

Finally Got the News*

**This title is borrowed from the Newsreel film about militant Black autoworkers in Detroit during the 1960s.*

Newsletter of the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section American Political Science Association

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Message from the Co-Presidents:

Jane Junn and Kerry Haynie

Welcome to the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics organized section of the American Political Science Association! We're delighted to have you as part of our intellectual community and hope you will attend the REP business meeting on Friday, September 1, 2017 between 6:30 and 7:30 pm (Hilton, Union Square rooms 15 & 16) for reports and updates, and to discuss policy in our organized section. Directly following the business meeting please join us to celebrate the many accomplishments of our members at the Westin St. Francis (Colonial room) between 7:30 and 9:00 pm. We are joined together with our longtime friends, the APSA status committees on Asian Pacific Americans, Blacks, Latinos y Latinas, First Generation Higher Education Scholars, the APA Caucus and the Latino Caucus as co-sponsors of the reception.

The REP program co-chairs, Pei-te Lien and Eric McDaniel, have organized an outstanding set of panels for the section at this year's APSA annual meeting. Please attend as many of these sessions as possible in order to share in the research and discussion as well as to keep our panel attendance numbers robust.

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The contributions of members of the REP field to political activism, scholarship, teaching, pedagogy, and public discourse are more important now in 2017 than perhaps ever before. Together we can and must continue to make a difference in the politics and governance of our country by leading through our actions, our words, and by example. This passage from Dr. Martin Luther King's letter from a Birmingham jail reminds us this obligation.

I am cognizant of the inter-relatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly....Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds. (MLK, April 1963)

May our shared indignation and outrage be turned into action in support of justice and equality.

Message from the Program Co-Chairs:

Pei-te Lien and Eric McDaniel

Continuing the robust trend of enthusiasm in presenting work on race, ethnicity, and politics at the APSA annual meeting, we received over 160 individual paper and panel submissions that checked REP as their first division of choice this year. Although we were allocated a total of 20 full panel space at the beginning of the year, a quick search of the 2017 on-line program <https://convention2.allacademic.com/one/apsa/apsa17/index.php> under Division 32 yields 31 panels and a poster session of 10 entries. Given APSA's strict enforcement of the 4-paper/panel rule this year, we felt extremely lucky to be able to accommodate about two-thirds of the submissions as in last year. We achieved this record by strategically employing a combination of creative co-sponsorships and designation of theme panels as well as wider adoption of the 30-min presentation and i-poster formats. We could not do our job without the strong support and understanding we received from REP colleagues, APSA program co-chairs and hard-working staff, other division and related group leaders on the program committee, and relevant status committee leaders. A hearty thank-you to you all!

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Now that we have created a very rich and diverse program, greater burden falls on your shoulders to attend and show support for our division and our allies. This year's session themes include legacy and new topics on identity politics of Black, Latino, Asian, Indigenous, and Muslim Americans, presidential elections, Black Lives Matter movement, immigrant protests, media and socialization, police relations, race & gender, group consciousness & linked fate, representation, local politics, and rethinking measurement issues of racial identity. The papers and posters reflect strengths of our division in addressing current politics and reexamining continuing issues with innovative conceptual and methodological approaches. To note, we also received extensive requests to accept proposals transferred from other divisions suggesting that there is high interest in studying crosscutting issues centering on the idea of race and ethnicity and across the boundaries of APSA divisions. Although we were unable to accommodate most of the requests, it is clear that the REP division continues to make a central and profound contribution to the discipline and as the gathering place to highlight this significant intersection and expanding scholarship. Because good attendance at our panels helps to increase the number of panels we are allotted in the subsequent year, we strongly urge REP members to attend as many divisional panels as possible to increase our chance to showcase scholarship in next year's program.

2017-2018 REP Nominations

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Continuing (2016-2018)

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Continuing (2016-2018)

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2017-2018 REP Nominations, cont'd.

