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the Inaugural

From “Ask not...” to “Yes we can”

JFK’s Speechwriter on What Makes Inaugural Addresses Great

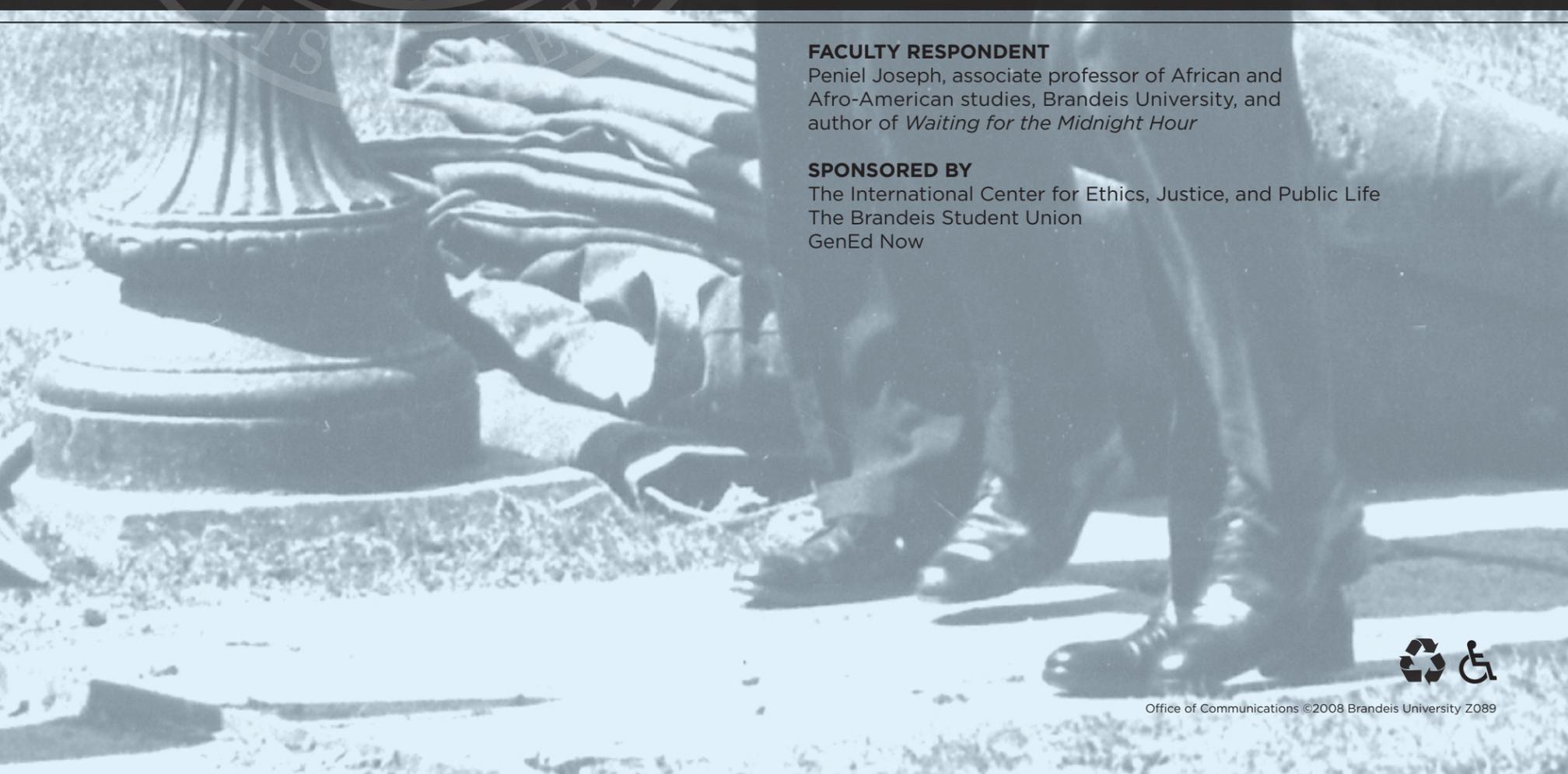


THEODORE C. SORENSEN

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Shapiro Campus Center Theater
7:00–8:30 p.m.

As special counsel and chief speechwriter to President John F. Kennedy, Theodore “Ted” Sorensen helped author one of the most memorable inaugural addresses in American history. An early supporter of Barack Obama and chair of the board of Brandeis’s International Center for Ethics, Justice, and Public Life, Sorensen will discuss his career, the inaugural speeches of presidents Kennedy, Reagan, and Clinton, and how Obama might best introduce his presidency to the world.



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