

The Ballpark Podcast Extra Innings: Black Republicans, Power and the Reagan Administration, interview with Professor Leah Wright Rigueur

In this Extra Inning, Ballpark co-host **Michaela Herrmann** is joined by **Professor Leah Wright Rigueur**, who discusses the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) scandal of the 1980s, the experiences of Black Republicans in the last 50 years, the racial politics of the Reagan administration, and how [#BlackLivesMatter](#) protests can be linked back to long-standing trends like inequality and policing practices.

Professor Leah Wright Rigueur is an Associate Professor of Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and the Harry S. Truman Associate Professor of American History at Brandeis University. She is the author of [The Loneliness of the Black Republican: Pragmatic Politics and the Pursuit of Power](#) and is currently working on the book manuscript *Mourning in America: Black Men in a White House*.

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