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NOMINATIONS (2017-2018)

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Best Paper Committee (1 yr. term)

TBA

2017 REP Section Awards

BEST DISSERTATION AWARDS

The Section on Racial and Ethnic Politics is pleased to honor two outstanding dissertations with the 2017 Best Dissertation Award. We received excellent nominations, and we applaud all of our nominees for their creative questions and findings which will advance the knowledge of our subfield. The two winning dissertations, however, stood out. They ask important questions, answer them with creativity, and are poised to be ready for publication in book form in short order. We discuss them in alphabetical order below:

Allison Anoll earned her Ph.D. from Stanford University in 2016. Her dissertation, *Race, Place and Political Action: How Social Norms and Racial Segregation Shape Participatory Patterns in America*, introduced a concept called the segregated influence model to argue that political socialization, which manifests itself differently in communities based on race and ethnicity, plays a key role in predicting political participation rates among African Americans, Latinos/as, and Asian Americans. Moving beyond standard socioeconomic explanations for explaining participation and challenging recent findings that minority communities have social capital deficits which lower the likelihood of participation, Anoll argues that political norms in racial and ethnic enclaves also predict a person's likelihood of engaging in politics, particularly beyond the vote. Using interview and experimental data, Anoll finds, among other things, that African Americans are more likely than Asian Americans to frame participation as a group obligation that was born of civil rights struggle; and that Latinos/as and Blacks have a more positive view than whites of people who engage in protest, especially as the respondents live in neighborhoods with larger Black or Latino/a populations.

Lisa Beard earned her Ph.D. from the University of Oregon in 2016. Her dissertation, *If We Were Kin: Race, Identification and Intimate Political Appeal*, puts James Baldwin in conversation with the modern Black Lives Matter, LGBTQ and Immigrants' Rights Movements. Honing in on Baldwin's invocation of intimate relations between blacks and whites in Jim Crow era America—the ways in which whites oppressed their own Black relatives, lovers, or people with whom they had close personal relationships—Beard looks at how modern social justice movements invoke the familial language of intimacy to hold whites accountable for continued racial oppression, to create new communities, and to forge bonds of understanding and advocacy across identity group lines. Beard brings to bear close readings of the work of Baldwin alongside interviews with Black Lives Matter activists such as Deray McKesson. She also does ethnographic and interview work with Southerners on New Ground (SONG), a southern-based LGBTQ rights organization that is self-consciously multi-racial. Through her qualitative data, Beard shows how SONG tried to bridge the intersectional divides of race and class within the LGBTQ community and how they invoked the language of family to frame their decision to align with immigrant rights groups as well.

Both of these authors are to be commended for their creative work, and we look forward to seeing the books that will emerge from these projects!

Committee: Andra Gillespie (Chair), Melissa Michelson, and Ana Sampaio

2017 REP Section Awards, cont'd.

BEST BOOK AWARDS

Best Book Award for Race Public Opinion

Efron Pérez, Vanderbilt University

Unspoken Politics: Implicit Attitudes and Political Thinking (Cambridge University Press)

Best Book Award for Race and Political Behavior

Angel Saavedra Cisneros, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Latino Identity and Political Attitudes: Why Are Latinos Not Republican? (Palgrave)

Best Book Award for Race and Political Theory

Shatema Threadcraft, Rutgers University

Intimate Justice: The Black Female Body and the Body Politic (Oxford University Press)

Best Book Award for Race and Comparative Politics

Debra Thompson, University of Oregon,

The Schematic State: Race, Transnationalism, and the Politics of the Census (Cambridge University Press)

Committee: Daniel HoSang (Chair), Natasha Altema, and Jason Casellas

REP DISTINGUISHED CAREER BOOK AWARD

Carol Hardy-Fanta, Pei-te Lien, Diane Pinderhughes, and Christine Sierra

Contested Transformation: Race, Gender, and Political Leadership in the 21st Century (Cambridge University Press)

Congratulations to Vaughn Rasberry for winning the 2017 APSA Ralph J. Bunche Award for
Race and the Totalitarian Century: Geopolitics in the Black Literary Imagination
(Cambridge University Press 2015)!

Asian Pacific American Caucus and APA Status Committee

The 2016 National Asian American Survey and the State of AAPI Politics

Thu, August 31, 12:00 to 1:30 pm, Hilton Union Square, Continental Parlor 7

The 2016 presidential election was manifestly a campaign unlike any other in recent or even past memory, conjuring descriptions as an epochal and perhaps even existential election. Immigration and race took center stage in the clash of words and deeds that ensued. This panel presents papers that examine the actions and attitudes of Asian Americans, the fastest growing racial group and the largest contributor to population growth via immigration in the United States. The papers draw upon data from the 2016 National Asian American Survey (NAAS).

