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##### Michael J. Malbin

**Areas of expertise:**  
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Michael J. Malbin is a professor of political science who specializes in campaigns and elections (especially the role of money in politics) as well as the politics of the U.S. Congress. He teaches the University at Albany's Semester in Washington and is executive director of the Campaign Finance Institute, an independent non-partisan think tank in Washington D.C. Malbin has been a reporter for *National Journal*, resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and has held staff appointments on Capitol Hill and the executive branch. He has also been a member of the National Humanities Council, visiting professor at Yale and guest scholar at The Brookings Institution.



##### Oscar Williams

**Areas of expertise:**  
African American history and literature; American slavery; black nationalism; black conservatism; slavery in New York

Associate Professor Oscar Williams offers insight on African American history and literature, American slavery, and black nationalism and conservatism. Williams has lectured on the topic of Black History Month and issues in black history at the University at Albany.

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