The Role of Racial Resentment
Marion Orr, Brown University
Domingo Morel, Brown University
Jonathan Collins, Brown University

Discussant: Jessica Stewart, Wake Forest University

Panel 17: Author Meets Reader Roundtable – *Multiracials and Civil Rights: Mixed-Race Stories of Discrimination*

Location: Lafourche

Author and Respondent: Tanya Katerí Hernández, Fordham University School of Law

Chair: John Valery White, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Raymond Diamond, Louisiana State University School of Law

John Thomas, III, University of Chicago

John Valery White, University of Nevada, Las Vegas Law School

Panel 18: Political Behavior

Location: Acadiana

Chair: Fernando Tormos, Southern Methodist University

Sociopolitical Awareness in the Age of #BlackLivesMatter

Khadija Edwards, Indiana University

Southern Persistence: How Southern Context Shapes Black Political Behavior

Princess Williams, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Willing to Risk It All: Black Support for Racial Redistricting and the Contingent Effects of Linked Fate and Expectations about Legislative Behavior

Tyson King-Meadows, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Black and Blue: How Racial Attitudes and Ideology Impact Feelings Towards Black Lives Matter

Emmitt Riley, DePauw University

Clarissa Peterson, DePauw University

Racially-Motivated Violence and Implications for Political Participation: A Study of Birmingham, Alabama

Kiela Crabtree, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Discussant: Julian Wamble, Stony Brook

Panel 19: Roundtable: African Diasporic Responses To An Uncertain International Order and Other Global Dynamics

Location: Feliciana

Chair: Sherice Nelson, St. Mary's College

The Menace of Right-Wing Parties Across the African Diaspora: Extremist Trends in Europe and the Americas.

Lorenzo Morris, Howard University

When Someone Asks Me About Violence, 'I Just Find It Incredible':

Davis and Baldwin on Violence and Nonviolence

Lisa Beard, Western Washington University

Colonial Educational Attainment and Contemporary Outputs in State Capacity
Tiffanesha Williams, University of Missouri, Columbia

Move Over Boys There's New Money in Town: An Examination of the Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank and its Place in 21st Century Political Economy
Alesha Hoffman, Alabama State University

The Comparison Game: The Effectiveness of Comparisons between Marginalized Groups
Stacey Greene, Independent

Discussant: Sherice Nelson, St. Mary's College

Panel 20: Race and Racismo in Latin America

Location: Evangeline

Chair: K.C. Morrison, University of Delaware

The Politics of Black Inclusion in Peru and Ecuador
John Thomas, University of Chicago

Electoral Discrimination: The Relationship Between Skin Color and Vote Buying in Latin America
Marcus Johnson, City University of New York

Political Inclusion and Exclusion of Afro-Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico
Danielle Clealand, Florida International University

Discussant: Ollie Johnson, Wayne State University

Friday, March 15th, 12 – 1 pm (Luncheon)
“Civil Rights Today and Beyond”
Speaker: John Valery White, Esq.
William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Co-Sponsored with the Council on Foreign Relations



John Valery White is the Ralph Denton Professor of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas's (UNLV) Boyd School of Law. Professor White returned to the faculty after a decade as dean of the Boyd School of Law, Executive Vice President and Provost of UNLV, and Acting Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education. His current scholarly focus is on the role of civil and human rights law in addressing the demographic consequences of globalization.

Professor White began his academic career at Louisiana State University's Paul M. Hebert Law Center teaching and publishing on civil and human rights law. He directed LSU law's summer program in Lyon, France and was a distinguished visiting professor at the University of Insubria in Como, Italy, studying law's role in the social integration of diverse populations in a borderless Europe.

As a Schell Fellow at Human Rights Watch/Middle East in 1991-1992, he analyzed humanitarian law and human rights issues related to the Gulf War and participated in a site visit to Egypt investigating arbitrary detention and torture and prison conditions, leading to book-length Human Rights Watch reports on torture and prison conditions in 1992. John is a graduate of Yale Law School.

