OBAMA PHENOMENA: FACETS OF A HISTORIC CAMPAIGN

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW
-AUGUST 29, 2008-

LUNCH AND DINNER WILL BE SERVED IN THE LAW SCHOOL FORUM
ALL OTHER EVENTS WILL BE HELD IN ROOM 165

8:30-8:45 WELCOME REMARKS FROM CO-ORGANIZERS

Frank Rudy Cooper, Associate Professor
Suffolk University Law School

Catherine Smith, Associate Professor
University of Denver Sturm College of Law

8:45-9:00 WELCOME REMARKS FROM DEAN JOSÉ R. (BETO) JUÁREZ, JR.

9:00-10:30 PANEL 1: RACE IN THE RACE

THE LATINIZATION OF AMERICAN POLITICS: CAN OBAMA CAPTURE THE LATINO VOTE?
Raquel Aldana, Professor
William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

RECONSTRUCTING EQUAL PROTECTION DOCTRINE: BARACK OBAMA’S POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY AND THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION
Reginald Oh, Associate Professor
Cleveland State University, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

EXAMINING OUR POST-RACIAL SELVES: OBAMA AS A BALM FOR WHAT AILS US
Camille Nelson, Professor
Saint Louis University School of Law,
Visiting Professor of Law, Washington University School of Law in St. Louis

THE SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION OF OBAMA: UNDERSTANDING THE CURRENCY OF BLACKNESS
Angela Onwuachi-Willig, Professor
The University of Iowa College of Law

RACE AND THE OBAMA PHENOMENON: CHANGE WE CAN
BUILD ON
Catherine Smith, Associate Professor
University of Denver, Sturm College of Law

Panel Moderator: Monica Bell, Yale Law School '09

10:30-10:45  BREAK

10:45-12:15  PANEL 2: OBAMA’S STRATEGIES — CHANGING THE STATUS QUO?

THE WILD RIDE: AN UNEMOTIONAL PERSPECTIVE ON A CUT AND PASTE CAMPAIGN
Delmarie Cobb, Executive Director
The Publicity Works
Chicago, IL

THE OBAMA CANDIDACY IN THE CONTEXT OF CURRENT ELECTION LAWS
Robert Hardaway, Professor
University of Denver Sturm College of Law

FROM DOMAIN NAMES TO VIDEO GAMES: THE RISE OF THE INTERNET IN PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS
Jacqueline Lipton, Professor
Case Western Reserve University School of Law

RIGHTS AND INSTITUTIONS: MAINTAINING THE ASSAULT ON THE RULE OF LAW?
Jeff Pokorak, Professor
Suffolk University Law School

Panel Moderator: Roberto Corrada, Professor
University of Denver Sturm College of Law

12:15-12:30  BREAK

12:30-2:15  INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Martin Katz, Associate Professor
University of Denver Sturm College of Law

LUNCHEON AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

BARACK OBAMA AND THE OPTIMISTIC TRADITION IN AMERICAN RACIAL COMMENTARY
Randall Kennedy, Professor of Law
2:15–2:30  
**BREAK**

2:30–4:00  
**PANEL 3: THE COMPLEX CONSTRUCTIONS OF RACE AND GENDER**

**HATING HILLARY, BAITING BARACK: RACISM, MISOGYNY AND HOMOPHOBIA IN CAMPAIGN PARAPHERNALIA**
Jane Caputi, Professor
Florida Atlantic University, Women’s Studies and Communication

**MASCULINITIES, OBAMA, AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**
Frank Rudy Cooper, Professor of Law
Suffolk University Law School

**THE INTERGENERATIONAL COMPLEXITIES OF GENDER IN THE 2008 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY**
Nancy Reichman, Professor
University of Denver, Sociology Department

**THE FIRST (BLACK) LADY**
Verna Williams, Professor
University of Cincinnati School of Law

**Panel Moderator:** Nancy Ehrenreich, Professor
University of Denver Sturm College of Law

4:00–4:15  
**BREAK**

4:15–5:45  
**PANEL 4: OBAMA, LAW, AND POLITICS**

**INTERNATIONAL LAW, U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AND THE OBAMA CANDIDACY**
Craig Jackson, Professor
Texas Southern University
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

**PREDICTING THE SUPREME COURT IN AN OBAMA OR MCCAIN PRESIDENCY**
Scott Moss, Associate Professor
University of Colorado Law School

**LINCOLN AND THE PROGRESSIVES IN OBAMA’S POLITICAL THOUGHT**
Susan Schulten, Professor
University of Denver, History Department
BARACK OBAMA AND THE SEARCH FOR A USABLE RELIGION: THE PROMISE AND PERIL OF RELEVANT FAITH IN LIBERAL DEMOCRACY
Charlton Copeland, Assistant Professor
University of Miami School of Law

Panel Moderator: Jeffrey Chemerinsky, Duke Law School ’09

6:00-8:30  DINNER AND CLOSING PANEL: FORGING “US” OUT OF “THEM”

OBAMA, THE BLACK-WHITE PARADIGM, AND “OTHER NON-WHITES”
Keith Aoki, Professor
University of California-Davis School of Law

Bob Chang, Professor
Seattle University School of Law

RACE & OBAMA’S TAX PLAN
Dorothy A. Brown, Professor
Emory University School of Law

HILLARY’S HISTORY
Maria Echaveste, Lecturer in Residence
University of California – Berkeley School of Law

LET'S STOP HIDING FROM RACE: MOVING TOWARD TRANSFORMATIVE DIALOGUE
john a. powell, Professor
The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

Panel Moderator: Rachel Arnow-Richman, Associate Professor
University of Denver Sturm College of Law