National Conference of Black Political Scientists

43rd Annual Meeting

Bally’s Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada
March 14-17, 2012

The Black Condition within Global Shifts & Persistent Structures of Inequality

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**About the Artist of the Cover Art**

**Dr. Elka Stevens** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Art at Howard University and is Coordinator of the Fashion Merchandising and Fashion Design programs. Her research interests lie at the intersections of visual and material culture, international trade, gender, and identity. As an engaged artist/practitioner, Dr. Stevens' mixed media pieces explore issues of gender, identity, globalization, and repurposing. She uses textiles and clothing as a lens of analysis, inspiration, and media for her work. In addition to extensive teaching, research, and entrepreneurial endeavors, Elka has maintained membership in various service, academic, and professional organizations.

**Welcome from the 2012 Program Co-Chairs**

Dear NCOBPS Members & Supporters:

We warmly welcome you to the 43rd Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists here in Las Vegas, Nevada. We of the Program Committee have worked very hard along with NCOBPS President Dr. Tyson King-Meadows, Interim Executive Director & Treasurer Dr. Kathie Stromile Golden, the other Officers and Executive Council Members, the Section Chairs, the local arrangement committee, and numerous other supporters to produce an excellent conference for you this year!

Take full advantage of the opportunities we and our Host Hotel Bally’s as well as our conference facilities hotel of Caesars Place have provided for intellectual engagement, networking, meeting old friends and former students, making new friends and meeting new students, as well as of course for having a little fun. But of course remain respectful and professional in all of your conduct and keep in mind that we have a very proud legacy to maintain as NCOBPS members and as Black political scientists. Please note the “NCOBPS Statement of Diversity and Harassment” printed on the next page.

So again – welcome to this conference and we look forward to meeting or reconnecting with each of you as you present, discuss, listen, and engage the broad wealth of topics and subjects that are offered with this year’s program.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Clarissa Peterson  
DePauw University

Dr. Todd C. Shaw  
University of South Carolina
NCOBPS Statement on Diversity and Harassment

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

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

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

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


Photo: Dr. Terri Fair (right), 2011 Program Committee Co-Chair with her mentor Dr. Mack Jones (left) the first President of NCOBPS.

PAST PRESIDENTS OF NCOBPS, 1971 - 2010

Mack H. Jones
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Robert “Bob” Holmes
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Tandy Tollerson
1974-75
Leslie B. McLemore
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Elsie Scott
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Michael Combs
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Joseph “Pete” Silver
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Franklin D. Jones
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Joseph P. McCormick
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Marvin Haire
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Melissa Nobles
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James Taylor
2009-11
The 43rd Annual Meeting of the
The National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS)

“The Black Condition within Global Shifts and Persistent Structures of Inequality”

BALLY’S HOTEL
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
March 14 - March 17, 2012

President: Tyson King-Meadows, University of Maryland Baltimore County
Program Co-Chairs: Clarissa Peterson, DePauw University; Todd Shaw, University of South Carolina

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March 15 - 17, 2012
Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear Attendees,

Welcome to America’s most dynamic city – Las Vegas! You could not have chosen a better City to host the NCOBPS at Bally’s Hotel, and I am convinced that once you get a taste of what Las Vegas has to offer, you will definitely be back. As the Mayor of this great City, I am delighted to tell you why Las Vegas is the place to live, work and play!

Las Vegas continues to capture the world’s imagination as the City where anything is possible. With world-class hotels, award-winning restaurants, luxurious spas, fantastic shopping, the finest golf courses and spectacular entertainment, Las Vegas remains one of the most electrifying destinations in the world.

While attending the conference, it is my hope that you will have a chance to explore Downtown Las Vegas, an area of our City that is undergoing a dramatic renaissance. It is evolving into a vibrant place for living, working, entertainment and the arts. Downtown Las Vegas is comprised of an enticing mix that includes:

- The neon-drenched excitement of the Fremont Street Experience, visited by over 21 million people each year.
- Multi-million dollar casino and hotel renovations and expansions.
- Fremont East Entertainment District featuring trendy new gathering places for dining, dancing, cocktails and enjoyment.
- An emerging eclectic mix of live-in artists and galleries known as the 18b Arts District.
- The World Market Center, a state-of-the-art home furnishings trade show complex with over 5 million square feet, has merged with another furniture complex in North Carolina and will now be called the International Market Center. The facilities in Las Vegas and North Carolina encompass 13 buildings, with 10.6 million square feet of furniture showrooms.
- Symphony Park, a phenomenal 61-acre planned development anchored by two key projects, the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, designed by renowned architect Frank Gehry, and The Smith Center for the Performing Arts, Las Vegas’ first world-class performing arts facility. Symphony Park will also be the planned future home of The Charlie Palmer, a luxury boutique business hotel; a first-class casino/hotel with significant retail space; abundant street-side retail offerings; a two-acre park; and an estimated 1000 urban style residences.
- The Neon Museum Boneyard holds over 100 donated and rescued signs. Signs featured date from the late 1930s through the early 90s and represent motels, local businesses, and celebrated casino resorts from throughout the Las Vegas Valley.

Again, welcome to fabulous Las Vegas! Best wishes for an enjoyable stay in our fine City.

