

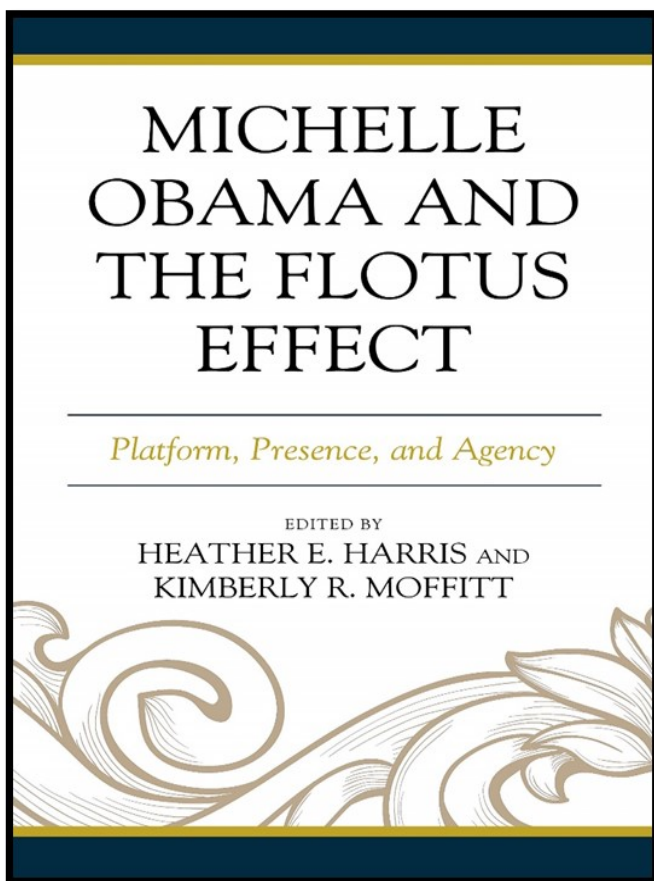
# Book Release Party

Join us as we celebrate the release of this volume, *Michelle Obama and the FLOTUS Effect*. Panelists will reflect on their chapters and offer insights about implications of the former First Lady. Q & A session to follow.

February 27th, 2020 at 5:30pm

UMBC, Performing Arts & Humanities Building, Room 216

*Refreshments will be served.*



"[The FLOTUS Effect](#)" emphasizes the import of agency on the part of Michelle Obama in relation to her politics as evidenced in her positionality and presence as the first African American woman to serve as First Lady of the United States of America. Her occupation of a previously white space and place tended to frame her as an enigma in the American mind and media. Contributors reflect on Mrs. Obama's eight years in her ceremonial position, and the ways she chose to uniquely embody her role. Hence, the result is a volume that speculates upon her evolving legacy, and the likely "effects" of what it meant to be the first African-American woman to serve in the ceremonial, yet powerful, role of FLOTUS.

**Moderated By:** Sonya M. Crosby

**Panelists:** Heather E. Harris; Kimberly R. Moffitt; Sherella Cupid; Tahira Chloe Mahdi; Shawntay K. Stocks and Leticia D. Williams

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