

## Recent News and Appearances

**Nov. 2009-** Speaking at the **National Communications Association** in Chicago, Illinois.

Panel entitled "**Ten Years since *The Boundaries of Blackness***"-a reflection on the influential work of political scientist Cathy Cohen. The panel will moderated by Cathy Cohen, with presentations by Jeffrey McCune (Professor of American Studies, Univ. of Maryland), Marlon Bailey (Professor of African American Studies, Indiana University), Celeste Watkins, (Professor of Sociology, Northwestern) and Frank Leon Roberts (Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellow).

**October 2009-** Speaking at the **NAACP Legal Defense Fund Conference** in Warrenton, Virginia.

Panel entitled "Advocating for Racial Justice in a Post-Racial World" moderated by Harvard University Law Professor Charles Ogletree (Founder of the Institute for Race and Justice, Harvard University). Other panelists are: John Payton Jr. (President, NAACP LDF), Thomas Saez (President, Mexican American Legal Defense Fund), Barbara R. Arnwine (Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law) and Frank Leon Roberts (Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellow)

**May 2009-** Participating in the Black Performance Theory Conference at **Yale University**. Event is entitled "Afro-Sonics: Grammars of Black Sound."

**May 2009-**Awarded the **MARBL Fellowship** at **Emory University**, Summer/Fall 2009

**May 2009-**Awarded the **CLAGS Fellowship** (Dissertation Award), presented by the **Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies** at the Graduate Center of CUNY

**March 2009-**Awarded the **Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship**, administered by the **National Academy of Sciences!**

**January-May 2009—** Teaching as an Adjunct Lecturer/Professor in the **Department of Social and Cultural Analysis** at NYU (Gender and Sexuality Studies Program).