OCTOBER SPEAKERS SERIES: EDUCATION, ACTIVISM, AND CIVIL RIGHTS IN AMERICA

GOOD READS


Dr. Joshua Moon Johnson, *Beyond Surviving: From Religious Oppression to Queer Activism* (Purple Books Publishing, 2013) vividly brings voice to the stories of Christian students in same-sex relationships as they encountered oppression, adolescence, first-love, and then a passion for social justice. *Authentic Leadership: An Engaged Discussion of LGBTQ Work as Culturally Relevant* (Information Age Publishing, 2013) new insights about the roles in which LGBTQ individuals contribute in society and various organizations.


WORDS OF WISDOM

We have failed to account fully for the weakness of the social infrastructure and the often dysfunctional organizational environments of urban schools and school systems. The result is that liberals and conservatives alike have spent a great deal of time pursuing questions of limited practical value in the effort to improve city schools.

**Dr. Charles M. Payne, Jr.**

Controversies over sex, A.I.D.S., and gay-inclusive multicultural education, offer especially fruitful opportunities to explore the claims of various identities, the social aims of public schools, and the relation between schools and the publics they serve.

**Dr. Cris Mayo**

Members of SNCC created some of the civil rights movement’s boldest experiments in freedom, including the sit-ins of 1960, the rejuvenated Freedom Rides of 1961, and grassroots democracy projects in Georgia and Mississippi.

**Wesley Hogan**

Although there are many positive outcomes of being in a same-sex relationship as a youth, there are still internal and external conflicts to manage and overcome.

**Dr. Joshua Moon Johnson**

Although fictionalized, the play deals with [real issues plaguing Chicago]...an uncertain future as the city is being negatively impacted by violent crime, gentrification, university encroachment, citywide economic woes, and an aging population of homeowners.

**Dr. Nicole Anderson-Cobb**
WHAT YOU MISSED...BGSA PRESENTATION, CIVIL RIGHTS PRESENTATION, ABCC CONFERENCE, ANNUAL BREAST CANCER WALK & BALLOON RELEASE, BOOK PUBLICATION

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DR. NICOLE ANDERSON-COBB, “12 YEARS A...GRADUATE STUDENT: REFLECTIONS ON THE JOURNEY TO THE PHD?”

24th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK CULTURE CENTERS (ABCC) CONFERENCE
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Ronnett Lockett, Counseling Major, 2nd Year Graduate Student, May 2015

The ABCC Conference was amazing! It was breath taking to see so many African American scholars in one place working towards the betterment of the African American students on their campuses. One thing I took away from the conference is to always be a resource and uplift other African American students long after I have left this campus. I also learned that if you put people in positions they are passionate about, you are setting them up to succeed.

Adewale Adetunji, President, Black Student Union

The ABCC conference benefited the Black Student Union by given us insight on how major it is for Black Studies to become a major on our campus. Our organization is about spreading awareness of African American students at Northern Illinois University. We want opportunities to introduce our heritage and culture not only to African Americans, but to all students. The courses in Black Studies help us in receiving that knowledge about our history and extending it to students. The conference also gave us knowledge on how to network and build with other student organizations. One of the amazing sessions was a lecture on the art of marketing. We learned by using the right techniques of marketing on social media, we can share our awareness much easier and efficiently around to our students.


Attending ABCC really brought a great experience for me. I was able to attend workshops learn and grow from various individuals. I really took a lot from the breakout sessions I attended. The presentations on Student leadership, Networking and Media and Black Image really stood out to me. It really helped provide me the tools to further educate my peers on issues that plague us. Last, as whole we as black people look up to the wrong things. We are sold these negative images through media and we believe this to be true or how our lives should really be.
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Kendra Knop, Marketing, Junior, December 2015

The Association for Black Culture Centers was very insightful and enlightening. It amazed me to sit in so many informative sessions with brilliant black people that all shared similar mind sets. Being the acting student liaison for the Center for Black Studies here at Northern Illinois University I can honestly say the conference helped me understand what “Continuing the Legacy” means. To see so many young people with the drive I have makes me want to continue to strive to help preserve the future for this association and our future as a people.

Staci Wills, Textiles, Apparels & Merchandising, Junior, May 2016

The Association for Black Culture Centers Conference was a great experience. I had never been around so many empowering people that all share the same goal—to improve our communities, college campuses, and our organizations. I learned that in order to build a strong organization you need to have a committee or executive board with people that have a passion for what they are doing and are taking care of their responsibilities as leaders on their campus. Being the president of S-Plan, I plan to always remember the purpose of my organization here at Northern Illinois University. S-plan is a mentor program for African American freshman and transfer students through the Center for Black Studies. As a leader and mentor on this campus I have to be an example and resource to the people that are a part of the program as well as continuing to learn and develop from my peers and professors.
CONGRATS to the participants, Ms. Regina Curry and the John Henrik Clarke Honor Society in collaboration with S.I.S.T.E.R.S, EBONY Women, B.R.O.T.H.E.R.S., BMI, and S-Plan: Mentors and Mentees TO A SUCCESSFUL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WALK AND BALLOON RELEASE ON OCTOBER 18TH!!!

Congratulations to Dr. Joy Williams-Black (Coates)

PICTURED ABOVE – CENTER FOR BLACK STUDIES STAFF [LEFT TO RIGHT]: Mr. Derrick Smith, Community Outreach Coordinator; Dr. LaVerne Gyant, Director; Dr. Joy Coates, Associate Director; and Ms. Regina Curry, S-Plan Coordinator (not pictured, Ms. Ronnie, Office Support Specialist)