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**Breaking the Boundaries to Freedom:
Black Leadership and Social Change in America Since World War II
Professor Manning Marable**

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The fundamental impulse behind major African-American social movements throughout U.S. history has been the quest for freedom. For two hundred fifty years, freedom had a clear meaning and definition: the shattering of shackles, the elimination of whips and chains, and the reuniting of black families that had been sold apart. Then for nearly a century after slavery, blacks were subjected to legal racial segregation. Throughout most of the United States, African Americans were not permitted to vote or to have access to public accommodations. How did African-American leadership respond to systems of racial oppression? In this lecture by Professor Manning Marable, Director of the Center for Contemporary Black History at Columbia University, participants will hear about the emergence of a new generation of African-American leaders in the 1950s and beyond. Participants will receive "Let Nobody Turn Us Around: An African-American Anthology," Second Edition, Leith Mullings and Manning Marable, Eds and "Race, Reform and Rebellion: The Second Reconstruction in Black America, 1945-2006" by Manning Marable.

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