Sincerely,

Carolyn G. Goodman
Mayor, City of Las Vegas
Hold for NCOBPS President Letter
**NCOBPS Leadership**

### Officers & the Executive Council

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University of the District of Columbia
### 2012 Sections and Section Chairs

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| | Marda Mustapha, College of Saint Rose  |
| II. Politics, Inequality, and Social Justice | Terri Jett, Butler University  
| | Christopher Whitt, Augustana College  |
| III. Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Transnationalism | Lenneal Henderson, University of Baltimore  
| | Tiffany Howard, University of Las Vegas, Nevada  |
| IV. Identity Politics: Gender, Class, Ethnicity, Sexuality, and Religion | Marcus Allen, Wheaton College  
| | Duchess Harris, Macalester College  |
| V. Teaching, Scholarly Research, and Professional Development | Angela Lewis, University of Alabama  
| | Birmingham  |
| VI. Undergraduate Research | Sekou Franklin, Middle Tennessee State University  
| | Erica Taylor, University of Maryland  
| | Baltimore County  |
| VII. Political Theory, Philosophy, and Methodology | Ricky Green, California State University, Sacramento  |
| VIII. Political Institutions and Public Policy | Sharon Austin, Florida State University  
| | Boris Ricks, California State University, Northridge  |
| IX. Politics and Popular Culture | Precious Hall, Georgia State University  
| | Lester Spence, Johns Hopkins University  |
| X. Public Opinion and Political Participation | Andra Gillespie, Emory University  
| | David Wilson, University of Delaware  |
| XI. Women and Politics and Feminist Theory | Nadia Brown, Saint Louis University  
| | Wendy Smooth, The Ohio State University  |
Annual Meeting Awards Committee

Chair
Dr. Tyson King-Meadows
University of Maryland Baltimore County

The Rodney Higgins Best Faculty Paper Award

Co-Chairs:
Dr. Shayla Nunnally
University of Connecticut

Dr. David C. Wilson
University of Delaware

The Bayard Rustin Best Graduate Student LGBT Paper Award

Chair:
Dr. Tyson King-Meadows
University of Maryland Baltimore County

The Sammy Younge Best Student Paper Award

Co-Chairs:
Andra N. Gillespie
Emory University

Dr. John T. Bullock
Towson University

The Graduate Assistantship Program (GAP) Scholarship for Student Travel

President:
Dr. Kathie Stromile Golden
Mississippi Valley State University

The Jewel Limar Prestage Mentorship Award

President:
Dr. Sheila Harmon Martin
University of the District of Columbia &
Dr. Shelby F. Lewis

2012 W.E.B. Du Bois Distinguished Book Award

Co-Chairs
Dr. Julia Jordan-Zachery
Providence College

Dr. Diarra O. Robertson
Department of History and Government

Members:

Dr. Maruice Mangum
Texas Southern University

Dr. Darryl A. Nettles
Strayer University & Augusta Technical College

Dr. Michael K. Fauntroy
George Mason University

The Anna Julia Cooper Teacher of the Year Award

Chair:
Dr. Ravi K. Perry
Clark University

The Fannie Lou Hamer Outstanding Community Service Award

Chair:
Dr. Tonya M. Williams
Johnson C. Smith University
Directions from Bally’s (Host Hotel) to Caesars Palace (Meeting Rooms)

نى PLEASE NOTE: Although the official Host Hotel is Bally’s Las Vegas the official conference facilities (and meeting rooms) are in the Caesars Palace Complex. Below are directions to Caesars Palace. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but this change was made to better accommodate our meeting.

1. Bally’s Front Entrance: Start at the front entrance of Bally’s. There is an escalator by the Bellmen’s Desk that leads to the overhead walkway to the Strip. Take this Escalator Up.

2. Upper Level: Once on the Upper Level follow the walkway or skywalk toward the Strip or Las Vegas Boulevard. You will be walking West.

3. The Strip: Once you get to Las Vegas Boulevard/The Strip, which will be in front of you, The Bellagio is the hotel immediately in front of you. There is an escalator that will lead to an overhead walkway in front of you as well. Take this escalator up to the overhead walkway leading you to the Bellagio.

4. Bellagio: Once in the Bellagio you will pass one store on your right; turn right after this store and go through a set of doors. This will take you outside again and onto a bridge crossing over Flamingo Boulevard. You will then walk down a set of steps onto a large patio area. Walk straight until you can turn left and walk into Caesars Palace. (Serendipity will be on your right).

5. Caesars Palace: Once inside Caesars Palace you will be at registration and by a fountain. Turn right towards the casino. There is a pathway toward the left which will take you toward the pool area, and restaurants called Rao’s and Payard. The escalators that will take you to the meeting/event space are located on the far side of Rao’s and in front of Payard’s Restaurant.

6. Trevi: For those going to Trevi: At the top of the first escalator, exit to the right and turn left immediately. Your meeting room will be on the right side of the hallway.

7. Palace III: For those going to Palace III: Continue up the second set of escalators and exit to the right and turn left. The Palace Ballroom is on the left and your doors are the farthest and on the left.
Key to Caesars Palace Map

RESTAURANTS/BARS
3. Cypress Street
4. Bradley Ogden
12. Shadow: A Bar At Caesars Palace
14. Sports Bar
17. Pussycat Dolls Lounge
18. PURE Nightclub
20. Mesa Grill
21. Seahorse Lounge
22. Neros
23. Hyakumi
26. Cleopatra’s Barge
28. Restaurant Reservations
31. Augustus Café
33. Spanish Steps
34. Lemonade & Hot Chocolate Stand
45. Galleria Bar
50. Beijing Noodle No. 9
51. Café Lago Buffet
52. Snackus Maximus
54. Rao’s
55. Payard
58. Neptune Bar
60. Restaurant Guy Savoy

CASINO
5. Keno
9. Forum Casino
10. Total Rewards
11. Casino Promotions
15. Race & Sports Book
16. Poker Room
24. Palace Court Slots
25. Security
27. Palace Casino
46. Palace Court Tables
47. Casino Host
48. Cashier
49. Total Rewards

SHOPPING
6. Bette & Cher Boutique
13. Cartier
19. Elton John Store
36. Caesars Exclusively!
37. Neil Leifer Gallery

FACILITY
1. Parking Garage
2. Colosseum Valet
7. The Colosseum at Caesars Palace
8. Colosseum Box Office
29. Main Valet
30. Bell Desk
32. Roman Plaza Amphitheater
35. Emperors Salon
38. Wedding Services
39. Diamond Registration
40. Diamond Lounge
41. Shuttles to Flamingo, Harrah’s, Paris, and Rio
42. Events Desk
43. Seven Stars Registration & Lounge
44. Concierge & Hotel Registration
53. Garden of the Gods Pool Oasis
56. Business Center
57. Caesars Palace Conference Center
59. Convention Center
61. Classico Wedding Chapel
62. Tuscania Chapel
63. Romano Chapel
64. Color: A Michael Boychuck Salon
65. QUA Baths & Spa
Assembly William Horne represents District 34 in the Nevada State Assembly and has done so such currently serves as the Majority Whip. Assemblyman Horne is also the Democratic Majority Whip. He was first elected in 2002, and has served in eight special and five regular sessions. By professional calling, he is an attorney. Horn was named the Outstanding Freshman Assemblyman in the 2003 legislative session. In 2005, the next legislative session, William was again recognized for his hard work and effectiveness and was named one of the top five most effective legislators in the Assembly. Through the 2007 and 2009 legislative sessions William has increased in seniority and provided steadfast leadership.

