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Camille Paglia

Acknowledged as a leading social critic and educator, Camille Paglia came to prominence in 1990 after publishing the highly acclaimed book *Sexual Personae*. Her other works include *Sex, Art, and American Culture* and the 1994 collection *Vamps and Tramps*, which dealt with such celebrities as Bill and Hillary Clinton. Her latest book on poetry *Break, Blow, Burn* has also met with critical and commercial success. She is currently a professor at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia and writes a political column for Salon.com.



OCTOBER 2007

Shelby Steele



Shelby Steele is a leading expert in the study of race relations in the U.S. In 2006, he received the Bradley Prize for his work on the study of race in America. In 1991, his documentary work *Seven Days in Bensonhurst* won an Emmy. Dr. Steele received the National Book Critic's Circle Award for his book *The Content of Our Character*. His most recent book is *A Dream Deferred: The Second Betrayal of Black Freedom in America*. He is currently a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford and writes regularly for *The New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal*.

FEBRUARY, 2008

James Carville

A controversial and colourful personality, James Carville is one of America's most recognized political consultants and media pundits. He also runs a successful international political consulting business. Also known as the "Ragin' Cajun" Carville gained national attention for his work as the lead strategist of the successful 1992 presidential campaign of then - Arkansas governor Bill Clinton. Carville was the co-host of CNN's Crossfire and appears regularly on its political show The Situation Room. His latest book is *Take It Back: A Battle Plan for Democratic Victory*.



MAY, 2008

David Gergen



David Gergen is a well known and respected commentator, author and adviser to presidents for 30 years. He served as director of communications for President Reagan and held positions in the administrations of Presidents Nixon, Ford and Clinton. He currently teaches at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and is editor-at-large at *U.S. News & World Report*. In the fall of 2000 he published the best-selling *Eyewitness to Power: The Essence of Leadership, Nixon to Clinton*. Mr. Gergen is a regular guest on PBS' The NEWSHOUR with Jim Lehrer.