



Contingent Freedom: Civil Rights from *Brown v. Board* to Michael Brown

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This talk explores how the history of the civil rights movement is understood both in the literature and in popular perception and how the racial dynamics of the United States during the Obama presidency have challenged both our contemporary understanding and how we may begin to look at the past.

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for Civil Rights, 1931-1957. Cobb is the author of *To the Break of Dawn: A Breakdown of the Freestyle Aesthetic* (2007) and *The Substance of Hope: Barack Obama & the Paradox of Progress* (2010). He is a regular contributor to *The New Yorker*, *The Nation*, and *TheRoot.com* among other publications.

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