Panel 21: Carceral State

Location: Acadiana

Chair: *Michael Leo Owens, Emory University*

Factors Affecting Support for Felon Voting Rights: Personal Beliefs, Felon Attributes, and Political Context

David Wilson, University of Delaware

TaLisa Carter, University of Delaware

Khalilah Brown-Dean, Quinnipiac University

Hungry and Marginalized: The Intersection of Mental Health & Food Insecurity in the Returning Prison Population

Keesha Middlemass, Howard University

Police Violence, Political Participation, and African American Millennials

Donovan Watts, Indiana University

Skin Color Differences in Routine Traffic Stops

Jasmine Smith, Duke University

Candis Watts Smith, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Punishment-Oriented Crime Policies as Facilitated through Congress: Towards an Anti-Racist Paradigm Shift

Juliette Barbera, University of Florida

Discussant: *Onyekachi Ekeogu, Arizona State University*

Panel 22: Black Women's Mass Behavior

Location: Evangeline

Chair: *Nadia Brown, Purdue University*

Talkin' 'Bout Us: Researching Black Women Within Political Science

Ashley Daniels, Howard University

Julia Jordan-Zachery, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Black Women: Keepers of Democracy, the Democratic Process, and the Democratic Party

Chaya Crawford, Princeton University

Christine Slaughter, University of California, Los Angeles

Christina Greer, Fordham University

Black Women's Politics Pre-Dating the Age of Trump

Wendy Smooth, Ohio State University

From Save Our Sons and Daughters (SOSAD) to #Black Lives Matter: Revolutionary Lessons from Black Women in the Urban Peace and Justice Movement

Errol Henderson, Pennsylvania State University

Discussant: *Nadia Brown, Purdue University*

Panel 23: Race, Politics, and Beyond

Location: Lafourche

Chair: Meghan Wilson, University of Chicago

Assessing the First Presidential Address, “Responsibility of Black Political Scientists to the Black Community in the 21st Century,” and the Failure to Critically Examine its Implications
Kelly Harris, Chicago State University

Affirmative Action without Action: Support for Diversity in the Abstract, but Not in Practice
Jared Clemons, Duke University

Donald Trump and his Hateful Rhetoric: How It Does Not Make America Great
Regina Allen, Independent

The Dilemma of a Federal Bureaucracy’s Rulemaking Process
Russell Frazier, Xavier University

For Whom Does Democracy Work? The Political Influence of the Black Lives Matter Movement
Fernando Tormos, Southern Methodist University

Discussant: Nyron Crawford, Temple University

Panel 24: Roundtable: Institutionalizing Black Politics and the Black Agenda: From NCOBPS to the Halls of Congress

Location: Bienville

Moderator: Menna Demessie, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation

Elsie Scott, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation
Adolphus Belk, Winthrop University
Tyson King-Meadows, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Robert Smith, San Francisco State University

Panel 25: Voting in the U.S.

Location: Feliciana

Chair: Vincent Hutchings, University of Michigan

Solidarity Still Matters: the Effect of Linked Fate, Discrimination, and Political Engagement on Voter Turnout
Omar Safir, Louisiana State University

Black Voters Muddle: Russian Interference Targeted the Black Vote and Likely Resulted in Trump’s Victory
Clarence Lusane, Howard University
Revathi Hines, Southern University

Voting Rights, Collective Memory, and Black Political Participation
Shakari Byerly, University of California, Los Angeles

Getting Out the Black Vote in Washington DC: A Field Experiment
Melissa Michelson, Menlo College
Jamil Scott, Georgetown University

Discussant: Ismail White, Duke University

Panel 26: Young, Gifted, and Black

Location: Feliciana

Chair: *Fernando Tormos, Southern Methodist University*

Technological Exploitation of Social Movements, A Case Study: Black Lives Matter
Eugene Johnson, Louisiana State University
Sylvia Gonzalez, Louisiana State University

Making a Revolutionary Nexus between Theory and Praxis: The University as an Instrument of Black Cultural Revolution
Errol Henderson, Pennsylvania State University

Mobilizing for Power: Social Movement Activism and Electoral Participation in the 2018 Mid-Term Election
Shakari Byerly, University of California, Los Angeles

Police Violence, Community Dialogue, and Political Engagement in Urban America
Bradley Holland, Ohio State University
Brianna Mack, Ohio Wesleyan University

Discussant: *Fernando Tormos, Southern Methodist University*

Panel 27: Roundtable: New Dialogues and New Directions in the Study of Afro-Latino Politics

Location: Bienville

Moderator: *Danielle Clealand, Florida International University*

Tony Affigne, Providence College
Tiffany Howard, University of Nevada-Las Vegas
Atiya Stokes Brown, Coastal Carolina University
Celia Lacayo, University of California, Los Angeles

Panel 28: Black Women as Elected Officials

Location: Lafourche

Chair: *Christina Greer, Fordham University*

Destined to Run? The Role of Civic Engagement on Black Women's Decision to Run for Elected Office
Jamil Scott, Georgetown University
Nadia Brown, Purdue University
Lorrie Frasure Yokley, University of California, Los Angeles
Dianne Pinderhughes, University of Notre Dame

