

Eugene Robinson

Eugene Robinson is a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and associate editor of *The Washington Post* and a commentator for MSNBC. His twice-weekly column on *The Post's* Op-Ed page was launched in February 2005, and within a year it was being syndicated to more than 130 newspapers – making it, by far, the fastest-growing column in the history of the Washington Post Writers Group.

Robinson has been an MSNBC commentator since January 2008, appearing several times a week on shows including “Hardball,” “Countdown with Keith Olbermann” and “The Race for the White House,” as a contributor to the network’s coverage of the presidential campaign and President Barack Obama’s first term. He won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for columns he wrote about the presidential campaign and the election of President Obama.

A 29-year veteran of *The Post*, Robinson began his distinguished journalism career at the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and after joining *The Washington Post* in 1980 as city hall reporter, he served as an assistant city editor, South America correspondent based in Argentina, London bureau chief, and as foreign editor. He is a frequent guest on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” CNN and other media outlets. His essays on politics, culture and events have helped shape the debate on issues such as the war in Iraq, the limits of presidential power and the rebuilding of the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast. Robinson was also a Neiman Fellow in Journalism at Harvard University.

Robinson was born and raised in Orangeburg, S.C, graduated from Orangeburg High School, as one of a handful of black students on the previously all-white campus; and the University of Michigan, where he was the first black student to be named co-editor-in-chief of the award-winning student newspaper, *The Michigan Daily*.

Robinson is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and has received numerous journalism awards. He is the author of two books: *Coal to Cream: A Black Man’s Journey Beyond Color to an Affirmation of Race* (Free Press, 1999); and *Last Dance in Havana* (Free Press, 2004). Robinson is married, has two sons, and lives in Arlington, Virginia.



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August

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South Carolina
African American
History Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Whitney Young named executive director of the National Urban League in 1961. Benjamin E. Mays was born in 1895.	2 James Baldwin, writer, was born in 1924.	3 The Congress of African Peoples convention was held in Atlanta in 1970.	4 "Long" John Woodruff won an Olympic gold medal in the 800-meter run in 1936.	5 Edwin Moses and Evelyn Ashford won gold medals in Olympic track & field in 1984.	6 Voting Rights Act signed by President Johnson in 1965.	7 Ralph J. Bunche, diplomat and first African American winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, was born in 1904.
8 Matthew A. Henson, explorer and first to reach the North Pole, was born in 1865.	9 Jesse Owens won four Olympic gold medals in 1936.	10 Clarence C. White, composer and violinist, died in 1880.	11 Thaddeus Stevens, abolitionist, died in 1868.	12 Frederick Douglass' home in Washington D.C. was declared a national shrine in 1922.	13 Baltimore Afro-American Newspaper was founded in 1892.	14 Ernest Everett Just, scientist, was born in 1883.
15 Assumption Day Liberia established by freed American slaves in 1824.	16 Louis Lomax, author, was born in 1922.	17 Marcus Garvey was born in 1887.	18 The first African American admitted to the University of Mississippi, James Meredith, graduated in 1963.	19 Benjamin Banneker published his first Almanac in 1791.	20 Richard Allen chaired the first National Negro Convention in Philadelphia in 1830.	21 William "Count" Basie, jazz pianist and musician, was born in 1904.
22 John Lee Hooker, blues singer and guitarist, was born in 1917.	23 National Negro Business League founded in 1900.	24 Edith Sampson was appointed first African American delegate to the United Nations by Harry S Truman, in 1950.	25 Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters organized in 1925.	26 William Dawson elected Black Democratic Party vice-presidential candidate in 1943.	27 W.E.B. DuBois died in 1963.	28 March on Washington in 1963.
29 Charlie "Bird" Parker, jazz musician, was born in Kansas City in 1920.	30 Lt. Col. Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first African American astronaut in space in 1983.	31 Eldridge Cleaver was born in 1935.				