

OPINION

The scrutiny of Kamala Harris

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Contributing Writer

President Biden had a cancerous lesion successfully removed from his chest last month. At 80, questions continue about his fitness to serve a second term.

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ELECTION NEWS

Save the Date for Special Election

BY SOUTH END STAFF

The Secretary of State's office has announced the dates of the Special Election to replace outgoing state Rep. Jon Santiago. The primary election will be on Tuesday, May 2 and the final election on Tuesday, May 30.

Santiago is leaving to become State Secretary of Veterans Services.



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Winter Fun!

South Enders Marie Emmanuel and 22-month-old William Porter enjoy the ski lift photo booth at the February 22 Children's Winter Festival hosted by Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department on Boston Common. The annual event was presented in partnership with sponsors Highland Street Foundation, L.L. Bean, Dunkin', H.P. Hood, College Hunks Hauling Junk & Moving, and media sponsor The Boston Globe. The free festival offered music, giveaways, winter activities, treats, and crafts with attractions including inflatables such as the All-Star Challenge, Everest Climb 'N' Slide, and a Fun House Maze, train rides, slap shot hockey, snow throw, a LEGO build activity with a Master Model Builder, and more. Photo by Jon Seamans.

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Into the divide

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The family breaks into dance awaiting Grandma at her birthday party in Jackie Sibbles Drury's "Fairview" at SpeakEasy Stage Company. (Courtesy Nile Scott Studios)

BY JULES BECKER
Contributing Writer

Where is Blackspace away from white gaze? Where are the spaces that allow for authentic representa-

tion of Black people? Dramaturg Afrikah Selah asks these questions in an insightful essay titled "Black Bodies in White Spaces" in the

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Fifteen displaced by fire

SOUTH END NEWS STAFF

Fifteen residents of a Worcester Square apartment building were displaced by a fire on Sunday night, February 26.

According to the Boston Fire Department:

"The fire traveled from the basement of 30 Worcester Square. Up to the walls to the 1st floor. Heavy fire is knocked down major overhauling throughout."

No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is under investigation.



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Kiara Ramirez Lopez, of Boston, was named to first honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Fall 2022 semester.

Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

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Emerson College Fall 2022 Dean's List

The following students are named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester. The requirement to make Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

Tiantian Guo of Boston, is majoring in Marketing Communication and is a member of the Class of 2025.

Sophie Jin of Boston, is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Class of 2024.

Yixuan Wang of Boston, is majoring in Marketing Communication and is a member of the Class of 2023.

Hallie Gould of Boston, is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Class of 2024.

Xunyu Hua of Boston, is majoring in Marketing Communication and is a member of the Class of 2024.

Luke Roehm of Boston, is majoring in

Marketing Communication and is a member of the Class of 2024.

Tianyi Kong of Boston, is majoring in Public Relations and is a member of the Class of 2025.

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has approximately 4,161 undergraduates and 554 graduate students from across the United States and nearly 70 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs at Emerson Los Angeles, located in Hollywood, and at its 14th-century castle, in the Netherlands. Additionally, there are opportunities to study in Washington, DC, London, China, and the Czech Republic, Spain, Austria, Greece, France, Ireland, Mexico, Cuba, England, and South Africa. The College has an active network of 51,000+ alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts.

**UMass
Amherst**

UMass Amherst Fall 2022 Dean's List

The following local students who were named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the fall 2022 semester.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

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Harris

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Questions also abound concerning Vice President Kamala Harris's job performance and ability to lead the country if Biden cannot. And they're from various corners of the political spectrum—GOP, FOX News, and even Democrats. "She had not risen to the challenge of proving herself as a future leader of the party, much less the country," several Democrats told *The New York Times*.

Harris has been in office since 2020. She struggles to carve out a lane for herself, and she feels the weight of being the first Black and Asian-American to be the nation's V.P. However, with an approval rating no higher than 39% from multiple polls, can Harris convince the American public for a second term?

It's a "can't win for losing" conundrum.