Black Women Mayors: Agenda Setting for Whom?
Aliyah McIlwain, Michigan State University
Jamil Scott, Georgetown University
Kesicia Dickinson, Michigan State University

Power Redux: Intersectionality, Resistance, and Minority Women Legislators

Guillermo Caballero, Purdue University

Nadia Brown, Purdue University

Between a Rock and a Hard Place: The Impact of Race and Gender on the Local Governing Styles of Black Women Mayors

Regina Moorer, Alabama State University

Discussant: Sharon Wright Austin, University of Florida

Panel 29: Re-Thinking Black Radical Politics & Movements

Location: Evangeline

Chair: TBA

Our Culture is Our Strength: Sustaining Social Justice Through Culturally

Appropriate Contemplative Practices

Zahra Ahmed, St. Mary's College

Footprints in the Past/Envisioning the Future: Policing, Black Radicalism, and Black Politics

Darryl C. Thomas, Pennsylvania State University

Your Silence Will Not Protect You: Black Abolitionist Feminism and the Contemporary Struggles Against American Fascism

H.L.T. Quan, Arizona State University

The Relevance of the Pan-African Congress in Contemporary South Africa

Tiffany Willoughby-Herard, University of California, Irvine

Discussant: TBA

Friday, March 15th, 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm -- Founders Symposium

“This Is Us: Celebrating the Collective Genius of NCOBPS”

A discussion on the transformative contributions that our Founders and members have made to achieve political and social progress for Blacks and to study Black politics and make it accessible in the academy and beyond.

Location: Magnolia

Moderator: Princess Williams, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Adria Tinnin, University of California, Los Angeles

Marty Davidson, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Kesicia Dickinson, Michigan State University

Friday, March 15th, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm – Past Presidents’ Discussion

**Roundtable on NCOBPS’ Leadership: Perspectives of Past Presidents
Presented by the NCOBPS Task Force on the History of NCOBPS**

Location: Magnolia

Moderators: *Shiela Harmon Martin, University of the District of Columbia, Co-Chair, Task Force on the History of NCOBPS*

Joseph P. McCormick, II, Past President, NCOBPS, Co-Chair, Task Force on the History of NCOBPS, Pennsylvania State University, York

Members: *Menna Demessie, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation; Pearl K. Dowe, University of Arkansas; Andra Gillespie, Emory University; Angela K. Lewis, University of Alabama, Birmingham; Byron D’Andra Orey, Jackson State University; Matthew Platt, Morehouse College; Kurt Young, Clark Atlanta University*

William “Bill” Daniels, 3rd President (1972-73)

Dianne M. Pinderhughes, 19th President (1988-89)

Kathie Stromile Golden, 26th President (1996-97)

David Covin, 32nd President (2003-2005)

Tyson King-Meadows, 36th President (2011-13)

Wendy Smooth, 37th President (2013-15)

Todd C. Shaw, 38th & Immediate Past President (2015-17)

**Friday, March 15th, 6:30 pm -7:30 pm President’s Reception
Co-Sponsored with the NCOBPS Afro-Brazilian Research Group and APSA
Location: Salon III**

**Friday, March 15th, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Awards Banquet
Location: Salon I/II**

Program

Welcome: Sharon Wright Austin, Program Co-Chair

Invocation: Todd C. Shaw, 38th & Immediate Past President

Dinner

Speaker Introduction: Sekou M. Franklin, President-Elect

Keynote Address: Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome, City of Baton Rouge

Awards: Sekou Franklin and Kathie Stromile Golden, Executive Director

Closing Remarks: Ismail White, Program Co-Chair

MAYOR-PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME



Sharon Weston Broome was sworn in as the Mayor-President of the City of Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish on January 2, 2017. She is the first woman to be elected as the leader of the capital city of Louisiana. Since the campaign trail, her focus has been to unite the citizenry around the common goals of equality in education, economic development, justice, housing and other quality ways of life.

Immediately following her election, Mayor-President Broome convened a team of 300 diverse residents to be part of her transition team. Residents ranged from millennials to seniors, who represented various races, education levels and socioeconomic statuses. Among the issues covered were flood recovery, community-police relations, education, economic development, race relations, and transportation. Using this feedback directly from the community, Broome's administration immediately took action, accomplishing much within the first 100 days in office.

