

# **“Harvard of the Poor” as Racial Myth**

Racial Inequality at City University of New York, 1960-1969

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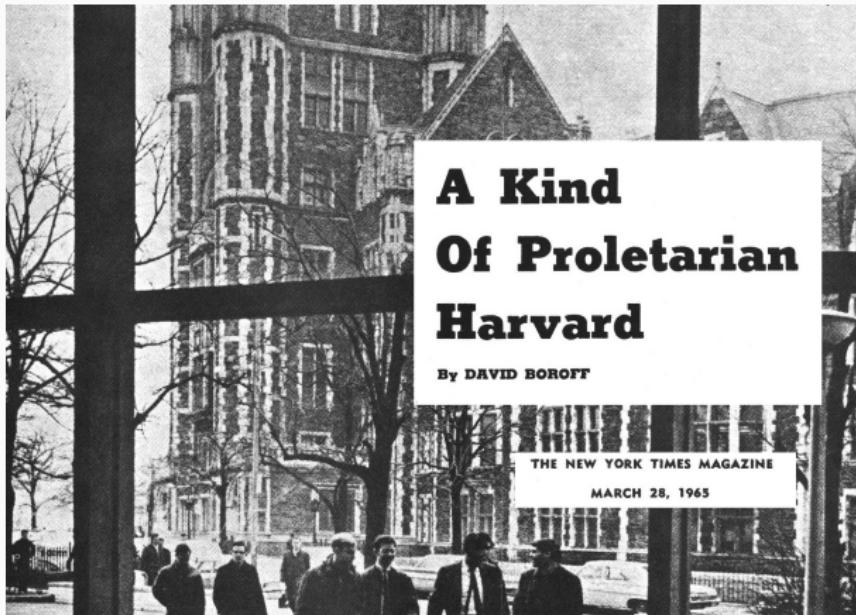
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# Equality of opportunity at City College



**Figure 1:** The Free Academy Building, corner of Lexington and 23rd St., pre-1890

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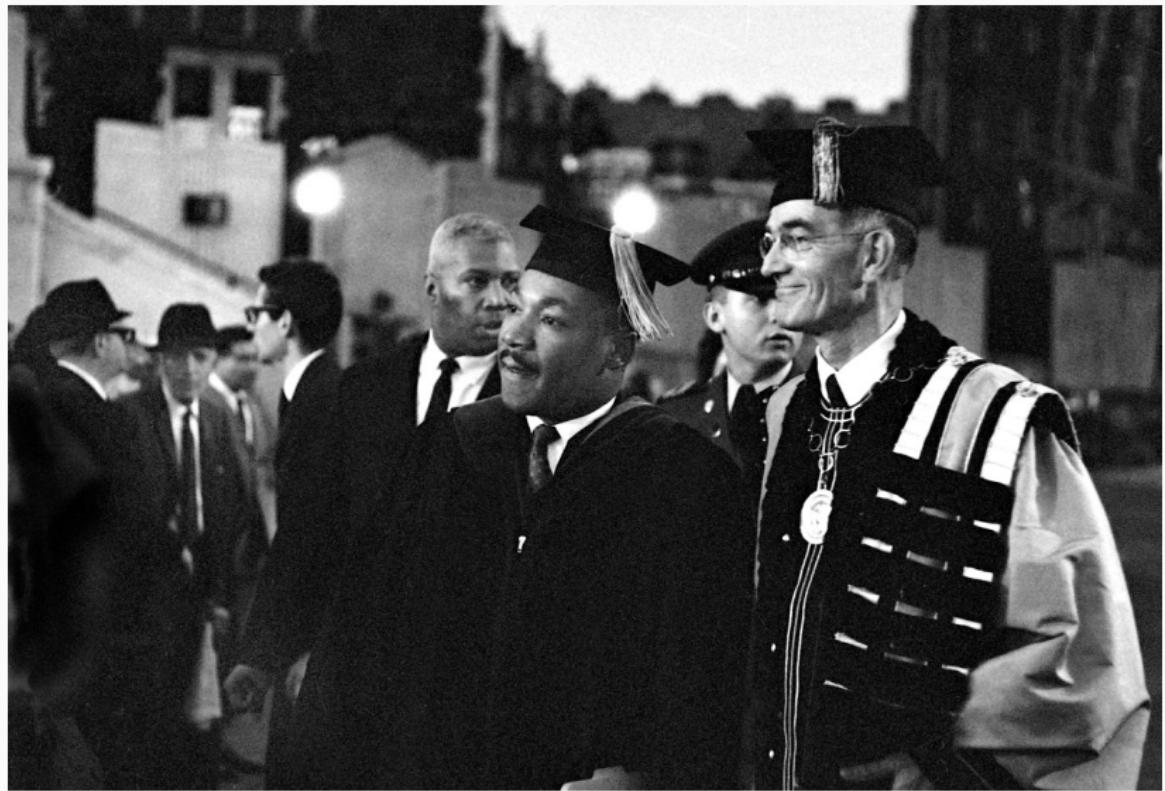
**Figure 2:** Special feature in New York Times on CUNY, 1965

# A liberalism which is truly liberal



**Figure 3:** MLK at City College commencement, 1963

# The self-satisfying liberalism of City College



**Figure 4:** King and Buell Gallagher

# Meritocratic immunity of racial liberalism



**Figure 5:** Offices of the Board of Higher Education, 1948

## Enduring legacy of racial liberalism



**Figure 6:** Students at anti-tuition rally, 1976