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42nd Dr. Joseph H. McMillan

National Conference On the

Black Family In America

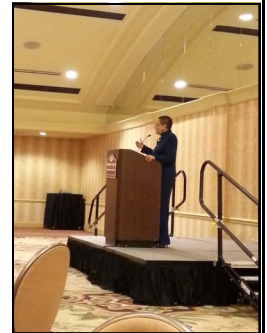
Project Progress (1965-2015)

Exploring the Continuing Transformation of Black America

Submitted by: Tamara Russell

The 42nd Dr. Joseph H. McMillan National Conference on the Black Family in America was February 26-28, 2015. The theme was **“Project Progress: (1965-2015) 50 Years of Progress and Struggle: Exploring the Continuing Transformation of Black America”**. There was a pre-conference held on Thursday entitled, **ACES Black & Latino Symposium - Revisiting the Higher Education Act of 1965**, at the Ekstrom Library. Later in the evening there was a Welcome and Conference Kick Off - **Underground Railroad Art Show** sponsored by Dr. Mark Priest, artist and University of Louisville professor, held at the Cressman Center.

Friday the conference began with opening remarks by Dr. Mordean Taylor-Archer, Betty Baye, Chair and Tierney Bates. The Plenary Session was moderated by Tierney Bates on **“The Face of Black Athletes in the Media: Past and Present”**. The panel consisted of Derwin Webb, Dana Seay and Dr. Adrienne Bratcher. Various informative and dynamic workshops were held during the day. The day ended with a conference banquet with keynote speaker, Dr. Julianne Malveaux, economist, author, and past college president.



Saturday began with more great workshops and ended with a luncheon featuring Lasana Hotep, consultant, educator, and researcher as the keynote speaker. Currently he is the interim dean of special programs and grants at Merritt College in Oakland, California. He gave a fact-based, multi-media presentation on the timeline of Black America during the past 50 years.

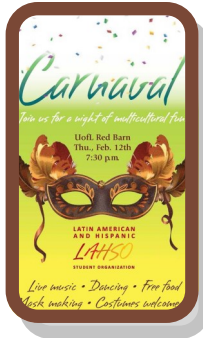
The workshops ranged from topics of past and present, from “Dismantling the Voting Rights Act” to “Hands Up Don’t Shoot”. Discussions were a mixture of reflecting on historical and current African-American triumphs and barriers.

Registrants and workshop presenters gave the staff positive feedback on all aspects of the conference and expressed interest in returning next year.

For more information, please visit the Cultural Center’s website <http://louisville.edu/culturalcenter/bfc>

“Be the change that you want to see in the world.”

Mahatma Gandhi



LAHSO Carnaval



On Thursday, February 12, 2015, the Latin American and Hispanic Student Organization (LAHSO) hosted their annual Carnaval. This is a celebration that takes place in various Latin American countries in aims of celebrating the beginning of Lent. The event included numerous aspects of Latin American culture, and the organization hoped to provide more information regarding the famous holiday.

With music, crafts, food, and dancing, LAHSO made sure to provide both entertainment and information on Latin American culture. Music was provided by **Salsa Rhythms**, the organizations go-to Latin music band who always brings various styles of Latin American music to their events. Along with the bands performance, were the incredible folk dancers **Plena Rhythms**. The dancers demonstrated traditional dances for the audience, in hopes of a better understanding of the different cultural dance backgrounds a country might have when participating in Carnaval.

In order to keep the Carnaval spirit going, LAHSO made sure to include mask making as part of their entertainment. The traditional Carnaval seeks inspiration from Mardi Gras, a very similar celebration, and guests were encouraged to both hand craft and wear their own individual masks.

To even further inform the audience of Carnaval, a short video was presented showing the behind the scenes action that takes place during Brazil's annual Carnaval extravaganza. The film included the details that are taken into account in order to prepare for such a grand event.

The food was catered by **El Molcajete**, a nearby Mexican restaurant, who always supports on campus organizations in providing information on Latin American lifestyle. They can often be seen catering at various LAHSO events.

