"Orval Faubus and the Language of Segregation: Homonationalism, Sexualized Violence, and Racial Anxiety during the Little Rock Crisis"

**ABSTRACT**

In examining the public speeches and private correspondence of Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus in September and October of 1957 during the height of the desegregation crisis, this essay discusses how racial anxiety about the preservation of whiteness was articulated as sexual anxiety as Faubus sought to control the rhetorical situation in Little Rock. To comprehend how Faubus represented the Little Rock integration crisis, I use Jasbir Puar’s notion of homonationalism in an analysis of segregationist rhetoric to think about the conflation of racial and sexual anxiety in times of national crisis.

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