

- Gladys and Ossian Sweet home images
  - What does purchasing the home mean?
- The fact that the home sits on the corner makes it open to any mob
- Family more upwardly mobile than anyone else in the community but seen as somebody who is going to depreciate property values and who is breaching the color line
- Plessy 1896 case - 1/8<sup>th</sup> black
  - He has to say that he is black
  - To question it is to question the logic of race
- Ossian Sweet does not have that opportunity, because it is obvious.
- For someone like Gladys, it is not so obvious.
- Respectability politics
  - They were trying to show that they were white in comportment and that they were not actually white (but white in comportment).
- Gladys grew up 25 blocks from 2905 Garland.
- Paradise Valley initially looks like this wonderful place to live but it's ghetto-adjacent. It becomes an extension of black bottom.
  - It's in Detroit
  - The West side of Detroit has always been glimpsed as this place of privilege.
  - "On the West side you get stabbed, on the East side you get killed."
- Obama is not standing up there to admonish African-American males because he is trying to support white racism.
  - We call anything that occurs today respectability politics. And it's not.
- Northern racial liberalism is not enough. You can't write into law equal treatment without taking into measures treatments to ensure that these laws take place.
  - You can change policy, you can't change the public mind.
  - De facto segregation is more durable than de jure segregation - we're not going to correct systemic inequalities.
- NO state shall
- As Boyle put it there are laws on the books that promote this idea of racial equality.
- When you have the wrong goal in mind, integration gets us close; what black Northerners are learning is that where laws state that boat races are equal and then to encounter discriminatory racial practices is going to lead people to say, that's not enough.

- In the 1930s, politics of respectability and uplift are 20<sup>th</sup> century ideas and those ideas go out the window. People who are touting respectability politics are not unlike Martin Luther King.
- Stokley Carmichael
- What individuals realize is that changing laws - not enough.
- The United States is so entrenched in a certain way of thinking.
- In Baldwin, African-Americans are told that they are not going to be served at a theater.
  - Unless the state intervenes, that inequality is going to persist.
- Arc of Justice
- Two follies - the strategy of respectability is going to be enough, Northern racial liberalism
  - The two work in partnership
- One of the most amazing things about blacks' relationship to the State is that throughout history, even dating beyond this particular historical moment (let's go back to slavery). African Americans rely on the State even though the State is oftentimes responsible for the degradation that the face.
- A. Philip Randolph - first march on Washington - tells FDR that if you're not going to make any changes, we're going to march. African-Americans engage in a double-V campaign because America is fighting fascism abroad. So we get Executive Order 0882.
- There are ways in which African-Americans have relied on the State even when the State is responsible for their predicament.
- Labor History: the State is in bed with management.
  - Management relies on the State to support its unfair treatment of workers, who repeatedly strike, picket, engage in sit-downs to disrupt industrial practices. But they also go to the State and say they want better conditions, better workdays.
- The Wagner Act -
- In the 1920s, capitalism run amok and unions were oppressed, so there was the Great Depression.
  - Liberalism was laissez-faire capitalism in the 1920s; Roosevelt completely changes what it means to be engaged in what we call liberalism. Liberalism was a great thing in the 1920s.
    - Now: government is going to do something to offset ways in which the caprices of business hurt the little person when things are unrestrained / unregulated.
- How many marginalized groups, regardless to the State's treatment of them, still seek the State for help.
  - If the government tries to intervene, another branch says no

- What African-Americans are doing in Chicago is engaging in early stages of black power.
- Papers back on Tuesday if not before then, will email them
- Ossian Sweet represents African-Americans trying to live a better life in the North.