He hails from Wichita Falls, Texas and is the son of a military family. William attended the UNLV Boyd School of Law, volunteering as a student attorney for the Child Welfare Clinic. William’s sense of service to community and the examples set by his parents became more pronounced. He graduated in 2001 with a Doctorate of Jurisprudence. William worked as a law clerk while studying for his bar exam. After passing the bar, William decided to establish his own independent law firm rather than join the corporate establishment.

William is a devoted father to four children, Kayla, Chelsey, Henry, and Chloe. William is now a grandfather with the recent birth of his granddaughter Sarah. Despite his very busy schedule, William still has his priorities in order and makes time for family activities and helping with school work.

He first chaired both the Commission for the Administration of Justice and the Corrections, Parole and Probation Committee. Horne now serves on the Commerce and Labor Committee and the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. He serves as chair for the Judiciary Committee which handles all criminal and gaming law. Nationally, Horne was named Chair of the Law and Criminal Justice Committee for the National Conference of State Legislators.

William continues his community and legislative work. In 2011 he was named the UNLV Greenspun College of Urban Affairs “Alumnus of the Year.” When asked to sum up his experiences, Horne was quoted as saying, “I’ve been very lucky. I was able to change career paths and learn from it. I was able to return to college and earn a degree, then go through law school and begin practicing law. I’ve been honored to be elected to the state legislature and fortunate to be recognized there. But above all, I’ve been blessed with family. From my father who served his country and was my role model, to my mother who sacrificed so my sisters and I could do well, to my children, it has truly been a blessing that sustains me.”
Dr. Shelby F. Lewis

Dr. Shelby F. Lewis is Professor Emeritus at Clark Atlanta University, Executive Director of The Lewis Foundation, and an international development consultant. As a Senior Fulbright Lecturer at the National University of Lesotho from 1982 to 1983, she helped establish the Women’s Research Collective; and, as an international consultant in Zimbabwe from 1985 until 1987 she helped found Network: A Pan-African Women’s Forum and Development Consultants Network, a development company.

Dr. Lewis served on the Board of the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) for two terms and established a teaming relationship between CIES and the United Negro College Fund Special Programs, Inc. (UNCF/SP) during her tenure as Vice President for International Development and director of university-to-university linkage programs at UNCF/SP.

Within Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University), Dr. Lewis was founding Director of the Africana Women’s Studies Program; founding Director of the International Center; Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences; Associate Vice President for Sponsored Programs and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. She retired from Atlanta University in 1995 and assumed the position of Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs at Morris Brown College, leaving there to become a World-WID Fellow at USAID/DC in 1997.

In 1998, Dr. Lewis joined The College Fund/UNCF as a consultant. After writing winning proposals for the $23 million Tertiary Education Linkages Project for South Africa (USAID/TELP); the $5-$10 million International Development Partnership (IDP) program, the $2 million Education for Development and Democracy Initiative (EDDI) for university-to-university partnerships in Africa and an $800,000 Afro-Latina project, she was appointed to the position of Vice President for International Programs.

Since her retirement in October, 2003, Dr. Lewis has consulted on USAID projects in Liberia, Nigeria, and Zambia, served as Executive Director of The Lewis Foundation, Fulbright Specialist in Uganda and Vice Chair of the J.W. Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. She holds academic degrees in Political Science from Southern University (B.A), University of Massachusetts (M.A.) and the University of New Orleans (PhD). Her scholarly research has been published in journals and books in the US and Africa and she has served on a variety of national and international boards, committees and task forces. Her most recent book project is an edited volume titled Historical Inevitability: The Role of Hurricane Katrina in the New Orleans Saga (2009).
## Schedule at a Glance

Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV
3570 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, NV 89109

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**Conference Program**

Main Meeting Rooms – Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV
3570 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, NV 89109

**Wednesday, March 14, 2012**

**Executive Council Meeting** 12:00 – 5:00 PM  
Location: Palace 2

**Early Bird Reception** 6:00 – 7:00 PM  
Location: Diamond Lounge

**Thursday, March 15, 2012**

**Registration** 7:00AM – 7:00 PM  
Location: Palace 1

**Vendor Exhibits** 8:00AM – 7:00 PM  
Location: Palace 1

**Opening Plenary: The Black Political Condition and the Global Impact of the 2012 Elections**

8:30 AM – 10:15 PM  
Location: Gold Room  
Chair: David Covin, California State University, Sacramento,

Presenters:
Dianne M. Pinderhughes, University of Notre Dame  
Michael C. Dawson, University of Chicago  
Robert Smith, San Francisco State University,  
Menna Demessie, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation  
Tiffany Howard, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

**Paper Session 1 - March 15**

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM  
Location: Palace 2

**Panel # 1: Kathyrn Stockett is Not Our Sister, and We Are Not Her Help!**

Chair & Discussant: Duchess Harris, Macalester College – harris@macalester.edu

Papers:
Pamela Cook, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities – “Flipping the Script on a Popular, Problematic Work: The Help, the White Racial Frame, and Racial Justice Education”
W.J. Moussa Foster, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities – “Justice for the Poor: The Help and its Competing Political Theologies”
Julia S. Jordan-Zachery, Providence College – “Black Women as ‘Domestic Workers’ in Academia: Or on How We Became the Help”

10:30 AM – 11:15 AM
Location: Palace 3
Panel # 2: Theoretical Perspectives of Black Politics
Chair & Discussant:

Papers:
Guy F. Shroyer, University of the District of Columbia – “Hegemony, Nationalism and Doxa: A Social Semiotic Analysis”

