
Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2019- **Endowed Professor of Political Science**, Prairie View A&M University
- 2016-2019 **Associate Professor, Director of Undergraduate Studies (Africana)**
Africana Studies & Political Science, Rutgers University-NB
- 2010-2016 **Assistant Professor, Africana Studies & Political Science**, Rutgers University—NB
Revamped Course: Blacks Politics (cross-listed in Political Science & Africana Studies)
New Courses: The Politics of Minority Coalitions
Everyday Forms of Resistance
Black Power
- 2003-2009 **Assistant Professor of Government**, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
Courses: Introduction to American Politics
Blacks in the American Political System
New Courses: Prejudice in Black & White (research design & white racial attitudes)
Everyday Forms of Resistance
Black Power Movements in the 1970s
Researching Race and Politics
The Politics of Minority Coalitions
- 2009 **Wesleyan Prison Education Program**, Cheshire Correctional Facility
Course for College Credit: Introduction to American Politics

EDUCATION

- 2003 **PhD, Political Science** (M.A. 1998). The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
Dissertation Title: “Warring Souls, Reconciling Beliefs: Unearthing the Contours of African American Ideology”
Committee: Paul A. Beck (Chair), William E. Nelson, Clarissa R. Hayward
- 1997 **Summer Institute in Political Psychology.** The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 1996 **ICPSR**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 1995 **B. A. Geography, *Magna cum Laude.*** Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Black Politics, Political Rhetoric, Public Opinion, Racial and Ethnic Politics, Political Psychology, Political Leadership, Black Nationalism, Social Movements

PUBLISHED SCHOLARSHIP

Books

The Race Whisperer: Barack Obama and the Utility of Race (2016, NYU Press)

Dreaming Blackness: Black Nationalism and African American Public Opinion (2009, NYU Press)

Articles (refereed)

“Barack Obama and the Third Wave: Articulating Difference and the Syntaxes of Whiteness.” *Politics, Groups and Identities* (2014) Vol 2: No 4: 573-588.

with Byron D’Andra Orey (Jackson State) and Thomas Craemer (UConn). “IAT, Subliminal Priming, and Implicit Black Identification” *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Symposium on Research on Implicit Attitudes, 2013: 46(3):550-552.

with Valeria Sinclair-Chapman (Purdue). “Black Politics, the 2008 Election, and the (Im)possibility of Race Transcendence.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 2008 41(4): 739-745.

Book Chapters

“Black Blame, Barack Obama and the Future of Black Politics.” In *The Black Experience in America* edited by Edward Ramsamy and Gayle Tate (2011, Kendall Hunt; pp. 434-448)

with Gloria J. Hampton (Ohio State). “Linked Fates, Disconnected Realities: The Post-Civil Rights African American Politics” in *Perspectives on Race, Ethnicity and Religion: Identity Politics in America*, edited by Valerie Martinez-Ebers and Manochehr Dorraj. (2009, Oxford University Press, pp. 121-137.)

BOOK REVIEWS AND ESSAYS

Critical Dialogue with Daniel Gillion (University of Pennsylvania) *Governing with Words: The Political Dialogue on Race, Public Policy, and Inequality in America* (Cambridge University Press, 2016) *Perspectives on Politics*

Book Review. *Making and Re-making Citizenship: A Meditation on Manning Marable’s Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention* (New York, NY: Viking Adult, 2011) in *National Political Science Review* (15: 107-111).

Critical Dialogue with Robert Gooding Williams (Columbia): *In the Shadow of Du Bois: Afro-Modern Political Thought in America*. By Robert Gooding-Williams. *Perspectives on Politics*, 8, pp 899-901 (2010).

