

The Wolfe Institute

*The Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities,
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presents*

Town Hall Meeting with Hakeem Jeffries



Jeffries, the Democratic nominee for Congress (8th District), will take questions from editors of *The Kingsman*, *Excelsior*, and representatives of other student organizations about: the status of federal student loan programs and grant options; the New York City Police Department's Stop-and-Frisk policy, which he strongly opposes; U.S. policies in the Middle East; and the scandals that have hit Brooklyn politics in recent months.

Hakeem Jeffries is now the New York State Assemblyman representing Fort Greene, Clinton Hill, Crown Heights and Bedford Stuyvesant. But on Election Day, November 6, political experts say he is likely to become the U.S. Representative for a much larger swath of Brooklyn, taking in the above communities plus Coney Island, Marine Park, East New York, Canarsie, as well as the Howard Beach section of Queens. Assemblyman Jeffries is an attorney (NYU Law School) who practiced for several years at the renowned firm Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison. For a semester, he taught political science at Brooklyn College. In 2010, Jeffries was featured in the documentary film *Gerrymandering*, which told the stories of people like Jeffries who were "gerrymandered" out of their own districts by powerful politicians seeking to hold onto power. Jeffries owes a great debt to the late Shirley Chisholm, the Brooklyn College graduate who in 1968 became the first Black Brooklynite elected to Congress – and the first Black woman in all of American history elected to that body.

Ron Howell, associate professor of journalism, will moderate.

**Thursday, October 25, 2012
10 to 11 a.m.**

**Woody Tanger Auditorium
Brooklyn College Library**

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