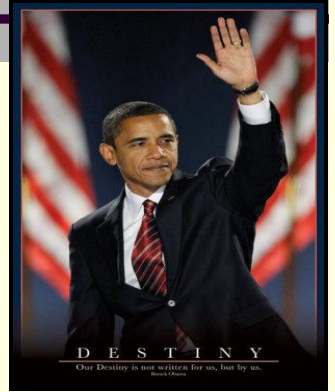


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Symposium

Possibilities for a Post-Racial Nation/World in the Obama Era



Friday, April 24, 2009

9:00am – 5:30pm

African American & African Studies Community Extension Center

905 Mount Vernon Avenue

Columbus, Ohio 43203

Invited scholars include Lewis Gordon, John Powell, and
K. Bunseki Fu-Kia

In Honor of the Possibilities: What's Needed, How Can It Be
Created?

Structural Racism/Sexism/Classism: Addressing Issues of Social
Justice and Moral Order

Key Considerations: Identity, Political Economy, and Reparations

•Global Perspectives, Concerns, and Insights



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April 22, 2009

Draft Symposium Schedule
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9:00am- 5:30pm

9:00-9:30 Coffee and conversation

9:30-9:45 Introductions and Overview

Session 1

In Honor of the Possibilities: What We Need and How We Can Create It"

9:45-10:30 Dr. Lewis Gordon

"Obama and Post-Racialist Speech: A Critical Assessment"

10:30-11:15 Dr. john powell

"Spirituality, Racism and the Isolated Self"

11:15-12:00 Dr. Fu-Kiau

"What We Can Learn from Bantu-Kongo Cosmology and Cultural Tradition in the Examination of Contemporary Crises, Challenges, and Triumphs"

12:00-12:45 Lunch Break

Session 2

12:45—2:15 Structural Racism/ Sexism/Classism: Addressing Systemic Issues in Social Justice and Moral Order Roundtable

Andrew Grant-Thomas, Kirwan Institute, OSU

Hasan Jeffries, History, OSU

Townsend Price-Spratlen, Sociology, OSU

Judylyn Ryan, English, Ohio Wesleyan University

Session 3

2:15-3:30 Considerations: Identity, Political Economy, and Reparations

"Whither Now Individualism, Multiculturalism, Assimilationism, or Cosmopolitanism?"

John A. Berteaux, California State University Monterey Bay

"Barack Obama as Reparations"

Jesse J. Scott, University of Mississippi

"A History of Violence: Situating the Orangeburg Massacre in the Age of Obama"

Jack Shuler, Denison University

3:30-3:45 Break

Session 4

**3:45- 5:15 Global Perspectives, Concerns, and Insights
Roundtable Discussion**

Julio Javier Aguayo, Political Science, York College of Pennsylvania

Elsadid Elsheikh, Kirwan Institute, OSU

Ousman Kobo, History, OSU

Amrit Singh, English and African American Studies, Ohio University

Altaf Khan, University of Peshawar, Peshawar, Pakistan, Fulbright Scholar

5:15-5:30 Wrap up

5:30-6:30 Jazz reception