Les Payne
As a Newsday Associate Managing Editor for national, science and international news, his staffs won every major award in journalism, including three recent Pulitzer Prizes. In 1974, he won his own Pulitzer as a member of a team of reporters who put together the series entitled “The Heroin Trail.” He also has extensive experience as an investigative reporter and foreign correspondent. Payne will moderate the forum.

Derrick Jackson
A Boston Globe columnist since 1988, Jackson was a 2001 finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in commentary and a winner of commentary awards from the National Education Writers Association, Unity Awards in Media from Lincoln University in Missouri and the National Association of Black Journalists. He was a Nieman Fellow in Journalism at Harvard University in 1984.

April Ryan
For 11 years, Ryan has been the White House correspondent for American Urban Radio Networks, the only African-American owned network radio company in the United States. Along with daily responsibilities at the White House, Ryan hosts the daily feature, The White House Report, which is broadcast to AURN’s nearly 475 affiliated stations.

Corey Dade
A Wall Street Journal reporter covering the 2008 presidential election, Dade covered the Democratic primaries, writing in-depth stories about Senator Barack Obama’s campaigns in South Carolina, Virginia and Florida. During the general election he has traveled with both presidential candidates. When not covering politics, Dade divides his reporting between major news across the South and the global shipping industry.

Athena Jones
As an embedded television producer, Jones has covered the 2008 election for NBC News and the National Journal. She reported on Hillary Clinton from September 2007 through the Pennsylvania primary and on Barack Obama starting in late April. She has also worked for CNN in New York and spent four years in South America as a reporter for Reuters and Bloomberg in Buenos Aires, Argentina and Santiago, Chile. She is from Houston, TX, and is a graduate of Harvard University and the Columbia School of Journalism.

Edward T. Mitchell, III
The Editor-in-Chief of The Maroon Tiger, the Morehouse College student newspaper, is a senior Political Science major and English minor. Edward previously served as The Maroon Tiger’s Director of Operations, News Editor, and World & Local Editor. He hopes to attain both a law degree and a master’s degree in Journalism.

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