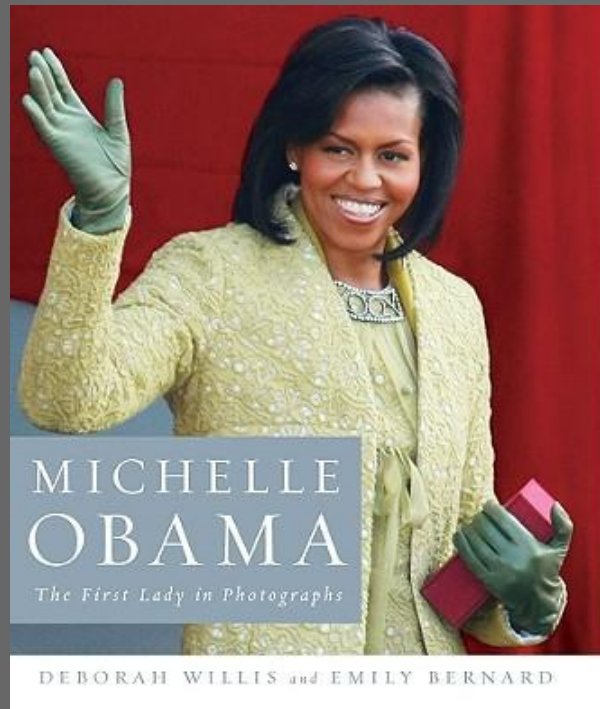


BRAG Black History Month Event



There has never been a First Lady like her before. While there have been a slew of Obama celebrity books, none contain the message of Deborah Willis and Emily Bernard's eye-opening book, *Michelle Obama: The First Lady in Photographs*. With nearly 200 compelling photographs, these two noted scholars capture Michelle Obama's dramatic transformation from working mother to First Lady, from her first tentative steps on the campaign trail to her spontaneous hug of the Queen, to her fairy-tale-like "date night" on Broadway. The authors show how Mrs. Obama represents the culmination of America's evolving views on women, race, motherhood, and beauty. Much more than a mere catalog of style, Michelle Obama is a remarkable pictorial story of one woman's hold on our imagination.

DATE: Thursday, February 18, 2010

LOCATION: Lord & Taylor, 424 5th Avenue @ 38th Street. 11th Floor, NYC

TIME: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

RSVP: Call (212) 234-3050 to RSVP your attendance.

COST: \$35 for Members – Members can only purchase tickets by calling the office at (212) 234-3050.
\$45 for Non-Members - Call (212) 234-3050 to purchase tickets or purchase tickets online by [clicking here](#).

Tickets include copy of book, wine and hors d'oeuvres. Author will give an overview of her work, and autograph the books at the end of the evening.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Named among the 100 Most Important People in Photography by American Photography Magazine, Dr. Deborah Willis is Chair and Professor of Photography and Imaging at Tisch School of the Arts, New York University, where she also has an affiliated appointment with the College of Arts and Sciences, Africana Studies.

A 2005 Guggenheim and Fletcher Fellow, a 2000 MacArthur Fellow, 1996 Recipient of the Anonymous Was a Woman Foundation Award, and now an artist, she is one of the nation's leading historians of African American photography and curator of African American culture.

Among her notable projects are Reflections in Black: A History of Black Photographers - 1840 to the Present, A Small Nation of People: W.E.B. DuBois and African American Portraits of Progress, The Black Female Body in Photography, Let Your Motto be Resistance, and Obama: the Historic Campaign in Photographs. This fall, Dr. Willis curated the traveling exhibition Posing Beauty in African American Culture, which was based on her book Posing Beauty: African American Images from the 1890's to the Present. A more recent work, Michelle Obama, The First Lady in Photographs, was published and released in November. She lives in New York.