



EAST-WEST CENTER
EDUCATION PROGRAM

**East-West Center Wednesday Evening Seminar
Spring 2009**

Keoni Auditorium
Imin Conference Center; Jefferson Hall
Wednesday, **April 8, 2009**
6:30pm-8:30pm

"A Brave New World? Citizenship, Community,
and Race in the Age of Obama"

Dr. Marcus Daniel

Does the election of the first African American president of the United States, Barack Obama, represent a pivotal moment in American history? As Obama himself pointed out during his presidential campaign, the issue of race is fundamental to an understanding of American society and history. Does his election therefore signify a decisive break with the past, a moment of collective recognition that will enable Americans to create a new, more inclusive sense of national identity and community? Or will the gravitational pull of a racist past prove too great to overcome? Placing his election in a longer historical perspective, this presentation will argue that Obama's election does give Americans a rare and very real chance to redefine their republic.

Dr. Marcus Daniel is an associate professor in the Department of History at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa where he teaches American colonial history, history of the early Republic, and African American history. He received his BA in modern British history at Cambridge University holds a MA and PhD in American history from Princeton University. Dr. Daniel's most recent work, *Scandal and Civility: Journalism and the Birth of American Democracy*, was published by the Oxford University Press in January 2009.

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The community is welcome to attend this lecture!