Among these actions were: updating the Baton Rouge Police Department's Use of Force Policy to align with national best practices; continuing to maximize FEMA Public Assistance funds for reimbursement from repairs and restructuring related to the historic flood of August 2016; launched the Equity in Business initiative, which aims to increase contract opportunities and entrepreneurial activity in all neighborhoods; entered into an agreement with the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce that now includes a focus on small businesses, and those owned by minorities and women; held first joint meeting with East Baton Rouge Parish School Board members and Metro Council; and launched an implementation plan for a "Cradle to K" initiative.

During her first year in office, she focused many of her efforts on flood recovery, economic development, public safety, and traffic remediation.

The administration continues to focus on these issues and others that affect the community, and continuously acts on feedback from residents of the parish.

Prior to her current post, Broome served as a Baton Rouge Metro Council Member; Louisiana State Representative (District 29); and Louisiana State Senator (District 15). While in the legislature, she became the first woman to be elected by her peers as Speaker Pro Tempore and President Pro Tempore of the House and Senate.

Over the years, Broome has been recognized for her service and leadership by several organizations, including the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Louisiana Health Freedom Coalition, American Heart Association, Every Child Matters, Baton Rouge NAACP Lifetime Achievement Award, Girl Scouts Louisiana East 2017 Women of Distinction Award, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Lambda Kappa Kappa Chapter) 2017 Citizen of the Year, and National Congress of Black Women.

Broome holds a B.A. in Mass Communication from the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse and an M.A. in Communications from Regent University. Broome has served as an adjunct instructor at the Manship School of Mass Communication at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge Community College, and Southern University. In addition, she was a reporter for five years for WBRZ-TV, the Baton Rouge ABC affiliate.

Faith and family are priorities for Broome. She is a member of Star Hill Church, and is happily married to Marvin Broome. They are the proud parents of three children and three grandchildren.

Saturday, March 16th
Saturday, March 16th, 8:00-9:00am

ASBWP Business Meeting and Mentoring Breakfast

Location: Salon II

Saturday, March 16th, 9-10:15 am -- Concurrent Session VII

Panel 30: Race, Place, and Politics

Location: Bienville

Chair: Georgia Persons, Georgia Tech University

Path Dependence and Neighborhood Effects: Using Spatial Analysis to Assess the Legacy of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation
Jennifer Cryer, Stanford University

Blind Spot Segregation: The Nullification Doctrine at Work in East Baton Rouge Parish School System Since Brown v. Board of Education (1954)
Sara Martin, Southern University

Cityhood by 'Deannexation': Race and the Referendum on Eagles Landing
Michael Leo Owens, Emory University
Andra Gillespie, Emory University

Childhood Lead Poisoning: A Perpetual Environmental Injustice Issue?
LaToria Whitehead, Clark Atlanta University

Discussant: Jessica Stewart, Wake Forest University

Panel 31: Products of Our Environment

Location: Lafourche

Chair: Shakari Byerly, University of California, Los Angeles

The Abjection of Black Life in Reserve, LA
Chaz Briscoe, UC Irvine

Social Inequality and Environmental Concerns in Contemporary Urban Baltimore
Rhoanne Esteban, UC Santa Barbara
Tyson King-Meadows, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Environmental Pollution and Collective Mobilization: Preliminary evidence from Los Angeles County
Adria Tinnin, University of California, Los Angeles

An African centered Political Ecology Critique of the US Water Crisis: Advancing the Global Black Communities' Governance of water utilities for self-determination and economic gains
Afia Zakiya, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation

Discussant: TBA

Panel 32: Reconsidering Stereotypes

Location: Acadiana

Chair: *Hakeem Jefferson, Stanford University*

The Politics of Skin Color

Nicole Yadon, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same: Understanding the Demographic Causes and Correlates of Public Opinion About Opioid Addiction

Cynthia Duncan, University of South Carolina - College of Arts and Sciences

Big Data and Political Communication: A Partnership to Study Racialized Media Coverage in the 2018 Midterm Elections

Stephen Caliendo, North Central College

The Threat of Our Color: How Skin Color and Stereotype Threat Align

Kamri Hudgins, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Reconsidering Gender Stereotypes with an Intersectional Lens

Jamil Scott, Georgetown University

What About a Woman President? Understanding the Effects of Voter Stereotypes on Women Candidates

Sydney Carr, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Discussant: *Hakeem Jefferson, Stanford University*