Book Review. *Fluid Borders: Latino Power, Identity and Politics in Los Angeles*, Lisa Garcia-Bedolla (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2005.) In *SOULS* 2006 (8): 96-98.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Moutaintop Removal: MLK, Trump and the Racial Mountain (book project))

“President Obama and Race Politics” (with Princess H. Williams (Michigan University) in *African Americans in the American Political System: An Encyclopedia of African Americans as Voters, Candidates and Office Holders* edited by Tyson King-Meadows, Keesha Middlemass, and Valeria Sinclair Chapman.

“Race-ing Around Scott Street,” that examines the particular impact of race, space, and place on individual and collective outcomes. A few years ago, I read an article about an FBI report that listed the neighborhood I grew up in as one of the most dangerous communities in America. Its main thoroughfare, Scott Street, represents an important racial demarcation between various kinds of

institutions. It divides two colleges formed during the same period—one for whites and one for blacks. It serves as an exit point for gifted children to be bussed out of their own communities to better performing schools in other parts of the city. It is a conduit for Houston hip hop culture. It calls into questions notions of progress and innovation in the Space City. This book will illuminate the historical development of the community to make arguments about how racial policies and prejudices shape poor communities and its residents.

“Marked Men and Women: Katrina Evacuees One Year Later.” This project marries the literature on identity construction with empirically grounded research methods by examining the experiences and public perceptions of Katrina evacuees in Houston during the first year. It uses content analysis of newspaper coverage in the Houston Chronicle, analysis of panel interviews of Katrina evacuees, and statistical analysis of the Houston Area Survey. This will be a book manuscript.

CONFERENCE CONVENER

When and Where I Enter 35th Anniversary: A Conference Celebrating the Work of Paula Giddings. November 7-8, 2019.

(with Deborah Gray White (History & WGS) and Brittney Cooper (WGS & Africana) at Rutgers) **Digital Blackness** was a conference organized to address the academic and intellectual challenges that result from the proliferation of access to digital platforms and social media sites that reshape the terrain of racial representation, politics, and cultural expression. This conference invited scholars, activist, bloggers, digital content creators, and others to the Rutgers University campus in April 2016 to have a broad discussion about the role of digital mediums in our understanding of blackness, and race writ large in America. (Trending on Twitter Nationally both days).

PLENARY AND KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

“Mountaintop Removal: MLK’s Mountaintop in the Trump Era.” Association of Black Cultural Centers Annual Conference, Rutgers University, November 2018

“Mountaintop Removal: MLK’s Mountaintop in the Trump Era.” Rhetoric and Public Culture Summer Institute on Populism and New Rhetorics, Center for Global Culture and Communication, Northwestern University, July 2017.

Black History Month Celebration, US Embassy in Germany (Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg and Leipzig), February 1-12, 2017 (University of Leipzig, American Academy of Berlin, University of Mainz)

Speaker, “Black Girl Magic: Honoring the Political Power of Black Women,” Philadelphia Urban League Women’s History Month Event, Philadelphia, PA, March 2016.

“The Race Whisperer: Barack Obama, Black Lives Matter and the Politics of Belonging,” Pace University, Black History Month Event, sponsored by the Departments of Political Science and English, February 2016.

Panelist. “Tenure: To Be or Not To Be?,” Mini-Conference for Women of Color in Political Science at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 2015.

Panelist. “The Meaning of 2008 Election for Black Politics and Beyond,” at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists in Chicago IL, March 2008.

Speaker. "A Tribute to Dr. Jewel Prestage on the 50th Anniversary of Receiving the Ph.D.," Plenary Luncheon at National Conference of Black Political Scientists in Chicago, IL, March 2004.

INVITED LECTURES AND PANELS

"Barack Obama, Black Lives Matter and the Politics of Belonging" James Weldon Johnson Center, Emory University, November 20, 2017.

"Black Women's Contemporary Political Participation." Summer Institute for Teachers on Freedom for One, Freedom for All?: Abolition and Woman Suffrage, 1830s – 1920s sponsored by The Brooklyn Historical Society and the Museum of the City of New York, Summer 2018.

