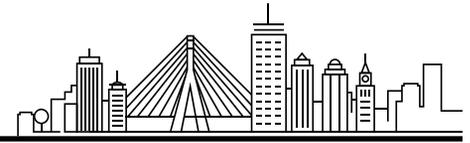


PLENARY SESSIONS



Protecting the Vulnerable on Campus (A18-301)

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University, Presiding

Sponsored by the Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee and Graduate Student Committee and Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee

For many of us who study or work in colleges and seminary campuses today it may be easy to ignore the vulnerable at our institutions. Yet the most vulnerable are often at risk or subject to discrimination and exploitation based on inequities of power, money, lack of social net, or means to voice their concerns about campus life and work. This panel will examine what needs attention and the strategies that vulnerable people and their allies can use to decrease vulnerability and increase solidarity. Special attention will be paid to the status of, and strategies being deployed by, the LGBT+ community, graduate students, people of color, low paid workers, and non-tenured faculty.

Cameron Partridge, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church,
San Francisco

*"Although the Doors Were Shut": Cultivating Courageous
Community at the Borders of the Academy*

Prea Persaud, University of Florida

*It Doesn't Always Feel Good: Redefining Notions of Inclusion
and Moving beyond "Diversity"*

James Keenan, Boston College

Solidarity within the Faculty

Hussein Rashid, Islamicate, LLC

*Ad Junk: Accounting for Different Vulnerabilities in
Vulnerable Professional Positions*

Kerry Danner, Georgetown University

Just Employment: Solidarity among Campus Workers

Plenary Address: Deval Patrick (A18-409)

Saturday, 7:00 PM–8:00 PM

Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University, Presiding



Deval Patrick

Deval Patrick is a politician, civil rights lawyer and businessman who served as the 71st governor of Massachusetts from 2007 to 2015. He is the only African-American to have served as governor of Massachusetts.

Born to and raised by a single mother on the South Side of Chicago, Patrick attended Harvard University and Harvard Law School, where he was president of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau. After graduating, he practiced law with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund and later joined a Boston law firm, where he was named a partner, at age 34. In 1994, Bill Clinton appointed him as the United States assistant attorney general for the civil rights division of the United States Department of Justice, where he worked on issues including racial profiling and police misconduct.

During his governorship, Patrick oversaw the implementation of the state's 2006 health care reform program; increased funding to education and life sciences; won a federal Race to the Top education grant; and raised the state's minimum wage from \$8 per hour to \$11 per hour by 2017. Under Patrick, Massachusetts joined the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Patrick is now a managing director at Bain Capital and currently serves as the chairman of the board for *Our Generation Speaks*, a fellowship program and startup incubator whose mission is to bring together young Israeli and Palestinian leaders through entrepreneurship.

Presidential Address — Eddie Glaude: *Religion and the Most Vulnerable* (A18-410)

Saturday, 8:00 PM–9:00 PM

David P. Gushee, Mercer University, Presiding



Eddie S. Glaude

Eddie S. Glaude Jr. is the William S. Tod Professor of Religion and African American Studies at Princeton University. He is chair of the Department of African American Studies, a program he first became involved with shaping as a doctoral candidate in Religion at Princeton. His books on religion and philosophy include *African American*

Religion: A Very Short Introduction, *Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul*, *In a Shade of Blue: Pragmatism and the Politics of Black America*, and *Exodus! Religion, Race and Nation in Early 19th Century Black America*, which was awarded the Modern Language Association's William Sanders Scarborough Book Prize. Currently Glaude is at work on a book about James Baldwin, tentatively titled *James Baldwin's America, 1963–1972*.

Glaude left his home in Moss Point, Mississippi at age 16 to begin studies at the Morehouse College. He holds a master's degree in African American Studies from Temple University, and a Ph.D in Religion from Princeton University. He began his teaching career at Bowdoin College. He has been a visiting scholar at Amherst College and Harvard. In 2011 he delivered Harvard's Du Bois lectures.

Known to be a convener of conversations and debates, Glaude takes care to engage fellow citizens of all ages and backgrounds — from young activists, to fellow academics, journalists and commentators, and followers on Twitter in dialogue about the course of the nation. His scholarship and his sense of himself as a public intellectual are driven by a commitment to think carefully with others in public. Accordingly, his writing and ideas are cited and shared widely. Glaude has written for *The New York Times* and *The Huffington Post*. He is a columnist for *Time Magazine* and regularly provides commentary on radio and television news programs like *Democracy Now!*, *Morning Joe*, and *the 11th Hour*.

Prior to Dr. Glaude's address, a group of former AAR Presidents will present a tribute to Executive Director Jack Fitzmier, who will be retiring in 2018.

Panelist:

Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University

Recolonizing the Academy Under a Trump Presidency (A19-304)

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Munir Jiwa, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Sponsored by the Status of LGBTIQ Persons, Persons with Disabilities, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, and Women in the Profession Committees

This panel will analyze the intensified colonization of academic spaces—both intellectual and physical—under the current presidency. How do we accurately map these changes and negotiate these spaces in an era of national “whitelash” from peripheral ideological and embodied spaces? How do we contend with the increasing marginalization and targeting of vulnerable populations? What strategies might scholars use to contribute to the ongoing process of decolonizing the academy? What are the potential ramifications of our non-action or complicity in this academic landscape?

