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## WHOSE VOTES COUNT?

featuring

**JELANI COBB, PH.D.**

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November 10, 2021

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. CT

Online Live-Stream

Featuring

Keynote Speaker

**Dr. Jelani Cobb**

Columbia University's Ira A. Lipman Professor of Journalism and

writer at *The New Yorker*

and

**Discussant: Dr. Tanika Raychaudhuri**

Assistant Professor of Political Science

at the University of Houston

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### About this Lecture

At stake in every election is nothing less than our hope for the future. Today, America is in a state of political unrest unlike anything in recent decades. Deeply partisan politics has led to gerrymandering, strict – and some may say constitutionally-questionable voter ID laws, and continued controversy surrounding access to the vote. In this talk, Jelani Cobb illustrates what voter suppression looks like, and why access to the vote may never be more vital.

### About the Keynote Speaker

Jelani Cobb is the Ira A. Lipman Professor of Journalism at Columbia University, a staff writer at *The New Yorker*, and a frequent contributor to MSNBC. Most recently, Professor Cobb edited *The Matter of Black Lives* and co-edited *The Essential Kerner Commission Report*, re-examining the racial crisis that produced the urban uprisings of the 1960s. He is the author of *The Substance of Hope: Barack Obama and the Paradox of Progress* as well as *To the Break of Dawn: A Freestyle on the Hip Hop Aesthetic*. Dr. Cobb's essays have also appeared in *The Washington Post*, *The New Republic*, *Essence*, *Vibe*, *The Progressive*, and *TheRoot.com*. He is the recipient of the 2015 Sidney Hillman Award for Opinion and Analysis Writing.

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