"Martin Luther King and the Price of Dangerous Selfishness," Fourth Annual on Globalizing Race Studies, Center for Global Culture and Communication and the Center for the Study of Diversity and Democracy, Northwestern University, May 2017.

"The Race Whisperer: Barack Obama and the Political Uses of Race," Black History Month, Claflin College, Orangeburg, SC, March 1, 2017.

"Barack Obama, Black Lives Matter, and the Politics of Belonging," Black History Month, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC, February 28, 2017.

"Barack Obama, Black Lives Matter and the Politics of Belonging," Political Science, DePauw University, Depauw, IN, February 18, 2017.

"Barack Obama, Black Lives Matter and the Politics of Belonging," Political Science, The Ohio State University, January 19, 2017.

"Politics, Race and Rage," Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York Public Library, November 1, 2016 (with Akiba Solomon (Colorlines) and Carol Anderson (Emory)).
<https://livestream.com/schomburgcenter/events/6446655/videos/140721895>

"The Race Whisperer: Barack Obama, Black Lives Matter and the Politics of Belonging," Central Connecticut State University Africana Studies Conference, March 2016.

"The Race Whisperer: Barack Obama, Black Lives Matter and the Politics of Belonging," Pace University, Political Science Department, February 25, 2016.

"Black Nationalism, Barack Obama, and the Future of Black Politics." University of New Mexico Africana Studies Department Lecture Series, Albuquerque, NM, October 28, 2013.

Black Empowerment Panel, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference, Washington DC, September 2012. (with Donna Brazile and Marc Lamont Hill.) (video link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HnYVf1nViY>.)

Black History Month Celebration for PECO Exelon African American Membership Association and PECOPAC. PECO Headquarters, Philadelphia, PA. February 2011 (with Joe Watkins (MSNBC), Margo Davis (D-PA), and Curtis Jones (Philadelphia City Council.))

"Black Blame, Barack Obama and the Future of Black Politics." Department of Political Science and Program in African American Studies. University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY Feb. 2010.

Dreaming Blackness: Black Nationalism and African American Public Opinion. Department of Political Science, Trinity College, Hartford, CT, October 2009.

Black Nationalism, Barack Obama and the Future of Black Politics. University Forum Spring Lecture Series, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. April 2009.

Competing Inequalities: Race, Gender, and Class in the 2008 Election. Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity, Connecticut College, New London, CT. April 2009.

Competing Inequalities: Race and Gender in the 2008 Election. Injustice is Inequality Conference. William Patterson University, Wayne, NJ, February 2008.

Black Nationalism and Public Opinion. Tea and Talk: Short Courses Informing Black Politics Spring 2007. University of Rochester. Rochester, NY, April 27, 2007.

The Educational Value and Use of Hip Hop. Central Connecticut State University Center for African American Studies, New Britain, CT, February 2007.

Unfinished Democracy: Race, Citizenship and the Quest for Voice and Influence. Wesleyan University, Summer Workshop for Secondary Teachers on Teaching about Race and Citizenship, Middletown, CT, June 2006.

“We Who Believe in Freedom Cannot Rest”: Learning Grassroots Organizing as the Path to Personal and Community Empowerment for Students. Wesleyan University Center for African American Studies, Summer Workshop for Secondary Teachers on Teaching about the Civil Rights Movement, Middletown, CT, June 2005.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, “Mountaintop Removal: MLK, Trump and the Racial Mountain.” “The Will of the People” Conference, Anxieties and Democracy Working Group, Social Science Research Council, Columbia University, November 2018.

Presenter, “Mountaintop Removal: What MLK Can Tell Us About Trump’s Election,” SPIRE Conference, University of Pennsylvania, October 2018.

Panelist. “Black Political Activism in the Trump Era: Action Steps and Moving Forward.” National Conference of Black Political Scientists, San Diego, CA, March 2017.

Panelist. “Roundtable on the Black Predicament and the 2016 Elections,” Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Jackson, MS, March 2016.

