

INSIDE FEATURES

A MESSAGE FROM
OUR CHAIR

HARAMBEE NEWS
AND NOTES

PAS SCHOLARS TO
WATCH

FACULTY RESEARCH
AND PUBLICATIONS

ABOUT OUR PAS
PROGRAM

THIS SPRING IN
OURSTORY

AND . . . BY THE
WAY

Habari Gani

VOL. II ISSUE I

SPRING 2013

Farewell to Beloved A & S Dean



Welcome to the first issue of Volume II of our Habari Gani newsletter. I invite you to make it your own by contributing news, comments, and ideas regarding our unique opportunities as students, faculty, and staff in the Pan African Studies Department.

This issue is respectfully dedicated to our beloved Dean of The College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. J. Blaine Hudson, who passed on Saturday, Jan-

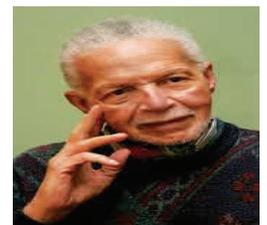
In other sad news, we mourn the loss of the great activist and scholar, Dr. Jan Carew, known affectionately as the gentle revolutionary. Dr. Carew was a guest lecturer and professor in PAS and a great friend to our Department.. He will be sorely missed by all.

uary 5th, after a grave illness. Although this is a great loss to our Department; he will live on in our hearts, in our memories, and in our renewed dedication to the very special vision he held for us.

In February, Dr. Hudson was named the Kentucky commission on Human Rights' 55th Great Black Kentuckian. A poster highlighting his achievements now hangs in the gallery of Great Black Kentuckians in the state Capitol in Frankfort. If you would like to add comments to a PAS web-

site dedicated to his memory, please go to the PAS Homepage.

While we will not be the same without him, we are grateful for his extraordinary commitment to the transformation of our University, our Pan-African Studies Department, and his hometown of Louisville. In honor of the wonderful legacy Dr. Hudson leaves behind, I know that we will continue to grow as activists, scholars, and compassionate contributors to the communities he loved so well.



A Message From the Chair



Greetings students, faculty, staff, and alumni,

Welcome to the Department of Pan-African Studies (PAS) newsletter. As chair, I hope you find the newsletter to be informative, stimulating and encouraging. Please also visit our websites for more information.

As many of you know, I will be going on a 1-year sabbatical as my 5 year term as chair comes to an end on July 01, 2013. The department held an election, and Dr. Ricky Jones was voted to become the new Chair for PAS. Dr. Jones is not a new comer to this position and I am sure that he will provide a strong leadership appropriate for the position.

Please extend your congratulations when you see him, and give him your full support as you have for me. In the meantime, the department continues vigorous searches to hire the best possible scholars in various fields to teach, mentor, and guide your research and professional development along with our present core faculty. Keep working hard, and have a very successful end-of semester as we move forward.

Dr. Theresa Rajack-Talley



Harambee News and Notes

" - The First Annual P.A.S. Day was a phenomenal success with students from around campus and the city of Louisville turning out to check us out.

- The Diop Society sponsored a Crime Report Panel Discussion on March 27th at 6:30 in the Humanities auditorium.

"Embracing Ourselves," a discussion exploring the impact of reactions to skin tones on relationships, opportunity, and the larger society as a whole. Will be held on April 3rd in the PAS Department .

Special guest speaker Fred Hampton Jr. on April 18th .

Graduate research presentations each week through the end of April.

The PAS Graduate Student Association sponsored Byron Hurt ,filmmaker extraordinaire, March 25th. He discusses his documentary *Souls Food Junkies* after the film's showing in the Chao Auditorium.

PAS Scholars To Watch!

Our first featured PhD scholar is Professor John Chenault. John



holds an MA in PAS from U of L, an MA in library science, and is a tenured faculty member here at U

of L. John joins four other scholars, whom we'll feature in upcoming issues, as an inaugural member of the University's first Pan African Studies PhD cohort.

This professor 'has published in creative and scholarly journals, locally co-sponsored a recent Black Film Series, and is the author of 2 books. John's research interests include research interests include: Egyptocentrism: the use of Ancient Egyptian history by black scholar-activists in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries to construct "popular" discourses of

vidicationism and civilizations in response and resistance to slavery, anti-black racism and white supremacy.

Congratulations to Traveshia Bass who will be graduating with an MA in Pan-African Studies this Spring. Traveshia is the President of our Pan African Studies Graduate As-



sociation, and definitely a PAS Scholar-to-Watch.