The 2016 NAAS surveys break new ground in the breadth and depth of observational data on the politics of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. It is comprised of two surveys of more than 4,000 respondents: "Wave A" fielded pre-election (in late summer and early fall 2016) and focused on policy preferences, political participation, and voting behavior in relation to the 2016 election; "Wave B" fielded post-election (late 2016 early 2017) and focused on voting behavior, racial identity, discrimination and intergroup relations, and policy domains related to race and inequality. The 2016 NAAS sample is designed to be nationally representative of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, as well as representative of sub-groups of Asian Americans (Cambodians, Chinese, Filipinos, Hmong, Indians, Japanese, Koreans, Pakistanis, and Vietnamese) and Pacific Islanders (Native Hawaiians). Both NAAS waves also include an oversample of Asian American millennials (18-29 year olds) and representative comparison samples of whites, African Americans, and Latino/as. Also, both NAAS instruments were designed to replicate long-standing items in the American National Election Study and the General Social Survey. Surveys were conducted in eleven languages (English, Spanish, and multiple Asian languages).

The panel will consist of two of the four co-Principal Investigators of the NAAS as well from three advanced graduate students invited to the panel and given early access to the data. Papers will be discussed by two leading senior scholars in the racial and ethnic politics field.

Reception for the Status of Asian Pacific Americans in the Profession, Status of Blacks in the Profession, Status of First Generation Higher Ed Scholars, Status of Latinos y Latinas in the Profession, REP, the APA Caucus, and the Latino Caucus

Fri, September 1, 7:30 to 9:00 pm, Westin St. Francis, Colonial

Joint Status Committee Roundtable: Legitimacy and Intersectionality: The Role and Relevance of Political Science Scholarship in the Trump Era

Sat, September 2, 4:00 to 5:30 pm, Hilton Union Square, Continental Parlor 9

APSA Reception Honoring Women of Color in the Profession

Fri, September 1, 8:30 to 10:00 pm, Westin St. Francis, Italian

The Latino Caucus and The Status Committee of Latinos y Latinas

Committee on the Status of Latinos y Latinas Business Meeting

Thur, August 31, 4:30 to 5:30 pm, Westin St. Francis, Boardroom

Reception Honoring Women

Thur, August 31, 8:30 to 10:00 pm, Location TBA

Professionalization of Latinos in Political Science: Surviving the Job Market, the Tenure Process, and Pursuing Happiness as an Academic

Fri, September 1, 2:00 to 3:30 pm, Hilton Union Square, Continental Parlor 3

Latino Caucus Business Meeting

Fri, September 1, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, Hilton Union Square, Union Square 21

Reception for APA Caucus, Latino Caucus, REP, Status of Asian Pacific Americans in the Profession, Status of Blacks in the Profession, Status of First Gen Higher Ed Scholars, Status of Latinos y Latinas

Fri, September 1, 7:30 to 9:00 pm, Westin St. Francis, Colonial

APSA Reception Honoring Women of Color in the Profession

Fri, September 1, 8:30 to 10:00 pm, Westin St. Francis, Italian

A Message from the National Conference of Black Political Scientists

During March 15-18, 2017, the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) convened its 48th Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. Themed, "Black Politics at Its Intersection: Challenging Persistent Inequalities," as developed and organized by NCOBPS' 2017 Program Co-Chairs, Christina Greer and Ravi K. Perry. The conference focused on "the inter- and intra-sections of movements, methodologies, demographics, and strategies within 21st century Black politics. The papers, panels, posters, and roundtables reflected heterogeneity within and external to Blackness and scholarship that recognizes Blackness as both a political and ascriptive identity, as well as the diasporic racial politics, global struggles, and triumphs of Black movements internationally."

