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Upcoming Events

Spring Brown Bag Event

Late April or May

2nd Annual Black Policy Conference

April 21-23, 2006

Release of Volume XII

June 2006

A Nation Exposed: Rebuilding African American Communities

The devastating effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita has deeply impacted African American families. As such, the 2005-06 publication entitled, *A Nation Exposed: Rebuilding African American Communities*, confronts the issue of redeveloping the Gulf Coast and general strategies that address urban revitalization and rural development. Even though much of the devastation from the hurricanes that we witnessed has left the headlines, it remains evident that the communities and supporting infrastructure it will take many years to rebuild. Sadly, the challenge of rebuilding is even more daunting for African American families.

National Urban League and former mayor of New Orleans, Congresswoman Donna M. Christensen (D-VI), and Melanie Campbell, Presi-

publication also addresses the impact of new policies in urban and rural development on African American families.



Victims of Hurricane Katrina search through wreckage in hopes of finding belongings. Photograph courtesy of Ithaca College.

On our website you will find links to featured articles on the impact of Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast as well as organizations which you can assist in their efforts to aid and support the victims of this profound tragedy. [To view a list of organizations for this volume please visit <http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/HJAAP/>.]

This April the journal continues its discussion of Hurricane Katrina by sponsoring a panel at the annual Kennedy School

The journal highlights the stories of countless survivors striving to rebuild their communities as well as the impact of new policies proposed by contributing authors such as Marc Morial, President of the

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From the Editor

The Harvard Journal of African American Public Policy has begun its planning for the publication of Volume XII. The entire journal staff is looking forward to providing informative and thought-provoking discussion on the major issues impacting African Americans including health care, education policies, community development and the global economy. This year we have assembled a strong and committed staff, working diligently to produce a publication that provides a thorough examination of the interaction between public policy and the African American experience. The devastating effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita has deeply impacted African American families. As such, the 2005-06 publication entitled, *A Nation Exposed: Rebuilding African American Communities*, confronts the issue of redeveloping the Gulf Coast and general strategies that address urban revitalization and rural development. As we continue to grow, your guidance and commitment to the Journal become even more critical. With your continued support, we can develop and implement strategies to achieve our goals. Again, we thank you for your continued support.

-Bria Gillum



Editor-in-Chief Bria Gillum with author Jacob Levenson and political activist Mario Cooper at the spring 2005 journal event.

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Own a Copy of "INVISIBLE: HIV/AIDS in the African American Community"

Last year's journal, entitled "INVISIBLE: HIV/AIDS in the African American Community" initiated vital dialogue on HIV/AIDS. In addition to the publication of this special volume, the journal co-sponsored an event for World AIDS Day in December 2004 and



Nancy Dorsinville and Jacob Levenson

hosted an invigorating panel discussion in April 2005 featuring Jacob Levenson, author of *The Secret Epidemic*; political activist Mario Cooper; and AIDS researcher and policy strategist Nancy Dorsinville. For more information on our 2005 volume please visit <http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/ksgpress/bulletin/spring2005/charles/journal/htm>. Don't miss this opportunity to own a copy of this groundbreaking edition. Order a copy of *Invisible* today!

Support the Journal!

As a student-run publication, the journal is solely dependent on financial support from the Kennedy School Student Government and contributors like you! A tax-deductible gift to the journal will help us to continue to deliver the quality publication our readers have come to expect.

\$50 will pay for online web development training courses for 2 staff members

\$100 will provide refreshments for the Spring Brown Bag event

\$150 will purchase Dreamweaver web development software

\$200 will create journal subscriptions to the libraries of 5 HBCUs

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\$500 will supply the journal office with a printer

\$1000 will enable the journal to host a Publication Release reception

\$1500 will purchase a new computer complete with software



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You can help with the relief efforts

American Red Cross

(800) 435-7669/800 HELP-NOW

Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund

www.bushclintonkatrinafund.org

Catholic Relief Services

www.crs.org

Habitat for Humanity

(866) 292-7892

Louisiana Disaster Relief Foundation

<http://louisianahelp.org/>

Oxfam America

(800) 77 OXFAM

MercyCorps

(800) 852-2100

NAACP

www.naacp.org

Salvation Army

(800) SAL-ARMY

Featured Articles on the Rebuilding Efforts after Katrina

We've provided the following links to featured articles on the effects of Hurricane Katrina and the rebuilding efforts in the Gulf coast.

"Empowering the Poor", By David T. Ellwood

Boston Globe, September 27, 2005

http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/ksgnews/Features/opeds/092705_ellwood.htm

"Rebuilding after Katrina to Take Monumental Effort"

By Sue Kirchhoff, *USA TODAY*, October 5, 2005

http://www.usatoday.com/money/economy/housing/2005-10-05-katrina-housing-usat_x.htm

"President Bush, Katrina and African Americans"

By Madeline Brand, National Public Radio

Sept, 15, 2005,

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=4848961>

"Scattered Educators, Students, Trying to Regroup"

by Susan Kinzie and Valerie Strauss, *Washington Post*

September 1, 2005

"Study Says 80% of New Orleans Blacks May Not Return"

By James Dao. *New York Times*, January 27, 2006.

Upcoming Event: 2006 Black Policy Conference "Bridging the Gap" April 21-23, 2006

The Kennedy School of Government Black Policy Conference is the leading policy driven forum to address the issues affecting communities within the African Diaspora. This year our theme, entitled "Bridging the Gap" centers around the socioeconomic disparity faced by people of African descent. In light of the tragedy that we witnessed as Hurricanes Katrina and Rita ravaged New Orleans and the Gulf, it became evident that the endemic inequality we witnessed as a nation, cut across lines of race, class and gender. This phenomenon is not unique to the United States, but spans globally, to all people of African descent in the Caribbean, Latin American and throughout Africa.

The conference provides an opportunity for the convergence of the world's greatest minds and practitioners; with the hope and intent of finding sustainable solutions for this prevailing social problem which has been ignored for much too long. We hope you will join us in April, please visit www.ksg.harvard.edu/bpc for more information.