10:30 AM – 11:15 AM
Location: Palace 4
Panel # 3: Comparative Political Thought & Racial Ideologies
Chair & Discussant: Brian Thomas, Simon Fraser University, b.thom1971@yahoo.com

Papers:
Linda D. Smith, Florida International University (FIU) – “Rights, Rationality, and Action: Factors that Influence Afrodescendant Social Moments in Latin America”
Jason Lee Mitchell, II, University of Nevada, Las Vegas – “American Exceptionalism is an American Delusion: Why America’s Manifest Destiny is No Longer What America Thinks it Will Be”
Danielle P. Clealand, Princeton University – “Racial Attitudes and Anti-Black Sentiment in Contemporary Cuba”

10:30 AM – 11:15 AM
Location: Palace 5
Panel # 4: Race, Lobbying, and Policy Debates
Chair & Discussant: David Blanding, Brown University, david_blanding@brown.edu
Papers:
LaGina Gause, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor – “Resources, Salience, and Costly Signaling: Demanding Representation Through Outside Lobbying”
Barbara Patrick, Mississippi State University – “Are Race to the Top and No Child Left Behind Having the Desired Effect? Assessing State Education Accountability Models and Teacher Dismissals”
Michael Combs, University of Nebraska at Lincoln – “The Supreme Court and the Re-Invention of Differences in Post-Civil Rights America”

10:30 AM – 11:15 AM
Location: Palace 6
Panel #5: Authors Meet Critics Roundtable – Michael Dawson - Not in Our Lifetimes: The Future of Black Politics
Chair: Andra Gillespie, Emory University
Presenter:
Michael C. Dawson, University of Chicago
Discussants:
David Wilson, University of Delaware
Tyson Kings-Meadows, University of Maryland Baltimore County
Robert Smith, San Francisco State University

Lunch Break (Own Your Own) 11:45AM – 1:30 PM

Paper Session 2 – March 15

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM
Location: Palace 2
Panel #6: Political Participation: Engagement, Elections, and Representation
Chair & Discussant: Bob Holmes, Clark Atlanta University (emeritus), carglor9@cs.com

Papers:
Luke Keele, Penn State University and Ismail K. White, Ohio State University (OSU) “African American Turnout in Majority-Minority Districts”
Emily Brynn Stacey, “Garnering the Vote, Obama 2012?: The Role of Social Media,”
Disappointment, and Mobilizing Minority Votes

Jatia Wrighten, University of Maryland – “National Descriptive Representation and the Effect on African-American Voter Turn Out”


1:30 PM – 2:45 PM
Location: Palace 3

Panel # 7: Examining Racial Politics in Brazil: Race, Blackness, and Intellectual and Cultural flows between the United States and Brazil

Chair & Discussant: K.C. Morrison, mkm301@msstate.edu

Papers:
Gladys Mitchell-Walthour, Denison University – “Developing an Analytical Framework for Examining Brazilian Racial Politics”

Lucio Oliveira, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) – “Black Music from Rio de Janeiro and the Brazilian Dictatorship from 1976-1979”

Fabricio Fialho, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) – “Race and political activism in Belo Horizonte, Brazil: The Role of Resources on Political Activism”

Jaqueline Santos, Harvard University – “Blacks, Youth and Hip Hop”

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM
Location: Palace 5

Panel # 8: President Obama’s Agenda and the Democratic Party

Chair & Discussant: Georgia Persons, Georgia Tech University, georgia.persons@pubpolicy.gatech.edu

Papers:
Robert Smith, San Francisco State University – “Red, Black, Blue and Gray: Polarization and the American Presidency from FDR to Obama”

Lorenzo Morris, Howard University – “Behavioral Pragmatism: Obama's Approach to Employment Policy”

Dianne M. Pinderhughes, University of Notre Dame – “What’s Left of the Obama Presidency and Change Politics”

Walter Hill Jr., St. Mary’s College of Maryland – “Should Obama Have Won More Convincingly in 2008?”
1:30 PM – 2:45 PM  
Location: Palace 4  

**Panel # 9: Race, Community Organizing & Representation**  
Chair & Discussant: Terri Jett, Butler University, tjett@butler.edu

**Papers:**  
LaToria Whitehead, Clark Atlanta University – “The Influence of Non-Governmental Organizations on Public Policy: A Case Study on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention in Savannah, Georgia”  
Lashonda M. Brenson, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and Jowei Chen, Stanford University – “Black Representation and Electoral Geography: Are They Related?”  
Andrea Martrese Slater, University of California, Irvine – “Master or Comrade: Empowerment Theories and Applications in Parent Organizations of LAUSD”  
Maya Evans, University of Illinois at Chicago – “The Path to Political Incorporation: Place and Race Matter”

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**Paper Session 3 – March 15**

3:00 PM – 4:45 PM  
Location: Palace 2  

**Panel # 10: In the Neighborhood: The Politics and Inequality of Urban Development**  
Chair & Discussant: Kasim Ortiz, University of South Carolina, kasim.ortiz@gmail.com

**Papers:**  
JoAnna Lynn Mitchell-Brown, affiliation not provided to SSRN – “The Dynamics of Race and Power in Neighborhood Revitalization within Racially Integrated Communities”  
Regina Freer, Occidental College and Melina Abdullah, California State University, Los Angeles – “Black Community Organizing in the Obama Era: The Case of Los Angeles”  
Michael Clemons, Old Dominion University – “The Political Economy of African American Male Joblessness: the Case of Hampton Roads, Va”
Panel #11: Manning Marable’s Interpretation of the Life, Death and Legacies of Malcolm X

Chair: James Taylor, University of San Francisco
Discussant: Kurt Young, University of Central Florida, kurtbyoung@yahoo.com

Papers:
- Melayne Price, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey – “A Ma’s Call, a Woman’s Duty: A Meditation on Politics and Family in Manning Marable’s Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention”
- Rickey Hill, Mississippi Valley State University “Unmasking Reinvention: Manning Marable's Malcolm”
- William 'Bill' Strickland, University of Massachusetts at Amherst – “Remembering Malcolm: A Personal Critique of Manning Marable’s Non-Definitive Biography of Malcolm”

