Celebrating Black History Month on Campus
Feb. 2, 2015

WHAT:
Presentations, films and lectures are on tap throughout the month of February to commemorate Black History Month. The theme of this year’s program is “Being Black in America, Still WE Rise.”

Among the highlights scheduled is a screening of “Dear White People” Tuesday, Feb. 24, followed by a Q&A with the film’s director, Justin Simien.

THEME:
“The committee adopted the theme from Maya Angelou’s poem ‘Still I Rise,’” explains faculty member Gwen Alexis, chair of the 2015 Black History Month Committee. "The poem is about survival. The poem is relevant to recent events that triggered conversations around race relations in America, particularly around the African American community. We feel that this year’s Black History Month is the year of reflection and empowerment.”

WHERE:
Cal State Fullerton (unless otherwise noted)
800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton, 92831

WHEN:
Feb. 2-28

HIGHLIGHTS: The full schedule is available [online](http://www.fullerton.edu/aarc/history_month/).

Tuesday, Feb. 10
Slave Suicide
Noon – 1 p.m., Titan Student Union, Tuffree Room

Tuesday, Feb. 10
Black History Month President’s Reception
Cal State Fullerton President Mildred García will welcome attendees to the Black History Month reception, featuring faculty member Stan Breckenridge, who will serve as keynote lecturer and musical performer. His "lecture performance" will focus on the Harlem Renaissance.

Wednesday, Feb. 11
"No Turning Back: Commemorating 1865 and 1965 in 2015"
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Titan Student Union, Hetebrink Room
Tyler Parry, assistant professor of African American studies; Erica Ball, chair of African American studies and associate professor of American studies; and Benjamin Crawtha, associate professor of history, will lead a roundtable discussion about two landmark moments in U.S. history — adoption of 13th Amendment and the end of slavery in 1865, and passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965 — while assessing the ways these events continue to resonate in 2015.

Tuesday, Feb. 17
"The Blacker the Berry, the Sweeter the Juice: Using African American Discourse Style to Enhance Academic Writing"
5:30-6:45 p.m., Pollak Library, Room 203
Bonnie Williams, assistant professor of English, comparative literature and linguistics, will discuss language stereotypes, linguistic profiling and language prejudice and linguicism.

Tuesday, Feb. 24
"Dear White People" screening and discussion with director Justin Simien
5-10 p.m. (doors open at 4:30 p.m.), Titan Student Union, Portola Pavilion
Vijay Pendakur, associate vice president for student affairs, will discuss satire and challenge students to evaluate their emotions during the showing of the film "Dear White People." A Q&A with Simien will follow and be moderated by Tonantzin Oseguera, dean of students.

PARKING:
$2 per hour or $8 for a daily permit Monday through Friday; free on weekends. Details are available online (http://parking.fullerton.edu/parking/FAQforVisitors.asp).

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