Panel 33: The Future of African & Diaspora Unity: Old Questions, New Answers

Location: Feliciana

Chair: *Kurt Young, Clark Atlanta University*

The Continued Evolution of U.S. Federalism Through the Lens of American Education

Marla Hollis, Clark Atlanta University

The Protracted Model to Self-Governance in the Caribbean: The Case of St. Martin

Cindy Peters, Clark Atlanta University

Rethinking Black Radical Politics & Movements

Onyekachi Ekeogu, Arizona State University

The Ties That Bind: Analyzing Links Between African Refugee Civic Engagement and African American Civil Rights

Dorian Brown Crosby, Spelman College

The Failures of the U.S. Militarism and Conceptions of Security in Africa

Horace Campbell, Syracuse University

Discussant: *Hashim Gibrill, Clark Atlanta University*

Panel 34: Qualitative Approaches: Historiography, Focus Groups, and Critical Race Theory

Location: Evangeline

Chair: David Cunningham, University of Southern California Law School

The Quilted Nationalism of Black Women's Political Labor: Rethinking Abolition Democracy and W.E.B. Du Bois as Glocal Theorist

Jasmine Noelle Yarish, Hobart and William Smith College

Support for Diversity in the Abstract, but Not in Practice

Michael Simrak, Purdue University

A Historiographical Critique of Secondary Literature on Black Power

Dean Robinson, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Diversity Is Destiny: How Racial Disparities in Health Are Shaping the Future American Political Landscape

Javier Rodriguez, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Discussant: Fernando Tormos, Southern Methodist University

Saturday, March 16th, 10:30-11:45 am -- Concurrent Session VIII

Panel 35: Anger, Political Knowledge, and Their Impact on Black Political Behavior

Location: Bienville

Chair: LaFleur Stephens, Princeton University

Expanding Political Knowledge: Does All Knowledge Matter?

Jasmine Jackson, Purdue University

Nadia Brown, Purdue University

Seeing Red in Black and White: Examining How Consciousness, Agency Anger Shape Black Political Behavior

Davin Phoenix, University of California, Irvine

Woop Woop! That's the Sound of the Police! The Sound of Political Mobilization or Retreat?

Jasmine Smith, Duke University

Jesse Lopez, Duke University

Arvind Krishnamurthy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Chicago Reparations Case: A Form of Reparations and Transitional Justice for the Black American Community?

Ayana Best, University of Southern California

Ange-Marie Hancock, University of Southern California

Discussant: Nyron Crawford, Temple University

**Panel 36: Roundtable: The Collaborative Study of Race in the Americas:
Team-Building in the 21st Century**

Location: Lafourche

Chair: *Ollie Johnson, Wayne State University*

David Covin, California State University, Sacramento

Cloves Oliveira, Federal. U of Bahia

Cleber Juliao, State. U. of Bahia

Edilza Sotero, State University of Bahia

Panel 37: Political Opportunity and Political Justice

Location: Evangeline

Chair: *Jonathan Collins, Brown University*

The Elements and Application of the Political and Social Thought of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Michael Clemons, Old Dominion University

The Racial and Gender Dimensions of Political Opportunity
Fernando Tormos, Southern Methodist University

Manufacturing Failure: Race, Revitalization, and the Takeover of Detroit Public Schools
AJ Rice, Michigan State University

Somewhere Over the Rainbow: The African American and Latino Political Coalition in Chicago
Valerie C. Johnson, DePaul University
Robert Starks, Northeastern University

Race, Power Politics and Atlanta's Vine City Community
Jayme Beasley, Clark Atlanta University

Discussant: *Jonathan Collins, Brown University*

**Panel 38: Roundtable: Academic Programs and Political Activism at Southern University
during the Jewel Prestage Era**

Location: Salon II

Moderator: *Shelby Lewis, Professor Emerita, Clark Atlanta University*

Carolyn Sue Williams, President, Jewel and James Prestage Mentorship Foundation

Desiree Pedescleaux, Associate Dean, Spelman College

Gloria Braxton, Former Chair, Department of Political Science Department, Southern University

Elsie Scott, Interim President, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation

Sheila Harmon Martin, University of the District of Columbia

Rickey Hill, Jackson State University

**Panel 39: Roundtable: 30 Years of the *National Political Science Review*:
A Look Back with Past Editors**

Location: Feliciana

*Moderator: Tiffany Willoughby-Herard, University of California, Irvine
David Covin, California State University, Sacramento, Professor Emeritus
Georgia Persons, Georgia Tech University, Professor
Matthew Holden, University of Virginia, Professor Emeritus*