Traveshia pursues research projects based on black identity formation as represented in popular culture and its mediums (i.e. film). After graduation, she will begin

fulfilling a two year commitment to Teach For America. Join me in wishing Traveshia well in all that



she does.

We are excited to announce that undergraduate senior, Josh Schuschke, is an integral part of the revitalization of the Cheikh Anta Diop Society, an organization started by PAS students in 2000. As President of the Society, Josh plans to ensure that the organization acts as a bridge between black undergraduate students across campus and the University, our PAS department and faculty, they engage with.

Faculty Research and Publications

Joy Carew, "Michael David-Fox. Showcasing the Great Experiment: Cultural Diplomacy and Western Visitors to the Soviet Union, 1921-1941". *The NEP Era: Soviet Russia 1921-1982* 6; 2012.

Dr. Pearlie M. Johnson: "Globalization and African America Quilts" Anonymous. Anonymous. *Association for Global Business and International Academy of Linguistics, Behavioral, and Social Sciences Proceedings* 2, Article 14, 2012. 1050-6292.

Dr. Pearlie M. Johnson. "African American Quilts: An Examination of Feminist and Womanist Ideas in Quilt Art". Anonymous. Anonymous. *Association for Global Business and International Academy of Linguistics, Behavioral, and Social Sciences Proceedings* 2, Article 14, 2012. 1050-6292

Setmak Matt and K. Carroll. "African-Centered Theory and Methodology in Africana Studies". *Journal of Pan African Studies*.

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM



The Pan African-Studies Program will soon celebrate 40 years of achievements here on the University of Louisville's campus. Habari Gani will keep you informed of the special events being planned to commemorate this continuing legacy and the dream of our cherished Dean, Dr. J. Blaine Hudson who began his career at the University of Louisville in 1974 where he had studied in the late 1960s. As a student, he was an activist who demanded that the University hire more black professors, ensure black representation on the University board of trustees, and develop schema for a Pan-African Studies Department.

Years later his efforts came to fruition. Dr. Hudson directed the Pan-African Studies Institute for Teachers, served as the chair of the Department of Pan-African Studies, and as Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1999 until 2004 here at U of L. In 2004, he became the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and was one of the first African Americans to be selected as a dean at the University of Louisville.

Clearly, the history and mission of our department is linked to Dr. Hudson's vision, and to the work he did to achieve it. Because of him, we have grown into a continually relevant, progressive, and important part of local, national, and international African diasporic scholarship, leadership, and activism. The Pan-African Studies Department at the University of Louisville carries forth the torch lit by our leader, knowing that his spirit joins us as we move forward in celebration and in commitment to our future.

This Spring in Black Journalism History

In 1919: The Associated Negro Press, the first National News Services for African Americans was established.

In 1921: Black Swan Records founded, the 1st Black-owned record label in America

1932: Publication of the 1st Black Daily Newspaper

1827: 1st Black Newspaper “Freedom’s Journal’ published in NYC.

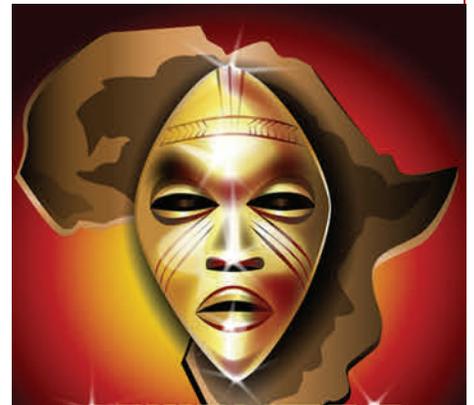
1822: The Phoenix Society, a literary & educational group, was founded by New York City blacks.

1969: Black Academy of Arts & Letters formed in Boston

And By The Way

Bet you didn’t know that Ms. Sandy had a very different career before joining us in 2012

as the PAS office assistant. She contributed 21 years of military service to the U.S. Navy.



If you see Dr. Esi Bani , wish her well in all future endeavors. She will no longer be with us at the end of this semester.

Nothing else here? Of course not! *Habari Gani* needs YOU!

Contributions to *And . . . By the Way* should be submitted to the editor, via

email at pasnewsletter.editor@gmail.com. Please submit your news two weeks before the publishing date of the issue in which you

want your submission to appear. Our next issue will post on our P.A.S. web page on October 21st, 2013, so please submit items of I

interest by October 7th. Accompanying photographs or links are encouraged. Hope to see your contributions soon. Until then . . .

Remember : If your education informs you, but does not transform you, you have missed something along the way

peace,

nb