

Claude Clegg

Claude Clegg's work focuses on African American history as well as the African diaspora of the Atlantic world, exploring the ways in which people of African descent have created and imagined communities and identities outside Africa. He is the author of three books, including *An Original Man: The Life and Times of Elijah Muhammad* (St. Martin's Press, 1997), *The Price of Liberty: African Americans and the Making of Liberia* (University of North Carolina Press, 2004), and *Troubled Ground: A Tale of Murder, Lynching, and Reckoning in the New South* (University of Illinois Press, 2010). He is currently writing a book that examines the ways that African Americans imagined, experienced, and interpreted the presidency of Barack Obama. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. in history at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He received his bachelor's degree in Political Science and Afro-American Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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