

SCANDAL *in Real Time*

A National Conference on Black Women, Politics, Oral History



Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 6:00 pm—7:00 pm

Humanities Gateway 1030, UC Irvine

Featuring: Poet Natalia Molebatsi

Thursday, May 12, 2016—Friday, May 13, 2016, 8:00am-4:00pm

Cross Cultural Center, Dr. White Room, UC Irvine

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Nadia Brown, Purdue University
Françoise B. Cromer, Independent Scholar Activist
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Michele Goodwin, UC Irvine
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Tiffany Packer, Johnson C. Smith University
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Like other blockbuster media moments, Shonda Rhimes' television show *Scandal* proves that there is a massive audience for American political dramas, especially those featuring a sidelong glance toward largely repressed national and cultural debates about the role and meaning of black women in political life. *Scandal*'s thinly veiled illusions and obsessions with "fixers" of every sort and dimension obscure the fact that black women have "out-protested, out-participated, out-organized, out-mobilized, out-registered and out-voted African American males," as political scientist Hanes Walton recognized (2014). Thus, this national conference features scholars from the **Association for the Study of Black Women in Politics**, and those in allied interdisciplinary fields, that have done the most sustained analysis of the political lives black women inhabit, envision, and theorize. Additionally, during one afternoon session, graduate students will conduct oral histories with the conference presenters to gather a new data set on the experiences/epistemologies/ methodologies/ publishing experiences/ and impact of scholarship on black women in politics.

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