Special highlights from the conference included an opening plenary that explored the persistent inequalities facing people of African descent, writ large, a plenary discussing California Black politics, and a closing plenary addressing Black political activism in the Trump era; a conversation with the President of the American Political Science Association (APSA), David Lake, entitled, "APSA's Role Confronting Inequities in the Age of Trump;" a professional development luncheon, with Steven Rathgeb Smith, Executive Director of APSA; a Founders Symposium, honoring the memory of past, Graduate Student Representative, Savannah N. Carroll, which explored marginalization and the notion of a " Global Black Community;" and an Awards Dinner, featuring guest speaker, LGBT activist, Keith Boykin, a *New York Times* best-selling author, assistant adjunct professor of political science at Columbia University, CNN political commentator, and journalist. Honors were extended to the 2017 NCOBPS Awards Winners.

The **2017 NCOBPS Awards Winners** include the following:

W.E.B. Du Bois Distinguished Book Award

Awardee(s): Shatema Threadcraft

Intimate Justice: The Black Female Body and the Body Politic
(Oxford University Press)

Daniel Q. Gillion

Governing with Words: The Political Dialogue on Race, Public Policy, and Inequality in America (Cambridge University Press)

Rodney Higgins Best Faculty Paper Award

Awardee(s): Pearl K. Dowe, Brinck Kerr, Grace Kerr and Will H. Miller

"What are the Determinants of Interethnic Competition for Principal Positions in Multiethnic U. S. School Districts?"

Fannie Lou Hamer Outstanding Community Service Award

Awardee: Christopher Whitt

Bayard Rustin Best LGBT Student Paper Award

Awardee(s): Sharonda D. Woodford, Nadia E. Brown

"Invisible Bodies: The Politics of Violence on Black Masculine Lesbians"

Sammy Young Best Student Paper Award

Awardee: Jonathan Collins

"The Politics of Childcare: The Role of Racial Attitudes and Traditional Family Values in Shaping Childcare Policy Preferences"

Alex Willingham Best Political Theory Paper Award

Awardee: Charisse Burden-Stelly

"Anticommunism, Antiradicalism, and Antiblackness: Theories, Queries, and Lessons for the Present"

At the Annual Business Meeting, a new team of officers were elected: Sekou M. Franklin, President-Elect; Emmitt Riley, Secretary; Nikol Alexander-Floyd, Treasurer; Princess Williams, Graduate Student Representative; Daria Leon, Undergraduate Student Representative; and two newly-elected Executive Council Members, Adolphus Belk and Niambi M. Carter. At the conclusion of the conference, Shayla C. Nunnally began her tenure as the 39th President of NCOBPS, and she will serve through 2019.

In 2018, NCOBPS will host its 49th Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, with Valerie C. Johnson and Robert Brown, serving as Program Co-Chairs. The conference theme continues the questioning of disparities among Black people, with a focus on the "environment," broadly defined: "**Race and the Environment: Agency, Survival, and the Continuing Challenges of Black Inequalities.**" Graduate students will be invited to submit proposals for the 2018 Founders Symposium, which honors distinguished NCOBPS scholars, who have greatly contributed to political science and whose mentorship and legacy demonstrate NCOBPS' mission to "promote the political aspirations of people of African descent in the United States and throughout the world." The 2018 Founders Symposium has been named in memory of NCOBPS member, Mark Q. Sawyer.

NCOBPS invites scholars interested in submitting proposals for the 2018 conference to do so by the November 1, 2017, deadline.

Call for Papers
49th Annual Meeting of the
National Conference of Black Political Scientists
March 15-18, 2018

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644 North Lake Shore Drive
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***“Race and the Environment:
Agency, Survival, and the Continuing Challenges of Black Inequalities”***

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The conference theme, **“Race and the Environment: Agency, Survival, and the Continuing Challenges of Black Inequalities,”** explores the multiple manifestations of the environment for the everyday lives of Black people around the world. The condition of the Black body has been regulated by the scope of political discourses during particular political environments, over time. Accesses to nation, subsistence, providence, and wealth have been defined by land acquisition, arability, maintenance, safety, transferability, displacement, and dispossession. Public policies and practices influence the volatility (or not) of Blacks’ environments and the qualities of land, air, water, and “space,” in general, which sustain (or limit) Black communities’ well-being. Whether it is household, block-level, urban-suburban-rural, Global North or Global South, the survival and liberation of Black people depends upon the “health” of their environs, with special attention to its protection and dignity, through their rights as citizens and human beings. Of critical importance is the extent to which these environs may (or may not) have changed in the transition from the Obama era to the Trump era.

