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President Barack Obama, April 21, 2009  
Washington, D.C. at the signing of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act

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## EMERGING BLACK POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IN CLEVELAND: ANNUAL FORUM COMMEMORATING THE PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER OF THE LATE CONGRESSWOMAN STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

Tuesday, May 26, 2009 • 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Atrium

Cleveland State University • Glickman-Miller Hall • 1717 Euclid Avenue

Registration at [www.urban.csuohio.edu/forum](http://www.urban.csuohio.edu/forum) or call 216/523-7330

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### Keynote Speaker:

Featuring Jeff Johnson, Washington, D.C. based award-winning journalist, social activist and political commentator. A Cleveland native, Johnson is managing editor and chief correspondent for *The Truth with Jeff Johnson* on BET where he has earned a reputation as the “conscience voice” of network for his positive force among youth and young adults.

### About the program:

The forum will focus on the future of black political leadership in Cleveland. A new generation of black politicians is choosing careers in public service in a different way. How has political leadership changed. How was it nurtured in the past, how is it nurtured presently, and how should it be nurtured going forward? How can we foster and develop political leadership in individuals? And, what are the qualities and experience needed for a successful career in public service?

### Discussants:

- Nina Turner, Senator, 25th District, Ohio State Senate
- Peter Lawson Jones, Commissioner, Cuyahoga County
- TJ Dow, Councilman, Ward 7, City of Cleveland
- Jala Khateeb, Outreach Assistant, Mt. Pleasant Development Corporation

### Moderator:

- Randell McShepard, Vice President of Public Affairs, RPM International Inc.

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