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### Ted Williams III's Profile

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Political Commentator, Producer, Author **Ted Williams III** is a dynamic educator who has taught Political Science at Chicago State University and is currently a tenured faculty member in the City Colleges of Chicago. He holds degrees in Public Policy Studies from the University of Chicago (M.P.P. '02), and Rutgers University (B.A. '98) where he studied under former New Jersey Governor Jim Florio. He currently works as a host for PBS-affiliate WYCC television's *The Professors* weekly talk show and has served as an expert guest providing political commentary for BET-TV, WGN-TV, NBC-TV, *Upfront with Jesse Jackson*, PRI's *Smiley and West*, WVON radio, *Trumpet Magazine*, and a host of online periodicals. He is the author of the book, *The Way Out: Christianity, Politics, and the Future of the African American Community*. Williams has hosted a series of forums on social justice and voter education and presently serves on the newly formed Chicago Public Schools' Far Southside Community Advisory Council. He served as a state-wide spokesman for school reform through School Choice Illinois, as well as a negotiator for the first successful union contract for part-time City Colleges' faculty. Additionally, he advised the team that successfully lobbied for extending the age of healthcare insurance coverage for students in Illinois.

In addition to this, he has also had an extensive performing arts career which includes commercial and industrial work for companies including McDonald's, Empire Carpet, Six Flags, Federal Express, Jeweler's Mutual Insurance, Kraft, Chicago Dental Society, and Accenture. His stage credits include numerous local and regional productions, and a national gospel theater tour. He is the writer and producer of the hit musical TORN and has conducted theater-based training for clients including the Chicago Housing Authority and Starcom Media. He is a co-founder of The Way Christian Ministries and a former candidate for the Chicago City Council. Above all else Williams considers his most important work his role as a mentor to inner-city young people and as a husband and father to Roslyn and their three beautiful children, Gabrielle, Amaris, and Ted IV.

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##### *"Beyond Left and Right in American Politics"*

It is time for a new voice in the American political conversation. Partisan politics has left most voters disconnected and searching for true answers to the conundrums faced by our nation. According to a recent Gallup poll, a record high number of voters, 42%, now identify themselves as independents. This number is greater than those that identify with either major political party. How will this impact the direction of future political engagement? Join Ted Williams III as he brings an unconventional and independent voice to the political conversation that is fresh, engaging, and much needed in our current political climate.

- A fresh look at the current American political climate
- Data about voting trends and navigating current elections
- Inspiration for what is possible in our democracy

##### *"Igniting the Youth Vote"*

Politics matters. Yet close to half of all Americans sit out of elections, and many more are confused and frustrated by the process. In a time of both political apathy and extreme division, 18-30 year old Americans are the most likely group to forgo voting altogether. What must be done to ignite young people to reclaim democracy? In this workshop, Ted Williams III uses years of experience as a college educator, political commentator, and political candidate to inspire civic engagement in this critical group of Americans.

- Techniques for connecting young people to the democratic process
- Direction for understanding young voters
- Media strategies for civic engagement

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