Presenter. “The Race Whisperer: Barack Obama, Black Lives Matter and the Politics of Belonging,” After Obama: The Administration's Key Racial, Gender, Economic, and Political Implications for Black Politics, Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Jackson, MS, March 2016.

Panelist. “The Long Shadow of Watts: Policing Violence and the Persistence of Black Inequality in the United States.” Rutgers University Center for Race and Ethnicity, New Brunswick, NJ, April 2015.

Panelist. "Revisiting Race and State Violence from Katrina to Baltimore," Organized Panel by the APSA Committee on the Status of Blacks, at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 2015.

Presenter. "An Officer and Two Gentlemen: Barack Obama and the Great Beer Summit of 2009," Symposium on the Politics of Immigration Race and Ethnicity (SPIRE), Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, May 18, 2015.

Teach-In, "The Politics of Ferguson," Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, October 2014.

Roundtable, Honoring the Life and Work of William E. Nelson. National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Wilmington, DE, March 2014.

Participant with Eden Mesfun (Rutgers '14). Emerging Scholars Conference. Political Science Department, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, November 2013.

Roundtable: African American Electoral Politics since 1963. Association for the Study of African American Life and History. Jacksonville, FL, October 2013.

Roundtable: Black Leadership Strikes Back: A Panel Discussion of Alvin Tillery's *Between Homeland and Motherland: Africa, US Foreign Policy and Black Leadership in America*, Western Political Science Association, Hollywood, CA, March 2013.

"A Man's Call, A Woman's Duty: Meditations on Marable's *Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention*." Discussion Panel on Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention, National Conference of Black Political Scientist. Las Vegas Nevada, March 2012

"Black Blame: Barack Obama, Racial Rhetoric and the 2008 Election." From Black Modern to Post Black: A Retrospective Look at Identity. Sponsored by the Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis' Narratives of Power Project, co-directed by Deborah Gray White and Donna Murch. New Brunswick, NJ, November 2011.

With Gloria J. Hampton. "Marked Men and Women: Perceptions of Katrina Evacuees in Houston One Year Later," presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, August 2007.

"Marked Men and Women: Katrina Evacuees in Houston One Year Later," presented at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists in San Francisco, CA, March 2007.

"Time Place and Circumstance: Understanding the Dynamics of Adherence to Integrationism and Black Nationalism," presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, April 2003.

With Gloria Hampton and Valeria Sinclair-Chapman. "Blacks in the 2000 Election: Do Black Votes Count?" Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in San Francisco CA, September 2001.

"African Americans and Political Trust: An Alternative Ideological Analysis." Presented at a poster session of the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Atlanta, GA, September 1999.

VIRTUAL CLASSROOM VISITS/LECTURES

Blacks in the 2020 Election, Political Science, University of South Carolina, Todd Shaw, April 2019
“Exploring Africana Studies”, Oak Ridge HS African American Studies Club, December 2018
The Race Whisperer, Political Science, Hood College, Tamelyn Tucker-Worgs, April 2018
Dreaming Blackness, Political Science, University of Alabama-Birmingham, Angela Lewis, March 2014

CONFERENCE DISCUSSANT, PANEL CHAIR, ETC.

Panel Member, Book Publishing Workshop, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Chicago, IL, March 2018

Section Chair, American Politics Poster Session, Midwest Political Science Conference. Chicago, IL, March 2014.

Panel Member, Navigating the Graduate School Process, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Raleigh, NC, March 2011.

Chair and Discussant, National Conference on Latino Politics, Power, and Policy. Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, October 2009.

Chair and Discussant, “It’s the Media,” American Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, MA, September, 2008.

Chair and Discussant, “Cultural Productions in the Face of Difference: The Functioning of Race and Gender Images” National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Chicago, IL, September, 2008.

Chair and Discussant, “Who is to Blame?” American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, September, 2007.