The conference encourages proposals related to topics on Black people and the “environment,” broadly defined and throughout time, in order to explore the politics of race, gender, ethnicity, class, age, ability, immigration status, and nation, as far as their intersections with their environments and whether Black people live their lives as (under)privileged, vulnerable, empowered, or resilient, in the Black Diaspora. Being that the conference is in Chicago, Illinois, where there exists a vibrant Black community life, the conference location offers yet another meaningful context for excavating race and the environment for Black lives. The location also renders important a space for engaging Black community life in critical-analytical, conference exchanges.

Proposals will be accepted through November 1, 2017. Interested scholars should submit proposals, here: <https://hq.ssrn.com/conference=2018-NCOBPS>.

Call for Papers: *Journal of the Center for Policy Analysis and Research*

Special issue: “Defining the Black Agenda in the Post-Obama Era”

Edited by: Dr. Menna Demessie (Vice-President of the Center for Policy Analysis and Research, CBCF) & Dr. Alexandra Antohin (Senior Research and Program Manager, CBCF)

The Black Agenda has reached broader social attention as a result of the two term administration of President Barack Obama. Though representation at the highest office has produced positive impacts for core civil rights issues, there is also a substantial critique that the Black Agenda has yet to gain the momentum needed to affect every day change in the lives of African Americans. The monumental step of electing the first black president has not ushered in a post-racial society.

While the historic results of 2016 election represent a major sea-change that will significantly challenge how we study and predict mainstream political behavior, the disconnect between representative leadership and social realities on the ground has long been a point of tension for African American communities. A defining statement from William A. Clay Sr., founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus, that “Black people have no permanent friends, no permanent enemies...just permanent interests,” bears true today, as interest groups are forced to strengthen coalitions and working relationships to address key concerns over healthcare, environmental justice, education, police reform and local economic development. Politicians, practitioners, activists and other change-makers now have to contend and react to new elements, compositions, and behaviors of political representation.

For this inaugural issue of the *Journal of the Center for Policy Analysis and Research*, we invite contributions of full length essays (4,000 – 6,000 words) of original writing and approaches to policy analyses, based on quantitative and qualitative research, substantial use of primary and secondary data, and explicit proposals for policy directions. The following are suggested topics for exploring the journal's special theme, though proposals outside these areas will also be considered:

- * Education and Workforce Development
- * Economic Development, Housing, Jobs and Fairness
- * Criminal Justice, Policing Reform and Gun Safety
- * Healthcare
- * Poverty Reduction and Nutrition
- * Strong Communities Together
- * Environmental Justice
- * Homeland Security and Foreign Affairs
- * Voting Rights

Submission Deadlines:

- Initial abstracts/expressions of interest (max. 300 words), proposed title, and short author bio and affiliation (max. 100 words): August 11, 2017
- Notification of invitation to submit a full article: August 25, 2017
- Submission of completed articles: Nov 10, 2017
- Notification of editorial comments: January 15, 2018
- Final versions due: February 16, 2018
 - Please send your abstract and bio, as well as all queries about the journal and this call for papers, to Alexandra Antohin: aantohin@cbcfinc.org.

The Journal of the Center for Policy Analysis and Research, part of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, is a multidisciplinary journal that publishes original research and analyses on public policy issues related to black politics in the U.S. and abroad. The journal's objective is to foster dialogue between the academic and applied fields in order to better inform policy, programs and practice, drawing from a broad range of backgrounds, such as economics, political science, sociology, anthropology, public policy, law, international affairs, media studies, feminist studies, LGBT and sexuality studies, history, geography, and other related disciplines. The journal prioritizes writing that is accessible to an audience of non-experts who seek to engage with academic research. Furthermore, the editors are especially committed to cultivating a forum for early-career professionals, with or without advanced degrees, whose studies have direct policy implications for programs and strategies at various levels of government and civil society that affect African American and minority communities.

In Memoriam

Dr. Cyril Korfie Daddieh



Dr. Cyril Kofie Daddieh (1954-2017) was a professor at Miami University of Ohio. Dr. Daddieh died peacefully at the age of 62, on April 8, 2017, at Drake Hospital, Vitas Hospice (Cincinnati, Ohio).