Panelists:

Hatem Bazian, Zaytuna College and University of California, Berkeley

Jasmin Zine, Wilfrid Laurier University

Mel Chen, University of California, Berkeley

Shanell T. Smith, Hartford Seminary



Hatem Bazian



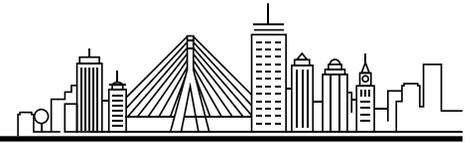
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Forcibly Displaced Syrians and Iraqis: What to Know about the Crisis and What You as a Religion Scholar Can Do (A20-153)

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University, Presiding



Shanell Smith

The current situation involving forcibly displaced persons constitutes the largest humanitarian crisis since World War II. There are, for example, more than 6 million Syrian refugees and more than 3 million internally displaced Iraqis. The centerpiece of this session will be a video conversation with Syrian refugees and/or displaced Iraqis speaking live from an audio-visual studio at a displaced persons camp in Iraq or from a studio in Jordan or Germany. The AAR's aim in arranging this conversation is to provide a platform for them to voice their thoughts and concerns directly to us so that we are better informed in a way that helps us respond more effectively to the crisis.

From the Boston side, the conversation with them will be facilitated by Amir Hussain and Alice Su. Prior to the conversation, Sarah Tobin and Mark Juergensmeyer will provide background on Syria and Iraq and the religious dimensions of the crisis. After the conversation, Diane Moore will discuss ways scholars of religion can address the crisis, and the panelists will take questions from the audience.

Sarah Tobin is an anthropologist with expertise on Islam and gender in the Middle East. She spent two years conducting research with Syrian refugees in Jordanian camps and is the author of the forthcoming *Privatizing Resilience: Syrian Refugees in Jordan*. Mark Juergensmeyer is a sociologist who focuses on nationalism and global religious violence. He has interviewed, and blogged about, refugees in several camps in Iraq. Amir Hussain is a professor of the theology who focuses on contemporary Islam in North America and is the author of the chapter "Toward a Muslim Theology of Migration" in *Theology of Migration in the Abrahamic Religions*. Alice Su is an independent journalist who won the 2014 UN Correspondents Association Award and a grant from the Pulitzer Center for her newswriting on refugees in Jordan and Tunisia. Diane Moore is Director of the Religious Literacy Project; Lecturer on Religion, Conflict, and Peace; and principal investigator for the Religious Literacy and Humanitarian Action Research Project at Harvard Divinity School.

Panelists:

- Sarah Tobin, Christian Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway
- Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
- Alice Su, Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting
- Diane L. Moore, Harvard University

Linda Sarsour (A20-147)

Monday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University, Presiding



Linda Sarsour

Linda Sarsour is a working woman, racial justice and civil rights activist, and mother of three. Ambitious, outspoken and independent, Linda shatters stereotypes of Muslim women while also treasuring her religious and ethnic heritage. She is a Palestinian Muslim American and a self-proclaimed "pure New Yorker, born and raised in Brooklyn!" She is the Executive Director of the Arab American Association of New York and co-founder of the first Muslim online organizing platform, MPOWER Change. Linda has been at the forefront of major civil rights campaigns including calling for an end to unwarranted surveillance of New York's Muslim communities and ending police policies like stop and frisk. In wake of the police murder of Mike Brown, she co-founded Muslims for Ferguson to build solidarity amongst American Muslim communities and encourage work against police brutality. She is a member of the Justice League NYC, a leading NYC force of activists, formerly incarcerated individuals, and artists working to reform the New York Police Department and the criminal justice system.

Linda co-chaired the March2Justice, a 250-mile journey on foot to deliver a justice package to end racial profiling, demilitarize police and demand the government invest in young people and communities. Linda Sarsour was instrumental in the Coalition for Muslim School Holidays to push New York City to incorporate 2 Muslim high holy holidays in to the NYC Public school calendar. This year, New York City will be the largest school system in the country to officially recognize these holidays. This year, Linda joined leading social justice faith leaders as a Senior Fellow at Auburn Seminary.

She has received numerous awards and honors including "Champion of Change" by the White House, YWCA USA's Women of Distinction Award for Advocacy and Civic Engagement and the Hala Maksoud Leadership Award from the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. Sarsour was named among 500 of the most influential Muslims in the world. Most recently, Linda was profiled on the front page of the *New York Times* Metro Section and dubbed "Brooklyn Homegirl in a Hijab" and introduced Linda to their readership as "Mixing street smarts, activism and her Muslim identity, Linda Sarsour has become a political force". She has written for and has been featured in local, national, and international media discussing impact of domestic policies that target Arab and Muslim American communities, criminal justice issues and Middle East affairs. Linda is well respected amongst diverse communities in both in New York City and nationally. She is most known for her intersectional coalition work and building bridges across issues, racial, ethnic and faith communities.

Panelists:

- Linda Sarsour, MPower Change