Panel #12: Identity, Ideology, and Nationalism through Popular Culture

Chair & Discussant: Elka Stevens, Howard University, estevens@howard.edu

Papers:
- Ricky Green, California State University, Sacramento – “Fear, Trust and Hip Hop Nationalism”
- Ja’Lisa La'Shae Jorden, Jackson State University – “Warped Images: Media Framing and Political Ideology Amongst Youth”

Panel #14: Transnational Black Feminist Organizing

Chair: Sophia Woodard, Albany State University, sophia.woodard@asurams.edu
Discussant: Julia Zachery-Jordan, Providence College, jjordanz@providence.edu

Papers:
- Adryan Wallace - “Intersectionality and New Challenges to Feminist Theories of Development: A Case Study of Hausa Women's NGOs in Kano, Nigeria”
H. L. T. Quan, Arizona State University (ASU) – “Rememory & Enactment: Fugitive History and the Contemporary Struggles Against Urban Displacement in San Juan, Puerto Rico”

Alexandra Moffett-Bateau, University of Chicago – “The Development of Political Imagination in Public Housing”

Zenzele Isoke, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities – “Unheard Voices in American Political Discourse: Black Women, Community Politics, and the 'New Jim Crow’”

3:00 PM – 4:45 PM
Location: Palace 6

Panel # 15: CBC Roundtable: The Conscience of Congress: The Congressional Black Caucus after 40 Years and its Impact on Domestic and Foreign Policy

Chair: Elsie Scott, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation

Presenters:
Mae King, Howard University
Tyson King-Meadows, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Elsie Scott, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation
Menna Demessie, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation

☞ NCOBPS Annual Business Meeting
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Location: Gold Room
Friday, March 16, 2012

Registration 7:00AM – 7:00 PM  Location: Palace 1

Vendor Exhibits 8:00AM – 7:00 PM  Location: Palace 1

ancellor C. Wilson , University of Delaware

Presenters:
Joe P. McCormick II, Pennsylvania State University
Byron D. Orey, Jackson State University
Boris E. Ricks, California State University, Northridge
Andra N. Gillespie, Emory University
Stephen M. Caliendo, North Central College
Baodong P. Liu, University of Utah
Darren Davis, University of Notre Dame

Paper Session 4 – March 16

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM  Location: Palace 4

Panel # 16: Moving from the Margins: Political Attitudes, Inequality, and Politics (Undergraduate Research)

Chair & Discussant: Eric Taylor, University of Maryland Baltimore County, ericakimberly@eartherlink.net

Papers:
Anita Keith-Foust, North Carolina Central University (NCCU) – “Displacing the Poor to Benefit the Wealthy - The Role of Blight Designation in the 21st Century Gentrification of Hayti”
Diana Yvette Washington, University of Nevada, Las Vegas – “A Look at Poverty Measurements”
James R. McCoy, University of South Carolina – “Bonding Capital, Bridging Capital and Black Political Tolerance”

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM
Location: Palace 5
Panel # 17: Local Engagement, Campaigns, and Governance

Chair & Discussant: Kendra King, Oglethorpe University, kking@oglethorpe.edu

Papers:
John Bullock, Towson University – “Shooting it Out with Pistol Pete: Wild West Baltimore Politics”
Ashley Reid Brown – “Fundraisers and Facebook: How Local Officials Leverage Social Networks During Campaigns”
Theodore J. Davis Jr., University of Delaware – “Capacity Building and Community Development in a Black Inner-City Community: A Preliminary Examination of Black Leader’s Attitudes and Perceptions”

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM
Location: Palace 2
Panel # 18: Reactions and Responses: A Retrospective on Obama's First Term

Chair & Discussant: Georgia Persons, Georgia Tech University, georgia.persons@pubpolicy.gatech.edu

Papers:
Pearl K. Dowe, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville and Sekou Franklin, Middle Tennessee State University – “Social Capital and Racial Animus During the Obama Years”
Angela K. Lewis, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Pearl K. Dowe, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville and Sekou Franklin, Middle Tennessee State University – “Obama’s Universal Voting Coalition and Presidential Policy: The Impact of Deracialized Campaigns on Presidential Policy Implementation”
Andra N. Gillespie, Emory University – “Race and Rally Effects: Black Voting Behavior in Response to Attacks on Barack Obama”
10:30 AM – 11:45 AM
Location: Palace 7

**Panel # 19: Black Politics and the Fifth Dimension: The Politics of Knowing**

**Chair & Discussant:** David Covin, California State University, Sacramento

**Presenters:**
Robert Smith , San Francisco State University
Katherine Tate , University of California, Irvine
K. C. Morrison , Mississippi State University - College of Arts and Sciences

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM
Location: Palace 3

**Panel # 20: Foreign Affairs, Finances, and their effects on Democratic Politics**

**Chair & Discussant:** Lisa Aubrey, Arizona State University, [lisa_aubrey@hotmail.com](mailto:lisa_aubrey@hotmail.com)

**Papers:**
Victoria Marie Jackson , University of Texas at Austin – “Patterns of Electoral Support in Hugo Chávez’s Venezuela”
Leanne Tyler , Columbia University – “Foreign Objectives and Domestic Grievances: Assessing the Interaction between Foreign Intervention and Political Displacement and its Effects on Target State Stability”

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM
Location: Palace 6

**Panel # 21: Black Women, Electoral Politics & Policy**

**Chair:** Mary Bruce, Governor State University, [mbruce@govst.edu](mailto:mbruce@govst.edu)
**Discussant:** Melina Abdullah, [mabdull2@exchange.calstatela.edu](mailto:mabdull2@exchange.calstatela.edu)

**Papers:**
Nadia Brown , Saint Louis University – “Black Women Maryland State Legislators and Anti-Domestic Violence Legislation”
Brittany Michee Lewis , “Incites of Injury: Black Feminist Politics, Risky Tactics of Survival and the Production of the Radical Consciousness in the Age of Obama”
Aiisha M. Harden , Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey – “Rutgers University, New Brunswick/Piscataway - The Appeal of Black Republican Candidates: Does Party and
Gender Matter? An Experimental Study
Claudia Nelson, “Torn Between My Two Selves: African American Women Still Having to Negotiate What Comes First - Their Race or Their Gender”

