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# Author Keith Boykin to discuss being black and gay in America

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Author and political commentator Keith Boykin will discuss his latest book during an appearance at USF St. Petersburg on Thursday, Nov. 1.

A graduate of Countryside High School in Clearwater, Boykin will speak at noon at the [University Student Center](#) ballroom, 200 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. South. His talk, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the USF St. Petersburg [Office of Multicultural Affairs](#). He will sign books at 1 p.m.

Boykin is the author of *One More River to Cross: Black and Gay in America* (1996) and *Respecting the Soul* (1999).

A former aide to President Bill Clinton and host of the BET television show *My Two Cents*, Boykin's latest book is titled *For Colored Boys Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Still Not Enough: Coming of Age, Coming Out, and Coming Home*, a collection of essays. Boykin is a contributor and editor of the book.

“It is such an honor to have Keith Boykin speak at USF St. Petersburg,” said Jovanna Guevara, coordinator for the USFSP Office of Multicultural Affairs. “He is the voice of those who want to be heard, those who want to be respected, and those who wish for equality.”

During his appearance at USFSP, Boykin will share stories of real people coming of age, coming out, dealing with religion and spirituality, seeking love and relationships, finding their own identity in or out of the LGBT community, and creating their own sense of political empowerment.

Boykin graduated from [Dartmouth College](#) and [Harvard Law School](#), where he was a leader in the campus diversity movement. While an aide to Clinton, Boykin helped organize and participated in the nation's first meeting between gay and lesbian leaders and a U.S. president. He blogs for the [Huffington Post](#) and is a frequent political commentator on CNN.