LAHSO was founded in hopes of spreading awareness of the Hispanic student population and community here at the University of Louisville. Their mission is to unite those from similar cultures and spread the knowledge of their stories to those who are new to the ever growing Hispanic community in Louisville and around the country. LAHSO intends to be there for all people, regardless of where they come from.



Built to Graduate (B2G)

"Prestigious Scholarships"

Facilitated by: Patricia Condon

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

12 pm -1 pm

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Cultural Competency Workshop Series

"Diversity Consciousness"

Facilitated by: Dr. Monica Lakhwani

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

12 pm -1 pm

Cultural Center (lunch provided)

"The Medical versus the Social Model of Disability"

Facilitated by: Cathy Patus

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

12 pm -1 pm

Cultural Center (lunch provided)

LGBT Center



**Student Activities Center
Multipurpose Room**

Tickets

\$5 Student with ID - \$10 Gen. Admission

**Proceeds benefit the LGBT Center's
Civil Rights Immersion Tour**

PINK is UofL's student-produced, amateur drag and variety show. Now in its 18th year, the event holds the record as the longest running student organized fundraiser on campus.

The Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace and Justice in the 21st Century: Celebrating Ten Years of Ali Scholars

Thursday, March 26, 2015

5 pm -7 pm

Muhammad Ali Center

(Invitation Only)

The Muhammad Ali Scholar program will celebrate its 10th year anniversary with the recognition of past directors, the welcome and induction of the 2015-2017 Ali Scholar Cohort, and the commemoration of the work of current and past Ali Scholars. Please join us as we mark this great milestone within the life of the Ali Institute.

Student Conference

"Peace & Justice in the 21st Century: What Does Peace & Justice Mean Today to You, Your Community, Your Nation and Our World?"

Friday, March 27, 2015

2 pm - 4:30 pm

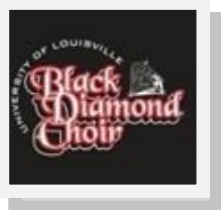
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The Ali Institute will host a conference with paper, poster, multimedia and artistic presentations by students. This event is co-sponsored by the Martin Luther King Scholars Program, the Peace, Justice, and Conflict Transformation Program, and others. The conference proceedings will be published online by the Ali Institute.

In 1967, Martin Luther King, Jr. said, *"There can be no justice without peace and there can be no peace without justice."* We ask students - our future leaders - what does this statement mean today in light of current events in the United States and global events?

Other Important Dates To Remember!!

New Staff Member



**University of Louisville
Black Diamond Choir**

45th Annual Spring Concert

Sunday, April 12, 2015

6 pm

St. Stephen Church
1018 S. 15th Street
Louisville, KY

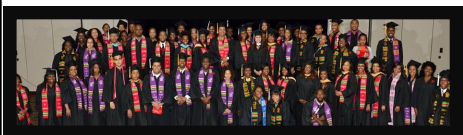


African-American Male Initiative Awards

Thursday, April 23, 2015

6 pm-8 pm

Student Activities Center
Multipurpose Room



Cultural Center Graduation Celebration

Thursday, May 7, 2015

6 pm

Student Activities Center
Multipurpose Room



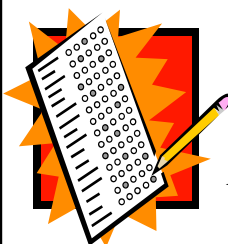
Monday-Sunday
March 16-22, 2015
No Classes



**Last Day
to Withdraw
from Classes**
Monday
March 16, 2015

Last Day of Classes
Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Reading Day
Thursday, April 23, 2015



**Final
Exams**
Friday - Thursday
April 24 - 30, 2015



The next issue of the *Cultural Center Newsletter* will be available Fall 2015. The staff wish you a wonderful fun filled and safe summer!

Bienvenida



Welcome

Join us in welcoming Sarah Nuñez to the University of Louisville and the Cultural Center team. We are delighted she has joined us as the new Assistant Director for the Hispanic/Latino Initiatives. Her role is critical in helping to fulfill the mission of our department. She was born in Colombia but lived most of her life in North Carolina. During her interview we could see her passion for students and her talent and knew she would bring a lot to the table. Students and University community stop by and say hello to Sarah. Show the great Kentucky hospitality and give her support during her transition here!

Sarah, welcome to the team!

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