Harris supporters contest that she is set up to fail with unwinnable assignments, like curbing the influx of immigration from Central America and expanding restrictive voting rights in stronghold GOP states. Republicans and Democrats, however, are unhappy with Harris's job performance on immigration.

Republicans are having a field day pointing to the unstoppable high volume of migrant crossings and drug trafficking under her watch. They assert that Harris's ineptitude as the Border Czar has aided and abetted Mexican drug cartels—the Sinaloa and the new generation Jalisco—in intentionally contributing to the high incidents of fentanyl deaths in the U.S.

As a thorny issue, Harris didn't help herself in a tense interview with NBC's Lester Holt in June 2021 on the topic. When queried why she had not visited the US-Mexico border since taking office, Harris retorted that her team did. Holt, however, pressed her further on the issue. "You haven't been to the border," Holt shot back.

Republicans have made Harris the face of Biden's failed immigration policy to win political ground in 2024. However, Harris isn't scoring high within her party, either.

The Democratic party is holding out in enthusiastically endorsing Harris for a second term. Last month on Boston Public Radio (BPR), Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren (D) full-throatedly endorsed Biden. However, when it came to Harris, she demurred, sending shockwaves throughout the party and a signal to Kamala. When asked why she was not endorsing Harris now, Warren stated on BPR, "That wasn't a hard no, but it wasn't a hard yes either."

Harris is between a rock and a hard place within her party. Harris stirred debate, ire, and criticism in the Progressive wing and with immigrant rights groups when she emphatically told Guatemalans "do not come" to the U.S. because they will be turned away. Her directive was seen as a betrayal to immigrants seeking asylum, reactionary to right-wing pressure, and tone-deaf to why many flee their countries.

Harris blew up social media with her remarks. Democratic New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez lambasted Harris on Twitter, stating, "It would be helpful if the U.S. would finally acknowledge its contributions to destabilization and regime change in the region. Doing so can help us change U.S. foreign policy, trade policy,



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climate policy, & carceral border policy to address causes of mass displacement & migration."

And she bears the weight of the politics of being the first.

The job of the V.P. is to support the president. Harris has to be politically adroit not to outshine Biden or to disappear in his shadow. Striking the right balance is difficult in this polarized era, especially for a woman of color in power who identifies as Black. The "angry Black" trope hovers over all sisters of African descent. Harris runs the risk of being too loud, too forceful, not knowing her place, not staying in her lane, and being arrogant, albeit she is the V.P. Harris must walk a tightrope to avoid this misogynoir trope when asserting her power and authority. Also, she mustn't be a titular head for fear of being perceived as unqualified or tokenized. Research shows that Harris is one of the most targeted politicians on the Internet, and FOX News runs a constant thread of bogus articles about her.

The intersexuality of her race and gender is weaponized to discredit her ability. It's

unsurprising to women and people of color that Harris appointed as the highest-profile point person on immigration policy that previous administrations couldn't resolve is a setup for failure.

Harris's blunders are magnified, and her victories muted. "People need to cut Kamala some slack... she's got a tough job. She's not an eloquent speaker like Obama, but she's strong in her delivery," Corinne Copper, a white Southerner of Lewisville, NC, told me. "Vice President Harris has cast the tie-breaking vote 26 times in an evenly split Senate. Her position may prove essential with women's reproductive freedom under attack."

Harris has accomplished, however, a lot since taking office. Alongside Biden, Harris has helped America get vaccinated, rebuild the economy due to COVID, led Congress to protect voter's rights by building a broad and diverse coalition, expand workers' rights to organize and collectively bargain, and women's issues-reproductive justice since the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*, maternal health, child poverty.

In 2024, Harris will have my vote again.



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Estate of: Richard C. Moscato Date of Death: 01/08/2022		
To all interested persons: A petition for Formal Probate of Will has been filed by: Mary K. Moscato of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Mary K. Moscato of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration		Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street PO Box 9667 Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300
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To all interested persons: A petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by: Marcia Lloyd Shannon of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Marcia Lloyd Shannon of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration		Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street PO Box 9667 Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300
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Fairview

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SpeakEasy Stage Company playbill for its area premiere of "Fairview." In fact, Jackie Sibbles Drury's 2019 Pulitzer Prize play is very much a part of that space and representation.

