THE DEPARTMENT OF AFRICANA STUDIES

PRESENTS

OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND ALUMNI REUNION

SEPTEMBER 24 – 26, 2009

WELCOME BACK TO

THE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY

Serving Students
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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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