Lunch Break (Own Your Own)  11:45AM – 1:30 PM

Paper Session 5 – March 16

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM
Location: Palace 4
Panel # 22: Roundtable for Rising Black Political Scientists: Searching for, Applying to, Interviewing for and Beginning Tenure Track Positions at Liberal Arts Institutions and Research Institutions

Chair: Christopher Matthew Whitt, Augustana College

Presenters:
Ravi K. Perry, Clark University
Terri Jett, Butler University
Dewey Clayton, University of Louisville
Clarissa Peterson, DePauw University
Gladys Mitchell-Walthour, Denison University
Tiffany Willoughy-Herard, University of California, Irvine
Claudia D. Nelson, Coppin State

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM
Location: Palace 3
Panel # 23: Ethnic Politics and State Violence

Chair & Discussant: Roland Adatuu, University for Development Students Graduate School, rolandadatuu125@yahoo.co.uk

Papers:
Tiffiany Howard, University of Las Vegas, Nevada – “Weak States, Terrorism and Sexual Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa”
Luqman Muhammad Abdullah, Howard University – “Strengthening Relations or Securing Resources? AFRICOM and US Military Interest in Africa”
Brandi D. Pikes, University of Mississippi “Racialized Perceptions of Minorities: A Comparative Analysis of Symbolic Racism in Europe”
Eugene Thomas O’Neal, University of Nevada, Las Vegas “Institutionalism and Ethnic Violence”
Panel # 24: Social Identity, Linked Fate, and Sexuality

Chair & Discussant: Todd C. Shaw, shawtc@mailbox.sc.edu

Papers:
S. Nicole Cathey, Howard University “Rethinking Civil Rights: Race, Religion and Same-Sex Politics in Washington, D.C”
Camillia Redding, Columbia University – “Conflicting Social Identities? How Race, Class, and Linked Fate Contribute to the Identification of African Americans”
Kasim Sheron Ortiz, University of South Carolina and James McCoy, University of South Carolina, “Black Queer Activism in South Carolina: Creating Change, Defining and Redefining a Movement”

Panel # 25: Authors Meet Critics, Katherine Tate - What's Going On? Political Incorporation and the Transformation of Black Public Opinion

Chair: David Wilson, University of Delaware
Presenter:
Katherine Tate, University of California, Irvine

Discussants:
Andra Gillespie, Emory University
Ismail White, Ohio State University
D’Andra Orey, Jackson State University
Paper Session 6 – March 16

3:00 PM – 4:45 PM
Location: Palace 5

Panel # 26: Research on the Economics of the African Diaspora

Chair & Discussant: Tiffany Howard, University of Nevada Las Vegas, tiffany.howard@unlv.edu

Papers:
Athena King, University of Massachusetts at Amherst – “Legislation and Racial Stratification: Using the Model of Racial Policy to Explain Racial Triangulation During the Apartheid Era”
Charisse Burden-Stelly, University of California, Berkeley – “Capitalism, Blackness, and Temporal Changes in the Diaspora”
Geoffrey Stephen Bell Jr., Howard University – “Developing a Meta-Database for the African Diaspora, with a Focus on African Americans”

3:00 PM – 4:45 PM
Location: Palace 2

Panel #27: The Role of Race in Political Belief Systems

Chair & Discussant: Robert A. Brown, rabrownatl@gmail.com

Papers:
B. D'Andra Orey, Jackson State University – “Black Racial Conservatism and Intra-Racial Attitudes”
Brianna Mack, Emory University – “Where Did the Mule Go? Tracing Linked Fate Trends within the 40-Under Black Population”
K. C. Morrison, Mississippi State University, Timothy Fair, Mississippi State University and Aaron Rollins, Mississippi State University – “Expanding the Myth of the American Republic: The Campaign Rhetoric of Barack Obama”
Marcella G. Washington, Jacksonville State University – “Accommodating a Conservative Agenda While Securing the Black Vote: How Alvin Brown Became the First African American Mayor of Jacksonville, Florida”
Panel # 28: Representation in Light of Inequality Along Racial and Economic Lines

Chair & Discussant: Charles Jones, University of Cincinnati, charles.jones@uc.edu

Paper:
Carter A. Wilson, University of Toledo – “Tea Party Republicans, the New Redeemers: Race and Class Politics of the Obama Era”

Byrdie Annette Larkin, Alabama State University – “The Demographics of the American Contemporary Voter: The Possibility for the Re-Election of President Barack Obama and Realignment Politics”

Sally Nuamah, Northwestern University – “Race Conscious vs. Race Neutral: The Politics of Using Race (or Not) in California, Michigan and Texas”

Franklin D. Jones, Texas Southern University – “2011 Redistricting in Texas: Cases Black/Brown Cooperation and Conflict”

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Founders Graduate Student Symposium

In Memoriam: Dr. Brenda Sullivan

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Location: Trevi

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The President’s Reception

Hosted by Dr. Tyson King-Meadows

7:00 PM – 7:45 PM
Location: Palace III

Annual Awards Banquet

Keynote Speaker: Honorable William Horne

34th District of the Nevada Assembly
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Location: Palace III
Saturday, March 17, 2012

Vendor Exhibits 8:00AM – 7:00 PM  Location: Palace 1

Paper Session 7 – March 17

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM  Location: Palace 4
Panel # 29: Author Meets Her Critics, Tamelyn N. Tucker-Worgs – “The Black Megachurch Theology, Gender and the Politics of Public Engagement”

Chair: Wendy Smooth, Ohio State University (OSU)

Presenter: Tamelyn Tucker-Worgs, Hood College

Discussants: Wendy Smooth, Ohio State University (OSU)
James Taylor, University of San Francisco

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM  Location: Palace 6
Panel # 30: The Politics, Pressures, and Personalities of Publishing in Political Behavior Journals