Panelist, “Teaching Across Difference: Race and Pedagogy,” National Conference of Black Political Scientists, San Francisco, CA, March 2007.

Chair, “Hurricane Katrina: Issues of Race, Space, and Place in the Reconstruction Effort,” American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September, 2007.

Discussant, “Lessons from the Past and Prospects for the Future: Honoring the 40th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965,” Yale University, New Haven, CT, April 2005.

Discussant, “Equality and the Conceptual Foundations of Political Participation,” American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 2004.

Discussant, “Electoral Reform and Minority Political Participation,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2003.

ANONYMOUS REVIEWER

American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research, American Political Science Review, Constellations, National Political Science Review, NYU Press, Political Behavior Politics, Groups and Identities PS: Political Science and Politics, University of Pennsylvania Press, Polity Press

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, American Studies Association, Association for the Study of African American Life and History

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Chair, Fannie Lou Hamer Service Award, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, 2018

Editorial Board, *Politics, Groups and Identities*, 2015-2017

Member, Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, American Political Science Association, 2015-ongoing

Member, Nominations Committee, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, 2016-

Chair, Book Award, National Conference of Black Political Science, 2015.

Section Chair, American Politics Poster Section, Midwest Political Science Association, 2014.

Advisory Board, 2012 Outlook on Life and Political Engagement Study, Katherine Tate (Brown University) and Belinda Robnett (UC Irvine), Principal Investigators. Funded by NSF Political Science and Sociology.

Executive Council, Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section of the APSA, 2012-14.

Chair, Nominations Committee, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, 2008 – 2012.

Section Co-Chair, Politics and Popular Culture. NCOBPS, Chicago, IL, 2008.

Book Award Committee, Race, Ethnicity and Politics Organized Section, APSA 2005-2006.

SERVICE TO DEPARTMENTS

Political Science Race and Ethnic Politics Reading Group (2017-18)

Chair, Africana Studies Search Committee (2018)

Director of Undergraduate Studies (2016-ongoing)

Africana Studies Lecture Series coordinator with Kavitha Ramsamy (2013-ongoing)

Developing seminar on graduate studies in Africana (2013- ongoing)

Africana Master's Certificate development committee (2011-ongoing)

Political Science Race and Politics brown bag (2011-2012)

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

Judge, Paul Robeson Oratorical Contest, Paul Robeson Cultural Center, November 2017

Lecture, Rutgers Women Alumni Network, January 30, 2017

Chair, RU 1st Committee (2016-ongoing),

Member, Appointments and Promotion Committee, School of Arts and Science (2016-2019)

Organizer, Race, Gender, & the 2016 Election Series, Center for Race and Ethnicity (2015-2016)

Panelist, Teach-in for Black Lives Matter, FA 2016.

Interim Co-Director, Center for Race and Ethnicity (2015-2016)

Mentor, McNair Scholars Summer Program (SU 2015)

Mentor, University of Michigan Emerging Scholars Conference (FA 2013)

Instructor and Mentor, McNair Scholars Summer Program (SU 2013)

Judge, Rutgers Debate Society Forum (FA 2012)
Speaker, Future Scholars Program (SU 2012- ongoing)
Interview, History and the News (taught by Rudy Bell, SP 2012)
Speaker, West Indian Student Association Black History Month Program (FEB 2012)
Participant and Discussant, Narratives of Power Project weekly seminars at Rutgers Center for
Historical Analysis led by Deborah Gray White and Donna Murch (2010-2012)
Nominee, SAS Scholarship Committee (2011, 2010)
Speaker, McNair Scholars Summer Research Program (SU 2011)
Presenter, Fifth Annual Forum on Race and Ethnicity. Center for Race & Ethnicity (2010)

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Rutgers University
Aiiisha Harden (Political Science, completed FA 2018)
Tamika Covington (Graduate School of Education, completed SP 2018)
University of Michigan
Portia Hemphill (Political Science, completed SU 2015)

