



FLORIDA MEMORIAL
UNIVERSITY



and

THE HARVARD BLACK
ALUMNI
SOCIETY OF SOUTH
FLORIDA

“VOTING RIGHTS TEACH IN”

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2012

1 to 4 p.m.

Lou Rawls Center for the Performing Arts

15800 NW 42nd Avenue

Miami Gardens, FL 33054

www.fmuniv.edu

About The Speakers



CHARLES OGLETREE, J.D.

Charles J. Ogletree is the Jesse Climenko Professor at Harvard Law School. He is also the founder of the school's Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice, and the author of numerous books on legal topics. He has been a guest on many television programs, including *Nightline*, the *Today Show*, *Tavis Smiley*, *Larry King Live* and *Burden of Proof*. Professor Ogletree is set to publish a book about President Obama, but will not release it until after the 2012 Presidential election.

TAMEKA HOBBS, Ph.D.

After receiving a McKnight Doctoral Fellowship in 2000, Hobbs attended Florida State University (Tallahassee, FL) where she earned her doctoral degree in U.S. History, Historical Administration and Public History in 2004. Since that time, she has taught courses in American, African-American, and public history at Florida A&M University, Virginia State University in Petersburg, Va., and John Tyler Community College, in Chester, Va. She joined the faculty of Florida Memorial University in August 2011. Dr. Hobbs is currently working on a manuscript on lynching violence during the era of World War II in Florida.



KRISTIN JOHNSON

Kristin Johnson was elected Student Government Association President of Florida Memorial University for the 2012-2013 academic year. In this capacity, he also represents his fellow students as a member of the FMU Board of Trustees. A native of the island of Eleuthera, Bahamas, Johnson is an honor student majoring in biology (pre-med). After graduation, he will pursue a medical degree and work toward his lifelong ambition of becoming an oncologist. He was inspired to pursue a medical career after witnessing his mother struggle to survive breast cancer. Johnson is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



PENELOPE TOWNSLEY

Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections **Penelope Townsley** began her career with Miami-Dade County in 1980. She was appointed to her current position in 2011. She oversees the largest Elections operation in Florida, administering elections for more than 1.2 million registered voters with 20 Early Voting locations and as many as 829 precincts on Election Day. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from Barry University.



PROGRAM

Saturday, September 8, 2012
Lou Rawls Center for the Performing Arts

PRESIDING

Dr. Lynette Atteloney, Ph.D.
Interim Chair, Social Sciences Department

Welcome and Occasion

Dr. Henry Lewis III
University President

Introduction of Facilitator

Dr. Makola Abdullah
University Provost

Introduction of Panelists

Marilyn Holifield, Esq.
Partner, Holland & Knight
Member, Harvard Black Alumni Society
of South Florida

PANEL DISCUSSION

Mr. Charles Ogletree, Professor, Harvard University

"Making Every Vote Count: Voting Rights from the '50s to the Present"

Dr. Tameka Hobbs, Professor, Florida Memorial University

"Freedom is Not Free: Historical Voting Suppression in Florida...."

Ms. Penelope Townsley, Supervisor of Elections, Miami-Dade County

"The Nuts and Bolts: Deadlines, Who Can Vote, How to register, Where/How to Vote"

Mr. Kristin Johnson, SGA President, Florida Memorial University

"The Importance of Voting in the 21st Century"

Question and Answer Session

"feeling American"

Professor Ogletree

Closing Remarks

Theresa Therilus, Esq.
Co-President, Harvard Black Alumni Society
of South Florida

Dr. Henry Lewis III

updating signature? signatures change
Restoration of rights for felons?
Absentee ballots close 7pm on
election day
Voter challenges? poll watchers
moving counties?
multiple IDs for photo + signature

bring - encourage absentee ballots
prior -
look - colleges voting on campus
? - voters fill absentee?
Johnson - students to voting prior
Pater - disabilities + felons
Barr - poll watchers?

Gov. Scott - \$12m
10m votes - 6k different

CJO's book on Obama coming out in Nov.
Get his powerpoint and links to videos

87% of voters purged were minorities

Jim Beer, Fmt FL GOP Chair

87% of FDU students eligible for

Pell Grants

- sample ballot to all voters via
MIA Herald, on website!

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Harvard Black Alumni Society of South Florida

The Miami-Dade NAACP

ABOUT FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

Located in Miami Gardens, Florida Memorial University (FMU) is a private, historically black institution that offers 42 undergraduate degree programs and four graduate degree programs to a culturally diverse student body. Since its founding in 1879, FMU has upheld a commitment to providing a solid foundation for thousands of young people – and opening doors to educational opportunities that may otherwise have been closed to them. The institution is widely recognized for being “the birthplace of the Negro National Anthem, ‘Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing.’ ”



ABOUT the HARVARD BLACK LAW ALUMNI SOCIETY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

The Harvard Black Alumni Society (HBAS) is a forum for black Harvard alumni to convene, communicate, and contribute to mutual professional development and the cultivation of black graduates, present and future. HBAS is dedicated to building and strengthening the Harvard black alumni community. In 2002, HBAS launched its first chapter, The Harvard Black Alumni Society of Boston, and has since established operations in at least eight other metropolitan areas, including South Florida.