**Presidential Inauguration Luncheon
Saturday, March 16th - 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Location: Salon II**

**Plenary 3: The State of Black Politics: After 400 Years, Where Are We?
Saturday, March 16th – 2:15 pm – 3:30 pm
Location: TBA**

Chair: Sekou M. Franklin, Middle Tennessee State University

*Andra Gillespie, Emory University
Vincent Hutchings, University of Michigan
Julia Jordan-Zachery, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
K.C. Morrison, University of Delaware
Danielle Pilar Clealand, Florida International University
Cloves Olveira, Federal U. of Bahia
Ravi Perry, Virginia Commonwealth University*

**50th Anniversary Closing Gala
&
400th Anniversary Commemoration of Africans in Colonial Virginia
African Ancestral Libation Ceremony**

**Ceremonial Leaders:
Sekou M. Franklin, 40th President
Afia Zakiya, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation**

**Saturday, March 16th - 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Location: TBA
*African-Inspired Attire (Optional)**



Living the Legacy (The 50th Anniversary): Understanding the Future of Black Politics through the History of NCOBPS

2019 Graduate Student Symposium Discussion

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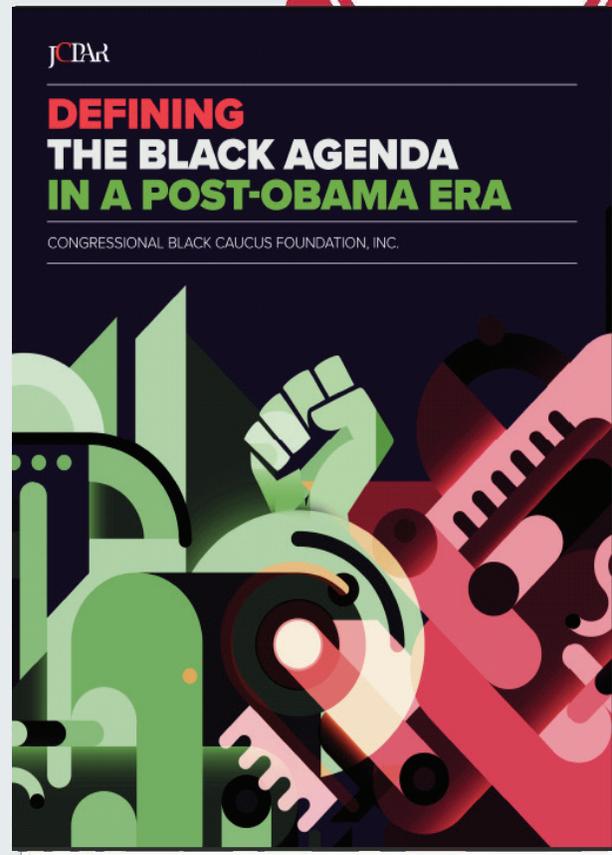
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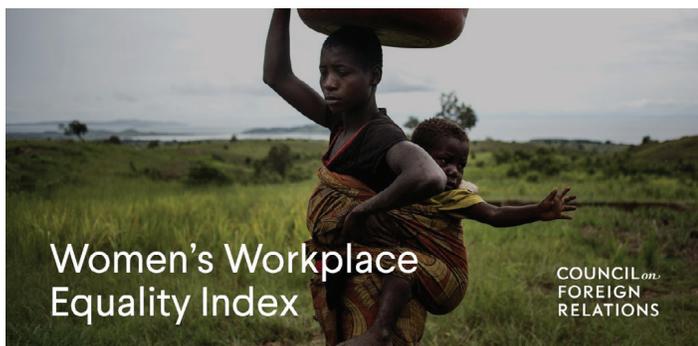
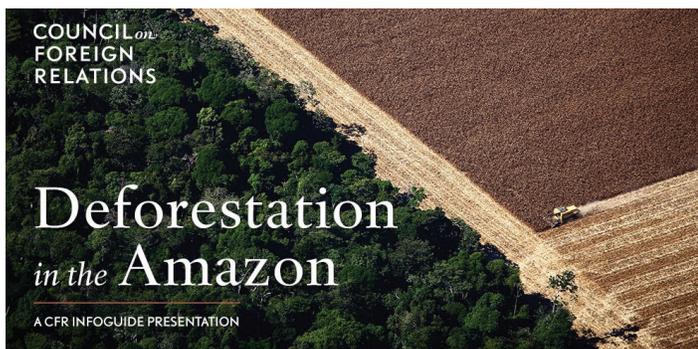
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