

What Is Black?

***Perspectives on Coalition Building in the
Modern Civil Rights Movement***

Friday, October 20, 2006

8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Program

Continental Breakfast and Registration

Moot Court Foyer

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Welcome and Remarks

9:00 a.m.

Moot Court Room

Kurt L. Schmoke

Dean

Howard University School of Law

Introduction of the Branton Family

Shirlethia Franklin

Editor-in-Chief

Howard Law Journal

Remarks

Chieko Clarke

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Editor, *Howard Law Journal*

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Beverly Lamberson

Branton Family Representative



9:30-10:45 – Moot Court Room

Panel 1 – Minorities Within a Minority: Black Homophobia, “Uncle Tom” and Interracial Coalition Building

Will address the challenges of interracial coalition building within a cultural climate that dismisses alternative black viewpoints as “not black enough.” Two aspects of this panel will be the marginalizing effects of black homophobia and the label of “Uncle Tom.”

Introduction of Moderator

Nicole A. Elam
Senior Editor, *Howard Law Journal*

Moderator

Michael deHaven Newsom
Professor of Law, Howard University School of Law

Panelists

Jody David Armour
University of Southern California

Kimberly Jade Norwood
Washington University

John McWhorter
The Manhattan Institute

Break – 10:45-11:00 a.m. – Moot Court Foyer

11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – Moot Court Room

Panel 2 – Perspectives on Interracial Coalition Building

Will explore the extent to which new opportunities for interracial coalition building have surfaced in the post civil rights era, for example, what impact does critical White studies have on notions of blackness. The panel will also explore valid apprehensions associated with interracial coalition building.

Introduction of Moderator

Veronica J. Joice
Senior Editor, *Howard Law Journal*

Moderator

Reginald Robinson
Professor of Law
Howard University School of Law

Panelists

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Howard University School of Law

Thomas Ross
University of Pittsburgh

Katheryn Russell-Brown
University of Florida

Luncheon and Presentation of Wiley A. Branton Scholar Award The Dining Hall – 12:15-1:30 p.m.

Remarks

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

1:30 p.m.

Moot Court Room

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Okianer Christian Dark
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Howard University School of Law

Keynote Speaker

Patricia J. Williams
James L. Dohr Professor of Law
Columbia University

2:15-3:30 p.m. – Moot Court Room

Panel 3 – Rising to the 25 Year Challenge in Grutter: Achieving Equality Without Affirmative Action

Will consider the idea that affirmative action should no longer be necessary in 25 years, as suggested in Grutter v. Bollinger. Will also examine both theoretically and practically, the modern conceptions of affirmative action.

Introduction of Moderator

Tania Wignarajah
Managing Editor, Howard Law Journal

Moderator

Harold. McDougall
Professor of Law
Howard University School of Law

Panelists

Girardeau A. Spann
Georgetown University

Sherrilyn Ifill
University of Maryland

Darren Hutchinson
American University

3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m – Moot Court Room

Closing Remarks & Refreshments

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___ **Morning Program (8:00 a.m.–12:00p.m)**

Registration and Continental Breakfast

Welcome and Remarks

Panel 1: **Minorities Within a Minority: Black Homophobia, “Uncle Tom” and
Interracial Coalition Building**

Panel 2: **Perspectives on Interracial Coalition Building**

___ **Afternoon Program (12:00–4:00 p.m.)**

Luncheon (**must register if planning to attend**)

Presentation of Wiley A. Branton Scholar Award

Keynote Address – Patricia J. Williams, Keynote Speaker

Panel 3: **Rising to the 25 Year Challenge in Grutter: Achieving Equality
Without Affirmative Action**

___ **Keynote Address Only (1:30 p.m)**

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