

The Civil Rights Project



Proyecto Derechos Civiles

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New Book Provides New Studies on Race Relations in the U.S.

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Los Angeles—November 28, 2008—The Civil Rights Project/ Proyecto Derechos Civiles is proud to announce the publication of *Twenty-First Century Color Lines: Multiracial Change in Contemporary America* from Temple University Press. Edited by Andrew Grant-Thomas, deputy director of the Kerwin Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at Ohio State University, and Professor Gary Orfield, co-director of the Civil Rights Project/Proyecto Derechos Civiles at UCLA, the book continues a national dialogue begun at the "Color Lines Conference," sponsored by the Civil Rights Project and directed by Grant-Thomas at Harvard University. This unprecedented conference produced 110 new studies on race relations in the U.S., some of which the editors incorporated into the book. *Twenty-First Century Color Lines* offers a wide variety of new perspectives about moving from the traditional racial issues of the U.S. toward an understanding of a vastly more complex multiracial setting. This is particularly relevant as the nation prepares for next month's inauguration of our 21st century President, Barak Obama.

Chapters include:

- "Color Lines in a Multiracial Nation: An Institutional Demographic Overview of the United States in the 21st Century," by Nancy McArdle
- "Structural Racism and Color Lines in the United States," by Andrew Grant-Thomas and John A. Powell

- "We are not like them: Social Distancing and Realignment in the U.S. Latino Racial Hierarchy," by Christina Gomez
- "Multiracial Youth Scenes and the Dynamics of Race: New Approaches to Racialization within the Bay Area Hip Hop Underground," by Anthony Kwame Harrison
- "Immigrant Political Empowerment in New York and Los Angeles," by John Mollenkopf
- "Color Lines, the New Society, and the Responsibility of Scholars," by Gary Orfield

The book can be ordered from Temple University Press at http://www.temple.edu/tempresstitles/1929_reg.html or through Amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

About the Civil Rights Project at UCLA

Founded in 1996 by former Harvard professors Gary Orfield and Christopher Edley Jr., the Civil Rights Project/Proyecto Derechos Civiles is now co-directed by Orfield and Patricia Gándara, professors at UCLA. Its mission is to create a new generation of research in social science and law, on the critical issues of civil rights and equal opportunity for racial and ethnic groups in the United States. It has commissioned more than 400 studies, published 14 books and issued numerous reports from authors at universities and research centers across the country. The Supreme Court, in its 2003 *Grutter v. Bollinger* decision upholding affirmative action, cited the Civil Rights Project's research.