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTORING

Destiny Boynton, McNair 2018
Makaila John, Gardner Fellow 2018

GRANTS/ FELLOWSHIPS

2018-2019 Fellow, James Weldon Johnson Institute, Emory University (declined)

Principal Investigator. Ethical Reasoning Course Summer Development Grant (\$3000). Internal Wesleyan Grant. Used to develop a teaching component on research ethics in the social sciences for my course on research design and the study of white racial attitudes. (2007)

POPULAR PRESS PUBLICATIONS and MEDIA PARTICIPATION

“Governor Northam’s Troubling Silence on Racism.” Febr 3, 2019,
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/13/opinion/governor-northams-troubling-silence-on-racism.html>

“We Have A Sisterhood Problem,” Gender Watch 2018, Center for American Women in Politics, Rutgers University, November 9, 2018. <https://www.genderwatch2018.org/we-have-a-sisterhood-problem/>

“Ayanna Pressley and the Might of the Black Political Left” *New York Times* (print edition), September 5, 2018, <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/09/05/opinion/ayanna-pressley-massachusetts.html>

Local Political Analysis, 2016 Presidential Debates, NBC10 Philadelphia,
https://archive.org/details/WCAU_20160926_230000_NBC10_News_Debate_Night/start/60/end/120

“Barack Obama and Black Lives Matter,” Kulturzeit, 3sat media, Germany, Feb. 2, 2017,
<https://www.3sat.de/mediathek/?obj=64505>

“Through The Fire: The Legacy of Barack Obama,” Directed by Stanley Nelson and aired on BET Network, <http://www.bet.com/video/news/specials/2017/through-the-fire/the-legacy-of-barack-obama-full-show.html>

“Trump and the San Francisco Senate Races,” Up Front, KPFA, <https://kpfa.org/episode/upfront-october-12-2016/>, October 12, 2016.

President Obama, Race, and Public Opinion, The Brian Lehrer Show, WNYC, <http://www.wnyc.org/story/president-obama-race-and-public-opinion/>, August 9, 2016.

“Bill Clinton: Bad Political Spouse,” Ask the Experts, Presidential Gender Watch, <http://presidentialgenderwatch.org/bill-clinton-bad-political-spouse/>, May 16, 2016

“Three Ways to Tell if Your Distaste for Hillary Clinton is Sexist,” MsMagazine, March 17, 2016. (<http://msmagazine.com/blog/2016/03/17/3-ways-to-tell-if-your-distaste-for-hillary-clinton-is-sexist/>).

Room for Debate, “Reparations Can and Should Be Done in a Powerful Way,” *The New York Times* online, June 8, 2013 (<http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2014/06/08/are-reparations-due-to-african-americans/reparations-can-and-should-be-done-in-a-powerful-way>).

Quoted in *MS Magazine*, “After 25 Years of Paradox, A Changed Oprah Says Goodbye,” by Gina Ulysse (5/27/11).

Featured, “Educating Inmates: Wesleyan brings higher ed back to prisons.” *The Middletown Press* (3/1/10). (<http://www.middletownpress.com/general-news/20100301/wesleyan-brings-higher-education-back-to-prisons>)

Instant Analysis, “A new party is emerging”, *Middletown Press* Wednesday, (11/5/08)

Panelist, One America? CT Public Radio, “Where We Live”, December 2, 2008. (http://www.cpb.org/program/%5Bfield_episode_cpb_program%5D/episode/one-america)

Panelist, 2008 Election, CT Public Radio, “Where We Live”, November 13, 2008. (<http://www.cpb.org/program/where-we-live/episode/aftermath>)

OP-ED “What Obama Means to Me,” *Hartford Courant*, Sunday, March 16, 2008, Commentary Section, P1. (http://articles.courant.com/2008-03-16/news/0803150589_1_obama-rally-obama-presidency-obama-s-candidacy)