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### **Issues in Contemporary Black America** Exploring the political and social situation of African-Americans

A TALK BY

### **GAIL MILISSA GRANT**

*Author and public speaker*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012**

**6:00 PM**

**CLUB ROOMS OF THE AUSTRO-AMERICAN SOCIETY  
STALLBURGGASSE 2 (MEZZANINE), 1010 VIENNA**

Please note that due to renovations at the Amerikahaus, the event will take place at the Austro-American Society that kindly offered their club rooms

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*Gail Milissa Grant was born in St. Louis at the cusp of the civil rights movement of the 1950s. She is the daughter of Mildred and David M. Grant, a prominent civil rights attorney and activist. In her presentation Grant will focus on issues in contemporary black America including the perplexing situation of having a black president and the Tea Party. She will also refer to her book "At the Elbows of my Elders", which highlights the difficult everyday life of a middle class black family in the first half of the 20th century. In 1974, she earned an M.A. in Art History from Howard University in Washington D.C., where she would later become an assistant professor of art and architectural history. She served as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Information Agency and U.S. State Department for more than 20 years. Her first book "At the Elbows of My Elders: One Family's Journey Toward Civil Rights," won the Benjamin Franklin Book of the Year 2009 in the autobiography/memoir category in 2009, and received an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History in 2010.*