

AFRICAN AMERICANS & U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

Conference Proceedings

Registration is required for all conference events.

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

6:00pm **Opening Reception** (Boston University Castle, 225 Bay State Road)
Cameo Performance by the Inner Strength Gospel Choir

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

Conference proceedings (Boston University Photonics Center, 8 St. Mary's Street, 9th floor)

9:00am **Registration**

9:30am **Welcome Remarks & Special Recognition of Marvin Gilmore**
Welcome remarks by Ambassador Charles Stith, Director of the African Presidential Archives & Research Center, and Dr. Linda Heywood, Director of the African American Studies Program

10:00am **Session I: Foreign Policy in the Pre-World War II Period**
Chair: Timothy Longman, Director of the African Studies Center at Boston University

Blacks in the Diplomatic and Consular Services, 1829-1924
Allison Blakely, George & Joyce Wein Professor of African American Studies at Boston University

Racism and the Role of African Americans in the Diplomatic Relations between the U.S. and Ethiopia
Getachew Metaferia, Associate Professor of Political Science at Morgan State University

White Shame / Black Agency: Race as a Weapon in Post-World War I Diplomacy
Vera Ingrid Grant, Executive Director of the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research at Harvard University

11:30am **Keynote Luncheon Lecture**
His Excellency Festus Mogae, Former President of the Republic of Botswana

12:30pm **Session II: Foreign Policy in World War II, the Cold War, and the Civil**

Rights Movement

Chair: Adil Najam, Director of the Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future at Boston University

Ralph Bunche, the Atlantic Charter, and Africa: Working for Decolonization from the Inside

Pearl T. Robinson, Associate Professor of Political Science at Tufts University

Malcolm X and U.S. Policies Toward Africa

Abdul Karim Bangura, Professor of Research Methodology and Political Science at Howard University

Carl Rowan and the Dilemma of Civil Rights, Propaganda, and the Cold War

Michael L. Krenn, Professor of History at Appalachian State University

2:00pm

Session III: The Black Church and U.S. Foreign Policy

Chair: Walter Earl Fluker, Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor of Ethical Leadership at Boston University

"For Such a Time as This:" The Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention and Reconstruction's Revival in the African Mission Field

Brandi Suzanne Hughes, Assistant Professor of History at the University of Michigan

The Role of the Black Church in U.S. Foreign Policy Formation

Robert H. Kelley III, Senior Pastor of My Father's House Christian Fellowship Church (South Africa)

Thursday October 28, 2010

9:00am

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9:30am

Session IV: Music, Student Activism, and Cultural Diplomacy

Chair: Hardin Coleman, Dean of the School of Education at Boston University

The Paradox of Jazz Diplomacy

Lisa Davenport, PhD and author of *Jazz Diplomacy: Promoting America in the Cold War Era*

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) as Foreign Policy

Catalyzers: The Case for Peace in the Sudan

Charles Moses, Assistant Professor of Management at Clark Atlanta University

Cynthia Lucas Hewitt, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Morehouse College

Najwa Gadaheldam, Development Officer at the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

Hegemonic Rhythms: The Role of Hip Hop Music in 21st Century American Public Diplomacy

Joseph L. Jones, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Johnson C.

Smith University

- 11:30am **Session V: The United States and the Question of Haiti**
Chair: Linda Heywood, Director of the African American Studies Program at Boston University
"To Combine the Training of the Head and the Hands:" U.S. African Americans, the Good Neighbor Policy, and Educating Haitians during the U.S. Occupation, 1930-1931
 Millery Polyné, Assistant Professor at the Gallatin School of Individualized Study, New York University
The Black Foreign Policy Constituency for Haiti
 Sherri McFarland, Professor at the National Defense Intelligence College
- 12:30pm **U.S. Foreign Policy under the Obama Administration**
 The Honorable Johnnie Carson, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs
- 2:00pm **Session VI: The Obama Administration, Black Diplomats, and the World**
Chair: Willard Johnson, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at MIT
Obama, African Americans, and Africans: The Double Vision
 Ibrahim Sundiata, Samuel and Augusta Spector Professor of History and African and Afro-American Studies at Brandeis University
The United Nations and the African American Presence: From Ralph Bunche to Susan Rice
 Lorenzo Morris, Professor of Political Science at Howard University
- 7:00pm **Closing Dinner (Metcalf Trustee Ballroom, One Silber Way, 9th floor)**
Opening Remarks by Sharon Kromer, USAID Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Africa Bureau
 Featuring a keynote lecture on "Foreign Policy in the Bush Administration" by The Honorable Jendayi Frazer, Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs