

**Timothy Stewart-Winter**, Rutgers University-Newark:  
“‘She Made It Her Business to Hire Every Gay Girl on the South Side’: Toward a History of Black Queer Marginality”  
Discussant: **Nancy Hewitt**, Rutgers University

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11:00-12:45:

*Debating Mass Incarceration and the “New Jim Crow”*  
(Roundtable Discussion)  
**Heather Thompson**, Temple University  
**Robert Chase**, College of Charleston  
Discussant: **Donna Murch**, Rutgers University

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2:30-4:15:

*Reinventing the Black Subject: Black Biography and the Politics of Authenticity*  
**Barbara Ransby**, University of Illinois at Chicago:  
“Testifying and Truth-telling: Reflections on the Life of ‘Mrs. Paul Robeson””  
**Yohuru Williams**, Fairfield University: “‘Tell the World I am Ready to Go’: The Execution Narrative and the Politics of Race in Twentieth Century America”  
**Thomas Jackson**, University of North Carolina at Greensboro: “Nonviolent Gandhian Black American Christian Socialist: Crosscurrents in the Biography and Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr.”  
Discussant: **Mia Bay**, Rutgers University

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4:15-5:00:

Take-away Session  
An audience participation session on the ideas presented at the conference chaired by **Donna Murch** and **Deborah Gray White** (Co-Project Directors, Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis)

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Wednesday, November 9th  
at 7:30pm- Traves Hall B

Keynote Address by

## Bernice Johnson Reagon

“Eyes Wide Open, Ears Clear: Moving Forward  
with the Ground Under my Feet”

### Thursday, November 10th

Teleconference Lecture Hall, Alexander Library, 4th  
Floor, College Avenue Campus

9:00-10:45:

*Rethinking Black Electoral Politics in the Age of Obama*

**Derek Musgrove**, University of the District of Colum-  
bia/**Hasan Jeffries**, The Ohio State University: “Black  
Visibility is not Black Power’: Lessons on Black Political  
Mobilization and Voter Suppression from the Post-Civil  
Rights Era for the Age of Obama”

**Melanye Price**, Rutgers University: “Black Blame:  
Barack Obama, Racial Rhetoric, and the 2008 Election”

**Wendy Smooth**, The Ohio State University: “When  
Intersectionality Matters: The Shifting Political Opportu-  
nity Structure of Black Electoral Politics in the Age of  
Obama”

Discussant: **Herb Boyd**, City College of New York and  
the College of New Rochelle

11:00-12:45:

*From Black Modern to Post-Black: African American  
Identity in the Twentieth Century*

**Nancy Boyd-Franklin**, Rutgers University: “The Evolv-  
ing Concept of Racial Identity”

**Howard McGary**, Rutgers University: “The Problem of  
Identity in a Post-racial Society”

**Deborah Gray White**, Rutgers University: “The  
Million Man and Woman Marches as Post Black  
Phenomena”

Discussant: **Edward Ramsamy**, Rutgers University

2:30-4:15:

*Black Aesthetics and Politics: From Black Power to  
Hip Hop*

**Deborah Thomas**, University of Pennsylvania:  
“I-Witnessing and Reparations: Archiving State Violence  
Against Rastafari”

**Armond White**, Film Critic: “Monsters: How  
Celebrity Affects Black Identity”

Discussant: **William Jelani Cobb**, Rutgers University

Thursday, November 10th at 7:00pm-

Brower Commons A,B,C

A Talk and Performance by

## DJ Kool Herc

The Father of Hip Hop

### Friday, November 11th

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Floor, College Avenue Campus

9:00-10:45:

*Engendering Blackness: Sex Matters in African American  
History*

**Rhonda Y. Williams**, Case Western Reserve Univer-  
sity: "Sister, how are you welcome in this house?: Medita-  
tions on Democratizing the Past"

**Steven Fullwood**, Schomburg Center for Research in  
Black Culture: “Naming and Unnaming: A Look at Black  
Queer Identities”