Dr. Daddieh was born in October 1954 in Jaway, Ghana. He pursued an undergraduate degree from Ripon College, culminating in 1978 with a B.A. degree in Political Science; a Master's degree in 1978 in International Affairs – Development path from Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada; and a Ph.D. in International Relations from Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, Canada in 1983.

In 1988, Dr. Daddieh joined Salisbury State University as an Associate Professor in the Political Science Department. He was named a Jessie Ball duPont scholar and spent one year in the political science department at the women's school, Mary Baldwin College, in Staunton, VA, where he taught political science and black studies courses. After one year at Mary Baldwin, he returned to Salisbury University for several more years.

Following 10 years at Salisbury University, Dr. Daddieh engaged in teaching and research at Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island. As a tenured member of the Political Science department, he also was the director of the Black Studies program, which offered students a minor degree, in an interdisciplinary program. One of his favorite courses was "Politics through Literature." During his tenure, he was advanced to the rank of Full Professor. Dr. Daddieh remained at Providence College for 10 years, after which in 2006, Miami University of Ohio selected Dr. Daddieh as a Full Professor and the chair of the Black World Studies (BWS) program, a position that he chaired for 5 years.

Following his BWS chair term, Dr. Daddieh returned to researching and teaching in the Political Science department, where he taught International Relations and Black World Studies courses for the next 6 years.

Dr. Daddieh never forgot where he came from in the Western Region fishing village of Jaway, Ghana. Each year, he spent the summer break conducting research in Ghana and the Côte d'Ivoire writing prolifically about his findings. For several presidential election cycles in Ghana, he participated as an election monitor through the Ghanaian NGO CDD-Center for Democracy and Development in Accra, Ghana. He wrote myriad articles on the political economy and electoral system in Ghana. He published several books on rural development and subsistence farming. His crowning achievement was a 700-page tome titled: *An Historical Dictionary of the Côte d'Ivoire* which was published in February 2016.

Dr. Mark Sawyer



Dr. Mark Sawyer was a professor of African-American studies and political science at UCLA. Sawyer died Sunday, March 26, in Los Angeles. He was 45.

A fierce and consistent advocate for civil rights, justice and equality, Sawyer began teaching at UCLA in 1999 after receiving a doctorate in political science from the University of Chicago. He was instrumental in the creation of UCLA's Department of African American Studies in 2014, the culmination of a process that took nearly a decade. He also co-founded the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Program in the UCLA Department of Political Science. The program has since attracted large numbers of graduate students, especially African-Americans and Latinos.

"He had a lot of energy; he had a lot of passion. He was a fighter," said Laura Gómez, interim dean of the UCLA Division of Social Sciences. "These kinds of initiatives, such as the creation of a department, take a lot of focus and energy. He was always pushing this university to fulfill its commitments to access and diversity."

Sawyer struggled with depression and was diagnosed with bipolar disorder in recent years. “Mark and his family always felt it was important to talk openly about his mental health illness so that other people would be inspired to seek treatment,” Gómez said.

Sawyer published widely on racial, political, gender, immigration and coalition politics — always with an eye toward history. His first book, *Racial Politics in Post-Revolutionary Cuba*, published by Cambridge University Press in 2006, earned critical acclaim and garnered major prizes in his field, including the Ralph J. Bunche Award from the American Political Science Association and the W. E. B. DuBois Award from the National Conference of Black Political Scientists.

His essays have appeared in SOULS, the Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology, Journal of Political Psychology, the DuBois Review, Perspectives on Politics, and the UCLA Journal of International and Foreign Affairs.

He served as chair of the African-American studies department from 2011-13 (when it was still an interdepartmental program) and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity and Politics since 2005.

He also served as a visiting associate professor at Harvard and a Rockefeller African Diaspora Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Texas, Austin. He taught at the Stanford Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences Summer Institute as well. He was named mentor of the year in 2007 by the UCLA Academic Advancement Program.

“Although Mark was beset with serious health challenges over the past few years, he persevered and insisted on mentoring students and participating in the life of the university,” said Robin Kelley, chair of UCLA African-American studies department, professor of history and the Gary B. Nash Chair in United States History. “He will be remembered as a brilliant scholar, a visionary academic leader and a popular teacher whose enthusiasm for his subject was palpable and infectious.”