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MATTHEW HOLDEN, JR.  
SYMPOSIUM LECTURE

*Thursday, November 5, 2009*  
*Robinson Liberal Arts Building, Room 266*

PROGRAM

Dr. Mary Coleman, Director of the Center for University Scholars, Presiding

Introduction of the Speaker.....Fidel Ezeala-Harrison, Ph.D.  
Professor of Economics, Jackson State University

*“Barack Obama and the Future of the Black Prophetic Tradition”*

Speaker.....Glenn Loury, Ph.D.  
Merton P. Stoltz Professor of the Social Sciences and Economics, Brown University

Respondent.....D’Andre Byron Orey, Ph.D.  
Professor and Chair of Political Science, Jackson State University

Questions and Answers

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About the Lecturer, Glenn C. Loury

Glenn C. Loury is a distinguished academic economist who has contributed to a variety of areas in applied microeconomic theory: welfare economics, game theory, industrial organization, natural resource economics, and the economics of income distribution. Among his authored works are *One by One*, *From the Inside Out: Essays and Reviews on Race and Responsibility in America*; *The Anatomy of Racial Inequality*; and, *Ethnicity, Social Mobility and Public Policy: Comparing the US and the UK*. He is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and a Carnegie Scholarship to support his work. He has been elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a Fellow of the Econometric Society, and Vice President of the American Economic Association. He is the 2005 recipient of the John von Neumann Award. Loury was reared by working-class parents, on the South Side of Chicago, where his color was an inescapable fact of life. Loury pioneered the study of “social capital” ---the informal relationships and connections that quicken employment and wage opportunities.

## About the Honoree, Matthew Holden, Jr.

Matthew Holden, Jr. was born in Mound Bayou, Mississippi, on September 12, 1931. He earned the B.A. degree from Roosevelt University and the master's and doctorate degrees in political science from Northwestern University. Professor Holden taught at Wayne State University, University of Pittsburgh, University of Wisconsin-Madison and University of Virginia. He is the Henry L. and Grace M. Doherty Professor Emeritus of Politics at the University of Virginia. Professor Matthew Holden, Jr. is the first Wepner Distinguished Professor in Political Science at the University of Illinois in Springfield, Illinois.

Professor Holden has written extensively about public policy and administration, executive politics, urban politics, energy and environmental politics, regulatory policy and the politics of racial and ethnicity relations. Underpinning his interests and work is the study of power in societies, not simply in formal institutions. Among his works are *The Divisible Republic*, *Resources and Decisions* and *What Government Does* as well as numerous scholarly articles and monographs. His forthcoming book, *The World and Mind of Isaiah T. Montgomery* examines Montgomery's political reputation focusing on appraisals of this role in the context of Southern historiography and conceptions of black politics.

Recently, Professor Holden has pursued four research projects: an examination of administration as the dominant mode for exercising political power; a refinement of the *Divisible Republic's* thesis that African-Americans and white Americans exist as separate socio-cultural nations; an exploration of the practices of regulatory decision-making and their impacts on government and regulated domains from the perspective of a participant; and an examination of relationships between chief executives, their entourages and operating agency executives.

In his writings and life experiences, Professor Holden has emphasized the importance of connecting political science theory and concepts to the actual politics they seek to explain. His community-level civil rights activity includes charter membership of the Pennsylvania Negro Democratic Committee and membership on the Wisconsin Citizens' Study Committee on Metropolitan Problems. He was also commissioner of Wisconsin's Public Service Commission. Much of Holden's later public service work concerned regulatory politics. He served on the US Air Quality Advisory Board; the US Department of Energy's Task Force on Electric System Reliability and the board of directors for Atlantic Energy, Inc. Holden was appointed commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Mrs. Holden authored the recently published children's book, *Keisha Goes to Mound Bayou, Mississippi*.

Professor Holden's contributions to political science as discipline and as a field of activity have been recognized by distinguished organizations and individuals. He was elected by his peers as president of the American Political Science Association. He is also the former president of the Policy Studies Organization, fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and member of Phi Beta Kappa. Tuskegee University and Virginia Theological Seminary have bestowed honorary doctorates on him. The Jackson State University Holden Lecture recognizes the distinguished legacy of Professor Holden. This is a legacy of deep intellect, public service, and thoughtfulness that will inspire generations of political scientists and all students interested in the marriage of public service and scholarship.