

*The 2009-2010 Teaching American History Historian Lecture Series*

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4:30-6:30

CUNY Graduate Center

**Of Dreams Deferred and Dreams Unheard:  
African Americans and the American Dream  
in the Intersection**

**Professor Yohuru Williams**

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Building off of one of his signature teaching strategies called “the intersection,” Dr. Yohuru Williams will examine the struggle for Black equality in America in the context of the dreams and visions of the women and men who helped to make first class citizenship a reality. This dream, as articulated by Dr. King has always forced those who share it into the intersection, the crossroads, wherein the struggle to realize that dream, forces us all to reexamine our commitment to American democracy and the promise of equality. This is a crossroads not unfamiliar in America, where African-Americans consistently found themselves in a struggle to dismantle racial segregation. From housing, to transportation, to education, the promise of a brighter future often began with the dreams of ordinary Americans like Mrs. Mary Miles, Dr. Ossian Sweet, and Dr. Martin Luther King, which when acted upon helped to transform a nation. Participants will receive “Teaching U.S. History Beyond the Textbook: Six Investigative Strategies, Grades 5-12” by Yohuru Williams, materials, and refreshments.

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