

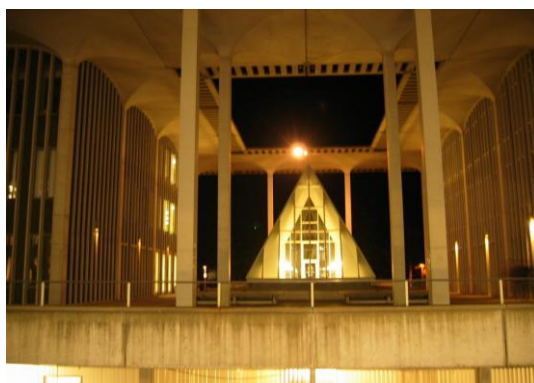


THE DEPARTMENT OF AFRICANA STUDIES

PRESENTS

OUR 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND ALUMNI  
REUNION

SEPTEMBER 24 – 26, 2009



**WELCOME BACK TO**

**THE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY**

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Thursday, September 24:

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Opening Reception  
**University Hall Atrium**

Friday, September 25:

9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Panel Discussion led by Alumni  
**Assembly Hall**

**Presenters:**

Dr. Ahati Toure, Assistant Professor of Africana History and Black Studies, Department of History, Political Science, and Philosophy, Delaware State University.  
“The Future of Africana Studies.”

Dr. Michael Tillotson, Post Doctoral Fellow at the University of Houston, Africana Studies Program.  
“Contemporary Ideological Threats to the Internal Security of African Americans.”

Dr. Serie McDougal, III, Assistant Professor, Department of Africana Studies, College of Ethnic Studies, San Francisco State University.  
“The Importance of Research Methods in Africana Studies.”

Moderator: Dr. Oscar Williams, Associate Professor, Department of Africana Studies, UAlbany

Noon Lunch at your leisure – no scheduled gathering

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Panel Discussion led by Student Founders and Faculty of the Department  
**Assembly Hall**

**Presenters:**

Mr. Arnold Shell (1972 Graduate), Yonkers, New York  
“Memories of the early years in Africana Studies”

Professor Bob Gluck, Associate Professor of Music,  
University at Albany.  
“Africana Studies as a Foundational Experience”

Dr. Kwadwo Sarfoh  
“The Early Year through Time”

Moderator: Dr. Kwadwo Sarfoh, Associate Professor,  
Department of Africana Studies

6:30 – 10:00 p.m. Cultural Extravaganza  
**Wallace Roney Quintet to Headline**  
A special evening of celebration - student and  
alumni cultural performances  
**Campus Center Ballroom**

Saturday, September 26:

10:00 – Noon Artistic Expressions by Alumni and Students  
**Assembly Hall**

Crystal Campbell, University of California, San Diego  
“We know We are Beautiful. And Ugly Too.”

Maria Flannery – Ife, Graduate Student in Africana  
Studies  
Theatrical Performance  
“My Father is a Magician by Ntozake Shange”

Chy Sprauve, Graduate Student in Africana Studies  
“Mama’s Shadow”

Mr. Walter Simpkins (MA- Africana Studies and  
Adjunct Professor, English Department)  
“Community Artistic Expressions”

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Mbongi – A Bantu Kongo term –  
“The Gathering to network and to discuss  
advancing the discipline of Africana Studies.”  
**Assembly Hall**

7:00 – 11:30 p.m. Dinner Dance Gala (**Semi-formal Attire**)

### **Campus Center Ballroom**

Ms. Elaine Houston, **Mistress of Ceremonies**  
Anchor/Reporter, WNYT TV, Albany, NY

Dr. Frank Pogue, **Keynote Speaker**  
Senior Consultant, Academic Search, Inc.,  
President Emeritus, Chicago State University and  
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania  
“Africana Studies: Looking Back, Moving  
Forward.”

Dr. Ahati Toure, **Alumnus Speaker**  
Assistant Professor of Africana History and Black  
Studies, Department of History, Political Science  
and Philosophy, Delaware State University

### **Music by The Powerhouse Band**

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