

# **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

Harvard Law School

**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