

Anthony Asadullah Samad

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Dr. Anthony Asadullah Samad is an award-winning author, columnist and scholar. Currently an associate professor of political science and African American studies at East Los Angeles College, Dr. Samad has a master of arts degree in public administration (public finance specialization) from the University of Southern California, a second master of arts degree in political economy, and a Ph.D. in political science from Claremont Graduate University's School of Politics and Economics. For the past 17 years, Dr. Samad's various weekly editorial commentaries have been featured in newspapers and cyber websites nationwide. Dr. Samad also is president of Samad and Associates, a strategic planning/urban affairs firm specializing in the assessment and management of public policy; economic development; and urban, social, and race issues. Dr. Samad serves as the managing director and host of the Urban Issues Forum of Greater Los Angeles — a popular monthly public affairs forum that addresses critical issues impacting urban communities. He is currently president and chairman of the board of 100 Black Men of Los Angeles, Inc.

Dr. Samad's professional involvements include the American Political Science



Association and the National Association of Black Journalists. He has received over 175 awards and citations for his community advocacy work, including the prestigious 2007 "Drum Major Award" from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Los Angeles.

Dr. Samad is the author of three books; *Souls for Sale: The Diary of an Ex-Colored Man* (Kabili Press, 2002); and *50 Years After Brown: The State of Black Equality in America* (Kabili Press, 2005). His latest work, *Saving The Race: Empowerment Through Wisdom* (Kabili Press, 2007), is a book of affirmations targeting young black males. A fourth book, a collection of life essays on race and popular culture, is due out in late 2009.