



Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own Eddie S. Glaude Jr., Ph.D.

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Author, *Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own*

Interviewer: Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III

Senior Pastor, Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago

Tuesday, July 28, 2020, 7:00-8:00 PM

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Tuesday, July 28, 2020, 7:00-8:00 PM, **Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own**, a FAN conversation between Eddie S. Glaude Jr., Ph.D. and Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, III. **REGISTER: www.bit.ly/GlaudeFANWebinar. BONUS AFTER-HOURS EVENT: Attendees who purchase a copy of Begin Again from FAN's partner bookseller The Book Stall are invited to attend a 30-minute AFTER-HOURS event hosted by Dr. Glaude and Dr. Moss that will start immediately after the webinar. Details can be found on the event registration page.**

Over the past two years, **Eddie S. Glaude Jr.'s** fiery and brilliant appearances on MSNBC have not only frequently gone viral but made him one of today's leading public intellectuals. With his bestselling new book, **Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own**, he has written a fierce work that combines biography, history, and polemic to make an argument that we stand on the precipice of a decision about who we are as a country that will reverberate for decades.

In *Begin Again*, Dr. Glaude looks at James Baldwin's world and sees our own moment reflected back. Like Baldwin, he argues, we live in the *after times*—in Baldwin's case of the Civil Rights movement, and in our times of the Obama presidency and the promise of Black Lives Matter. In both cases, America responded to a challenge to the existing racial order by reasserting what Dr. Glaude calls *the lie*: the broad and powerful architecture of false assumptions by which white lives are valued more than others. That reassertion has been violent and devastating.

But Dr. Glaude argues that we are not without hope; even in the *after times* we still have a choice. As he shows in riveting biographical chapters, Baldwin was nearly broken by the lie. In the years spanning from the publication of *The Fire Next Time* in 1963 to that of *No Name in the Street* a decade later, Baldwin was by necessity transformed into a more overtly political writer, a change that came at great professional and personal cost. But from that journey, he emerged with a sense of renewed purpose about pushing forward in the face of disillusionment and despair.

Dr. Glaude is the **James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University**. He is the former president of the **American Academy of Religion**, the largest professional organization of scholars of religion in the world.

Dr. Glaude will be interviewed by **Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III, Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ** in Chicago. With civil rights advocacy in his DNA, Dr. Moss built his ministry on community advancement and social justice activism. He practices and preaches a Black theology that unapologetically calls attention to the problems of mass incarceration, environmental justice, and economic inequality.

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