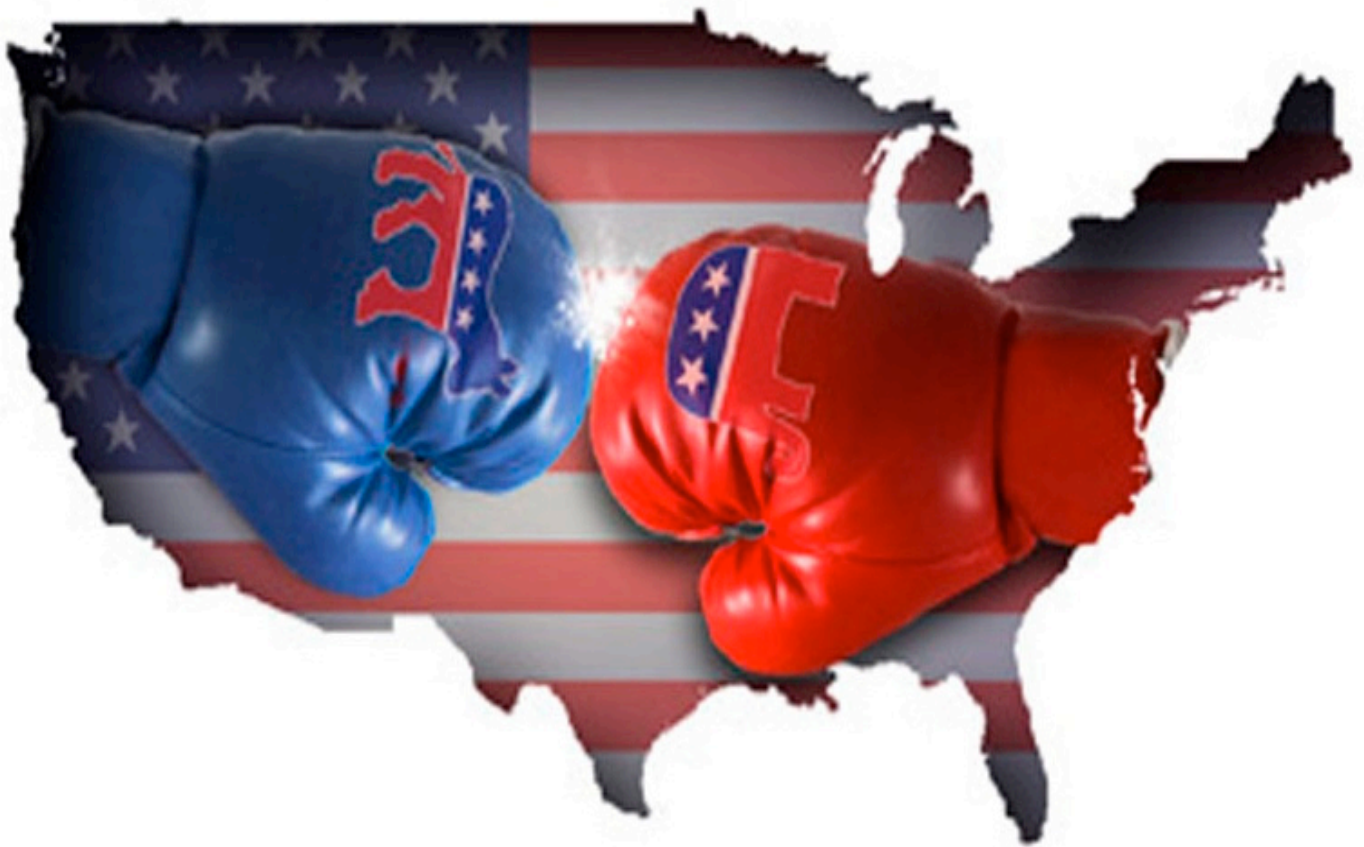


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Aura Bogado works with Voting Rights Watch 2012, a joint project of *The Nation* and *Colorlines.com*. Her current work covers voter suppression, including voter ID laws, cut-offs to early voting, dubious purges, and voter intimidation against Native Americans and people of color--and the way those communities push back to preserve their right to cast a ballot. Aura has reported in Spanish and English from Mexico, Peru, Argentina, and the United States. Her work has been published in *Mother Jones*, *Newsweek Argentina*, *AlterNet*, and *The Huffington Post*. With the support of the Investigative Fund at The Nation Institute, she conducted an in-depth examination on the consequences of immigration enforcement by local police in Arizona. In 2006, City Lights Books published *The Other Campaign*, which featured her exclusive interview with Subcomandante Marcos, his first in five years. She earned her B.A. from Yale University, majoring in American studies. An immigrant from South America of indigenous (Guarani) descent, she is currently based in New York, and plays son jarocho music in her spare time.

Lawrence Johnson, assistant professor of sociology, joined the faculty at Brooklyn College in fall 2012. He earned his Ph.D. in sociology and Africana studies from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. His courses emphasize the attainment and application of empirical knowledge and subjective realities to explore our social world. His areas of scholarly interest include, but are not limited to, issues of social inequality in general and racial inequality specifically. Professor Johnson’s research centers on the Racial Formation understanding of colorblind racism and post-racial discourse amongst black elected officials. Lawrence is currently working on a book manuscript that explores the political discourse of Governor Deval Patrick of Massachusetts. This work focuses on the subtle articulation of race and inequality through universal appeals and the American dream. Presentations and research interests also includes classroom pedagogical strategies for engaging students in complex understandings of race and inequality.

Louis Prisock, assistant professor of Africana studies, Rutgers University, received his B.S. in business administration from Drexel University and his M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He is the author of *If You Love Children, Say So: The African American Anti-Abortion Movement* which appeared in *The Public Eye*, and has written reviews for the journal *Contemporary Sociology*. Louis is working on a forthcoming book entitled *The Inescapability of Race: African American Participation in Conservative Political, Intellectual, Social, and Religious Movements* and a trilogy of articles entitled “Racial Mascots: Black Conservatism’s Role in the Maintenance of White Supremacy in the ‘Post-Racial’ Obama Era.” Professor Prisock’s primary area of research is political sociology with an emphasis on African-American conservatism.

Alan A. Aja is an assistant professor and deputy chair in the PRLS department at Brooklyn College. His latest publications include a collaborative piece with Miranda Martinez in *Latinola Research Review* (Fall, 2012) and an essay in *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture and Society* (Fall, 2012). Before academia, Aja worked as a labor organizer with the Texas State Employees Union, an environmental education researcher in Cuba, and a human rights organizer with Amnesty International-Argentina. He is currently working on a book project on Afro-Cuban immigration experiences in South Florida. Professor Aja’s research and expertise includes race, gender, and class issues between and amongst Latino and African American communities; government responses to labor market and housing discrimination and institutionalized racism; immigration/education policy; identity formation; social and economic segregation; sustainable development and collective action/unionization in response to labor market conditions.

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