Near the start of this wonderfully provocative play, perceptive Jasmine compares her sister Beverly to the Queen of Sheba. The comparison is apt. Set in the "Here and Now," Drury's play finds Beverly preparing a celebration for their mother's birthday, summoning all family members and wanting everything to go well. The script tellingly speaks of "a theater set that looks like a nice living/dining room in a nice house in a nice neighborhood." The house in question is that of a middle class Black family, and set and costumes prove as challenging in their own respective ways to audience members' views as Drury's in SpeakEasy Stage's powerful staging at the Calderwood Pavilion.

Views are the key both onstage and off at Drury's purposely disarming play. Erik D. Diaz's well-detailed scenic design includes elegant lighting, the iconic Langston Hughes poem "Harlem" stage left and a large framed photo of the Obamas stage right. In Becca Jewett's wide-ranging costume design, Jasmine—bearing flowers

and rose—enters in a leather jacket and leather pants. Hostess Beverly and her husband Dayton dress in less dramatic attire. Their daughter Keisha wears jeans with what some teenagers consider trendy holes near the knees. Beverly intensely peels carrots and questions Dayton about the root vegetables he was asked to buy. The sisters' lawyer brother Tyrone is late, and their mother is still upstairs. Is the initial situation a sit-com or a real scenario? Will a theatergoer's view here reflect "white gaze" or a representation that is fair to everyone?

Adding to the immediacy of these questions are overheard voices of four unseen whites. During their exchanges, the question arises "If you could choose to be a different race, what race would you be?" Their responses—Asian, Latinx (one voice says Latino), Slav and African-American—are replete with stereotypical observations about culture and character. The Slav choice is a particularly blanket insult as the speaker mentions Slovenia, Slovakia, Bosnia, Bulgaria and Belarus. Adding insult to injury are the quartet's alternately demeaning and downright prejudicial comments as they watch the interactions of the African-American family members. At the performance this critic attended, there were moments of laughter at some of the overheard dialogue that eventually stopped

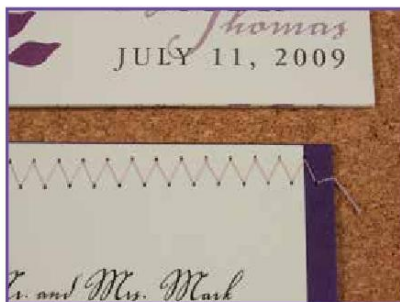
as the hurtful implications increased. Clearly Drury is testing audience members' own biases and prejudices here and throughout the play.

That testing reaches a high point in the surprise-rich last part of "Fairview." Without giving anything away, Jewett's costumes are very telling compliments to the surprises. Most telling of all will be the audience members' individual responses to a closing request from the stage.

Under Pascale Florestal's taut direction, the cast members prove a vivid ensemble. Yewande Odetoyinbo captures Beverly's caring and concern as well as her determination about the party. Dom Carter has all of Dayton's charm and easy demeanor. Lyndsay Allyn Cox is riveting as savvy Jasmine. Victoria Omoregie catches Keisha's free spirit and her admiration for her aunt. Her pivotal call for equal regard for all human stories—Black and white—is properly impassioned and compelling. Theatergoers should consult a post-performance explanation for information about the white voices.

In her playbill notes, director Pascale speaks of loving "plays that challenge us, make us uncomfortable, and make us want to change in some way." Drury's powerfully disturbing play and SpeakEasy Stage's stunning effort do all of that. Make space in your life for "Fairview."

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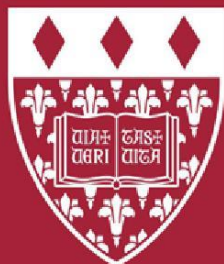
CURRY COLLEGE

Curry College Fall 2022 Dean's List

Kevin Peete of Boston was named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List.

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