Chair: Michael Mitchell, Arizona State University (ASU)

Presenters:
Ismail K. White, Ohio State University (OSU)
David C. Wilson, University of Delaware
Robert Smith, San Francisco State University

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM  Location: Palace 3
Panel # 31: Race, Social Justice and Political Economy

Chair & Discussant: Russell Benjamin, Northeastern Illinois University, r-benjamin@neiu.edu

Papers:
Daphne M Cooper, Clark Atlanta University - Persistent Poverty Among African Americans in the United States: The Impact of Public Policy
Natasha V. Christie, University of North Florida - Felon Collateral-Consequence Policies: An Old Tool with a New Name
9:00 AM – 10:15 AM
Location: Palace 5

Panel # 32: Race, Economics, and Local Mobilizations

Chair & Discussant: Robert Starks, r-starks@neiu.edu

Papers:
Paul White, University of South Carolina – “I Will Never Vote! Political Participation in the Land Owning, Antebellum South”
Todd C. Shaw, University of South Carolina and Robert A. Brown, Independent Researcher – “Politics is Not Enough: Re-Examining the Racial and Economic Conditions for Protest in American Cities”
Donn C. Worgs, Towson University – “Lessons in Democracy: Mobilizations for African American Education”

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM
Location: Palace 2

Panel # 33: Racial Consciousness, Conservatism, and Black Politics

Chair & Discussant: Lolita Gray, Clark Atlanta, lolitagray@yahoo.com

Papers:
Yahoshua Ben-YHWH - “When Change Looks and Feels Like the Same Ole Struggles: Black Politics, Colonialism and the Republican Counterrevolution”
Jo Von Marie McCaulester – “A Poor State of Affairs: An Examination of the Conservative Attack on Welfare Recipients”
Andra N. Gillespie, Emory University and Brianna Mack, Emory University – “Group Consciousness and the Origins of Black Conservatism”
9:00 AM – 10:45 AM
Location: Palace 7

Panel # 34: A Different Look at African Americans and Socio-Political Activism
(Undergraduate Research)

Chair & Discussant: Melayne Price, mtprice@rci.rutgers.edu

Papers:
Eric Pegues, Middle Tennessee State University - Electoral Mobilization and Interest Group Activity of Blacks and Latinos in Middle Tennessee During the 2008 Presidential Elections
Demetria Johnson, Middle Tennessee State University - Documentary Filmmaking: Another Look at the 1968 Memphis Sanitation Workers' Strike
Jorden Xavier Giger, Depauw University and Clarissa Peterson, Depauw University - What's Race Got to Do with It: Black Presidents and Democracy?

Paper Session 8 – March 17

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM
Location: Palace 7

Panel # 35: Connecting the Global and the Local: The Agentic Experience of Diplomatic Simulations

Chairs: Guy F. Shroyer, University of the District of Columbia and Shiela Harmon Martin, University of the District of Columbia

Papers
Andrian Madsen, University of the District of Columbia
Erica Nelson, University of the District of Columbia
Cheikck O. Diakite, University of the District of Columbia
Nicholas Engels, University of the District of Columbia

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM
Location: Palace 3

Panel # 36: Conflict, Power, and Empowerment in the African Diaspora

Chair & Discussant: Sekou Franklin, Middle Tennessee State University, sekou.franklin@mtsu.edu

Leisa Oden-Kurz, California State University, Northridge – “Conflict in Sub Saharan Africa: Is Ethnicity to Blame?”
Rasel Mpuya Madaha, University at Buffalo – “The Gods Must Have Gone Crazy: Neo-Liberalization and Impoverishment of Black, Youth and Women in Africa”

Athena King, University of Massachusetts at Amherst – “Legislation and Racial Stratification: Using the Model of Racial Policy to Explain Racial Triangulation During the Apartheid Era”

Kurt B. Young, University of Central Florida – “Malcolm X and the New Politics of Pan-African Nationalism”

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM
Location: Palace 4

**Panel # 37: Roundtable: Black Women in the Academy**

Chair: Nadia Brown, St. Louis University

Presenters:
Wendy Smoth, Ohio State University
Julia S. Jordan-Zachery, Providence College
Dianne M. Pinderhughes, University of Notre Dame
Duchess Harris, Macalester College

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM
Location: Palace 2

**Panel # 38: Political Psychology and Racialized Politics**

Chair & Discussant: Todd Shaw, University of South Carolina, shawtc@mailbox.sc.edu

Papers:
David C. Wilson, University of Delaware and Darren Davis, University of Notre Dame - Department of Political Science - American Pride and Prejudice: Public Opinion on the Meaning of Obamas Election as President

Lafleur Stephens, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor - Beyond the Pale: White Americans' Conditional Response to the Norm of Racial Equality

David C. Wilson, University of Delaware and Brennan Robinson - “Tell Me How You Really Feel: Targeted Anger Toward Barack Obama and the Federal Government”

Tyson King-Meadows, University of Maryland, Baltimore County and Rhoanne Esteban, University of Maryland, Baltimore County – “Partisan Justice: Framing Effects and Support for Investigating Electoral Malfeasance”

Monique L. Lyle, Vanderbilt University and Sydney L. Jones – “Racial Priming, Emotions, and Health Care Reform”
10:30 AM – 11:45 AM
Location: Palace 6

**Panel # 30: The Intersecting Politics of Latinos and Blacks**
Chair & Discussant: Vance Gray, Clark Atlanta University, [vairre@yahoo.com](mailto:vairre@yahoo.com)

Andrea Benjamin, University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill – “Black and Latino Political Coalitions: Issues Over Candidates”

Rosalinda Maria Valenzuela – “Attitudes Towards a Candidate’s Race: The Case of Latinos in Dallas”

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**Panel # 40: Congressional Internships and Experiential Learning: Political Science Students Odyssey on Capitol Hill**

Co-Chairs: Shiela Harmon Martin and Guy F. Shroyer, University of the District of Columbia

Student Presenters:
Erica Nelson, University of the District of Columbia
Beverly Erekosima, University of the District of Columbia
Nichols Engles, University of the District of Columbia
Cheik Diakite, University of the District of Columbia

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**Closing Luncheon**

*Keynote Speaker:*
Dr. Shelby F. Lewis
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Location: Skyview 3 (Bally’s Hotel)
Dr. Brenda Sullivan
Fulton County Gender Equality Program

Dr. Sullivan’s professional career in public management spanned more than 20 years as a practitioner and an educator. She considered herself a “pracademic” — applying the principles of public administration that she studied and taught. Dr. Sullivan spent several years as a policy analyst with local quasi-governmental and nonprofit organizations researching public policy impacts.

