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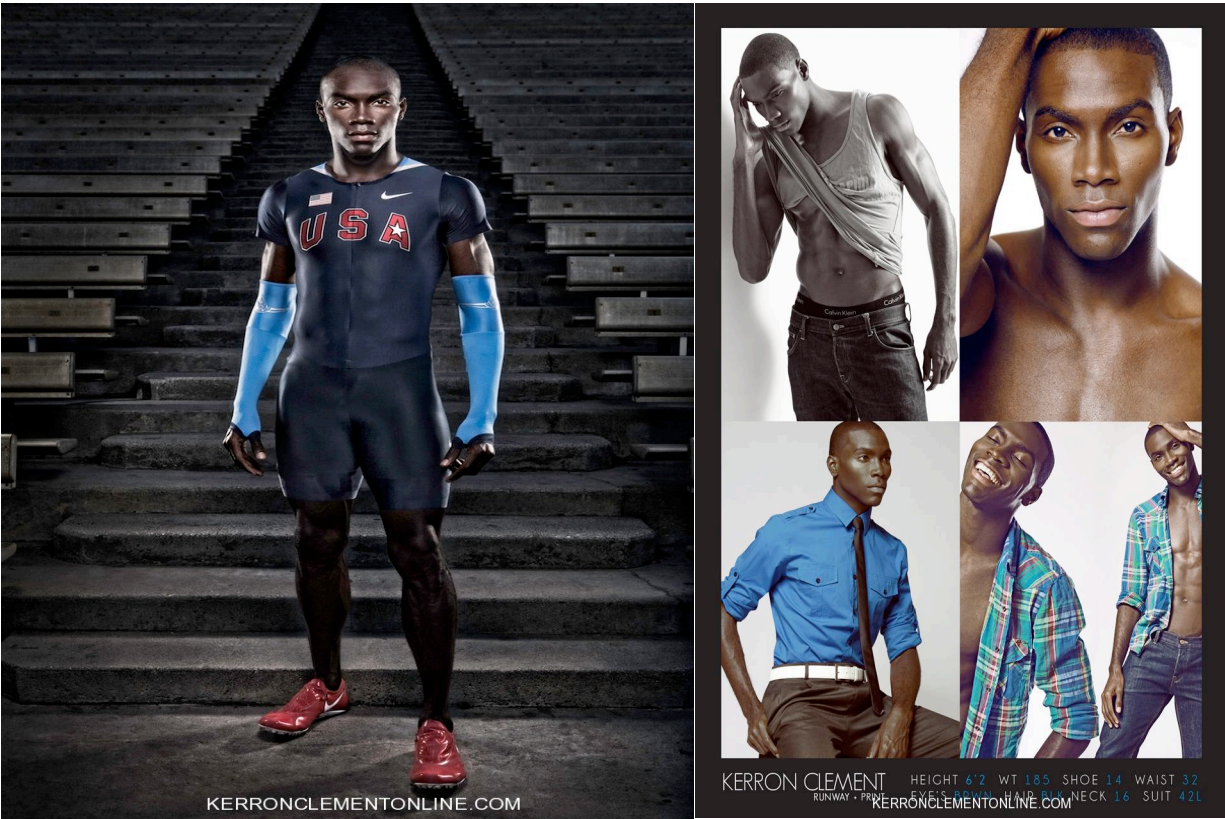
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(born October 31, 1985) is [Trinidadian](#)-born [track and field](#) athlete who represents the United States and specializes in the [400-meter hurdles](#). He also competes in the [400-meter sprint](#) and holds the [indoor world record](#) for the event, having broken [Michael Johnson](#)'s mark in 2005.

Clement won the hurdles at the [2007 World Championships in Athletics](#) and took the silver behind [Angelo Taylor](#) at the [2008 Beijing Olympics](#). He retained his world title at the [2009 World Championships](#). He is a frequent member of the American [4x400-meter relay](#) and is a two-time world champion and Olympic gold medallist in the event.

As a junior athlete, he set a championship record at the [2004 World Junior Championships](#) and won back-to-back [NCAA](#) titles in 2004/2005. He quickly progressed on the senior circuit, taking the hurdles title at the [USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships](#) in both 2005 and 2006. He was fourth in his first global appearance at the [2005 World Championships](#) and won his first global gold at the [2006 IAAF World Cup](#).

Clement was born in [Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago](#). His family moved to the United States in 1998, where he became a successful high school athlete at [La Porte, Texas](#) winning both 110 and [400-meter hurdles](#) at the [USATF Youth Athletics Championships](#).



Clement became a U.S. citizen in June 2004. At the [2004 World Junior Championships in Athletics](#) in July, he won the gold medal in the 400-meter hurdles in a championship record time of 48.51 seconds. Clement also ran a leg for the American [4x400-meter relay](#) team and set a [world junior record](#) of 3:01.09. He also won the [National Collegiate Athletic Association \(NCAA\)](#) championships in the 400-meter hurdles.

On March 12, 2005, representing the [University of Florida](#), he broke the indoor world record for the 400-meter sprint at the NCAA indoor championships in [Randal Tyson Track Center](#) in [Fayetteville, Arkansas](#) with a time of 44.57 seconds. His split at 200-meter was 21.08 seconds. The record was held for ten years previously by [Michael Johnson](#) at 44.63 seconds. Afterwards, Clement anchored Florida's 4x400-meter indoor relay to a time of 3:03.51. ^[1]

Clement set a personal best and 2005 world leading performance in the 400-meter hurdles with a 47.24 seconds; winning the 2005 [US Outdoor Track and Field Championships](#) title at [Carson, California](#). This was the fastest time posted for the 400-meter hurdles in seven years. Clement faded during the [2005 World Championships in Athletics](#) in [Helsinki](#), Finland and missed out on the medals, finishing fourth. He represented the United States at the [2006 IAAF World Cup](#) and won the hurdles title ahead of [South African L. J. van Zyl](#).

Clement earned a gold medal in the 400-meter hurdles at the [2007 World Championship in Osaka](#). His time of 47.61 seconds was a season's best.

Clement qualified in the 400-meter hurdles for the 2008 Summer Olympics on June 29, 2008 at the Olympic Trials in Eugene, Oregon.^[2] Clement advanced to the final where he was a slight favourite over compatriot [Angelo Taylor](#), but Taylor ran a personal best time to win the gold medal. Clement came second for silver, but would later win a gold medal in the 4x400 meter relay despite not racing in the final. He closed the year on the top of the podium with a gold medal at the [2008 IAAF World Athletics Final](#).

The following year he competed at the [2009 World Championships in Athletics](#). Reigning Olympic champion, Taylor, was eliminated in the heats. Clement won the gold medal in a season's best time of 47.91, beating [Javier Culson](#) and [Bershawn Jackson](#) to the title. He took another gold at the [2009 IAAF World Athletics Final](#), which was the last edition of the competition.

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