Dr. Sullivan taught public administration, political science and public affairs at a number of colleges and universities, including Oglethorpe University, Kennesaw State University, Perimeter College, Cheney University, and Savannah State University, Troy State University, North Carolina Central University, and others.

Dr. Sullivan joined Fulton County in 2005 and served most recently as the County’s first Gender Equality Coordinator, a position she held since 2011. In this position she worked closely with all members of the Gender Equality Taskforce, including more than 15 County departments. She previously served as a research analyst with the Housing and Human Services Department.
Award Descriptions

The Alex Willingham Best Political Theory Paper Award*

This award is named in honor of Dr. Alex Willingham, a founding member of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, for his many distinguished contributions to the field of normative political theory. Dr. Willingham was born in southwest Arkansas and grew up in northwest Louisiana. His writings cover the role of race in national elections, the movement to develop affirmative voting and election procedures, as well as the redefinition of the political community resulting from the increasing empowerment of national minorities. He has been active in support of voting rights litigation in communities in lawsuits brought by civil rights groups including the Georgia Legal Services, American Civil Liberties Union, and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People – Legal Defense Fund, the Center for Constitutional Rights, and the Southern Poverty Law Center. He has been a member of the Williams College faculty since 1989 where he has served as the Schumann Professor of Democratic Studies. The best paper in the field of normative political theory is selected from papers presented at the Annual Meeting of the immediately preceding year.

The Sammy Younge Best Student Paper Award*

This award is named in honor of Sammy Younge (1945-1966), who was an undergraduate student at Tuskegee University during the civil rights movement of the 1960s. Active in the Tuskegee Institute Advancement League and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), Younge was killed by white terrorists as he attempted to use the “for whites only” restroom at a local Tuskegee Service Station. The best paper by a student is selected from papers or posters presented at the Annual Meeting of the immediately preceding year.

The Bayard Rustin Best Graduate Student LGBT Paper Award*

This award is named in honor of Bayard Rustin (1912-1987), who was active in the struggle for human rights and economic justice for over 50 years. Born in 1912, he was reared in West Chester, PA where he excelled as a student, athlete, and musician. He attended Wilberforce University, Cheney State College, the City College of New York, and the London School of Economics, earning tuition at odd jobs and singing professionally with Josh White’s Carolinians and Leadbelly. Time and space do not permit a full and detailed accounting of Rustin’s illustrious career, but he is best known for his active involvement in the struggle for human rights and economic justice association via his association with the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), A. Philip Randolph’s March on Washington Movement (1940s), the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Montgomery, Alabama Bus Boycott, the organization of the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom in 1957, The National Youth Marches for Integrated Schools in 1958 and 1959, and the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom which, at that time, was the largest demonstration in the nation’s history. Rustin helped found the A. Philip Randolph Institute and the Black Americans to Support Israel Committee (BASIC). Openly gay, he advocated on behalf of LGBT causes in the latter part of his career. The best paper by a graduate student is selected from papers presented at the Annual Meeting of the
immediately preceding year on the topic of the LGBT African American community and its participation in American political life.

*For the previously mentioned awards, panel chairs are encouraged to forward those papers they believe to be outstanding to the Section Heads and/or Program Chairs, who will re-direct the papers to the Awards Committee Division Heads or Award Committee Chair for consideration. Papers must be received on or before June 1 of the year preceding the next Annual Meeting.

Award Descriptions

The Jewel Limar Prestage Mentorship Award

The Jewel Limar Prestage Mentorship Award, established by a separate foundation, is an Annual Award recognizing outstanding political science professors who demonstrate the same spirit of mentoring and commitment to students as Dr. Jewel Limar Prestage, a founding member of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists and the first African American woman to earn a Ph.D. in Political Science. The award honors the lifetime accomplishments of this extraordinary individual while supporting the development of talented professionals who mentor African American students/youth at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. A selection committee reviews nominations and selects the award recipient. All nominations and supporting materials must be received on or before February 1 of the award year.

Graduate Assistantship Program, Inc. (GAP) Scholarship

The Graduate Assistantship Program, Inc. (GAP), established by a separate foundation, is a scholarship program to support graduate student attendance and participation in the NCOBPS Annual Meetings. These travel grants are awarded based on the following:

Category 1: Graduate students who present papers during the conference;

Category 2: Graduate students whose professors recommend attendance at the conference to gain insights into research projects; and

Category 3: Graduate students attending the conference to gain insights on NCOBPS and considering membership in the organization.

There are no restrictions on nominees, and self-nominations as well as nominations by others are encouraged. A selection committee reviews all applicants and selects the recipients.

All nominations and supporting materials must be received on or before March 14 of the award year.
Black Power challenges people of African Descent to ascertain political and economic strength. This notion has shifted Black empowerment from an era of protest politics rooted in Black Nationalist strategies of political equality and social justice to the institutionalized approach of political incorporation (i.e., electing Black officials to positions of power). However, the socioeconomic status of African Americans has not changed even if it has improved over time. The continual decline of progressive and egalitarian institutions presents a challenge which must be met with robust and unwavering opposition. Poverty and unemployment continue to disproportionately affect people of color; the Prison Industrial Complex continues to wreak havoc on the lives of Black and Brown Males; the Achievement Gap widens; and health disparities continue to require a purposive course of action. How do Black Activists and Black Intellectuals engage the politics of disparity? Must we reconceptualize Black Power? What is the state of Black Politics and what are the domestic and global implications? Black progressive movements have long offered an alternative to American political discourse. Thus, the African American community must continue to agitate, mobilize, and demand accountability from the status quo.

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