OUR THEME:
History in the Making: The Relevancy of the Past to the Present and Implications for the Future

Ongoing Events During the Month of February:
• Black History Month Book Exhibit, Campus Library, First floor, Macklin Tower
• Black Facts Knowledge Competition. For more information contact Prof. Gus Griffin at (240) 567-5090 or blackfacts@montgomerycollege.edu
• Black/African-American History Month programming will be featured throughout the month of February on MC TV-10. Check the listings for more details.

Friday, February 1
MC-Rockville Black/African-American History Month Kick-off Event
12:00pm to 1:30pm, Location: Theatre Arts (TA) Arena.
Start off B/AAHM right by joining us for the opening event for Black/African-American History Month at Montgomery College, Rockville Campus. Montgomery College President, Dr. Brian K. Johnson, will be receiving the Dr. Carter G. Woodson History Maker Award from the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Chapter of the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History (ASALH) located in Montgomery County, Maryland. Our keynote speaker for this occasion will be Dr. Ivory Achebe Toldson, Senior Research Analyst for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and a counseling psychology professor at Howard University. In addition, there will be a poetry reading, musical performances, and a panel discussion entitled, “Why Do We Need Black History Month?” The discussion will be moderated by Dr. Alonzo Smith, History/Political Science, with panelists Dr. Christiana Okechukwu, Reading/ESL/World Languages/Philosophy, Prof. Christiana Tah, Sociology/Anthropology/Criminal Justice, and Dr. John Riedl, History/Political Science.

Tuesday, February 5
Guest Speaker: Award-Winning Author, Stephanie Allen
12:30pm to 1:30pm, Location: Gudelsky (GU), Room 222, 223, 224
Stephanie Allen is the winner of several awards, including the Hurston-Wright Legacy Award, for her collection of stories, A Place between Stations. Her work has been published in numerous anthologies and journals, too. She is a lecturer in the English Department at the University of Maryland in College Park.

From the book jacket: "A Place between Stations explores the lives of African American characters against the ever-present backdrop of race, but with the myriad complexities of individual minds and souls in the foreground. Two college students, bound by an intense but uneasy friendship, take an increasingly dangerous road trip through Florida. A widow faces her doubts about her long-dead husband by reliving an odd series of train rides she took along the Hudson River shoreline in the 1950s. An angry, fatherless girl
roams a city at night, searching for an escape from the ambiguities of childhood...In A Place between Stations, Stephanie Allen enlarges contemporary notions of what African American lives can be. Varied, to the point, and beautifully composed, this collection will appeal to all audiences."

**Wednesday, February 6**  
**Guest Speaker: Award-Winning Author, Stephanie Allen**  
1:00pm to 2:00pm, Location: Gudelsky (GU), Rooms 222, 223, 224  
*Please see the description for this event above.*

**Friday, February 8**  
**Remembering Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: How Do We Preserve His Legacy?**  
1:00pm to 3:00pm, Location: Science East (SE), Room 119  
An exploration of Dr. King’s life and legacy, and how he and the Civil Rights Movement he helped lead have been remembered, and misremembered, in American society. This panel discussion will be led by Dr. John Riedl, *History/Political Science*, and Dr. Alonzo Smith, *History/Political Science*. Sponsored by the Montgomery College Rockville Campus History and Political Science Department.

**Monday, February 11**  
**Kross Kolor Kommunication**  
1:00pm to 3:00pm, Location: Theatre Arts (TA) Arena  
Musician, author, and lecturer extraordinaire, Daryl Davis will present a program on “Kross Kolor Kommunication.” Mr. Davis has the unusual experience of a black man overcoming the extreme hatred of Klan members.

Sponsored by the Paul Peck Institute for American Culture and Civic Engagement. The contact person is Dr. Lee Annis at 240.567.7281 or lee.annis@montgomerycollege.edu

**Monday, February 11 – Friday, February 15**  
**From Freedom’s Shadow: African Americans and the United States Capitol Exhibit**  
Open during regular Rockville Campus Library hours. First Floor, Macklin Tower (MT)  
This traveling exhibit will open on campus, **February** 11 and close on February 15. The exhibit will be on display in the Rockville Campus Library – 1st Floor lobby (Macklin Tower). “From Freedom’s Shadow” is a visual presentation depicting the journey of African Americans from slavery to freedom and political representation in the U.S. Capitol. African Americans have been part of the Capitol’s history from the time Benjamin Banneker, the son of a former slave, joined the team led by Andrew Ellicott to survey the new federal district in 1791. The historical period covered includes the 1700s through the 21st century.

**Wednesday, February 13**  
**From Freedom’s Shadow: African Americans and the United States Capitol Tour**  
11:00am to 12:00pm. Lobby Level, Macklin Tower (MT)  
Sponsored by **“The Gathering,”** Ms. Felicia Bell, the exhibit curator, will conduct a brief tour of the exhibit.

2:00pm to 4:00pm. Student Activities Center, Campus Center (CC) Room 015.  
Ms. Bell will lead a panel discussion joined by Dr. Alonzo Smith and Dr. John Riedl, *History/Political Science*. During the discussion Ms. Bell will present photos,
documents, and archival information used to develop the exhibit. Topics such as Labor and Reconstruction of the Capitol, Resistance and Opposition, Emancipation and Reconstruction, Segregation at the Capitol, Congress since WWII and Getting History Right. Her work spans history from colonial times (1700s) to current day (21st Century). Dr. Smith and Dr. Riedl will provide political and historical perspectives spanning this era. Following this discussion, the audience is encouraged to participate in Q&A session.

Wednesday, February 13
The NAACP: How We Have Gotten To Today
12:00pm to 1:30pm. Location: Student Activities Center, Campus Center (CC) Rm. 015
The NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) is one of the oldest and most influential civil rights organizations for underrepresented people in the U.S. It was founded in 1909 with the mission of ensuring the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination. Come learn about the rich history of the NAACP and how you can become a part of its future. In addition, there will be a discussion on bring a NAACP College Chapter to Montgomery College. Presented by the Montgomery County NAACP Chapter (http://www.naacp-mc.org). For more information about this event please contact Mr. Henry Hailstock (301.567.2062/hhailstock@gmail.com) or Prof. Marcus Peanort (240.567.5055/marcus.peanort@montgomerycollege.edu).

Wednesday, February 13
National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
7:00pm to 9:00pm, Location: Theatre Arts (TA) Arena
“HIV/AIDS Crisis in the Black Family, Community, and Correctional System: Is This for Real?”
The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and its joint partners, Montgomery College, Adventist HealthCare and Lincoln Park Historical Foundation will hold a public forum on the impact of HIV/AIDS among African American families, inmates and ex-offenders in the State of Maryland and in Montgomery County. The conversation will focus on: (1) staying healthy, prevention, testing and treatment; (2) youth HIV/AIDS health awareness; and (3) programs that are setup inside correction and rehabilitation facilities for inmates and ex-offenders that are released to return home to their families and to reenter the community. Health experts will wrap up the forum with a discussion on African Americans infected with, may become infected with, and ways to avoid getting HIV/AIDS through health education, spiritual support, family values, and community involvement. Panelist includes: Mr. Marcos Pesquer, Executive Director, Center on Health Disparities, Adventist HealthCare, Inc., Ms. Brenda Lockley, Program Manager, African American Health Program, Youth Peer Education, GapBuster Learning Center, Inc., Ms. Mary Saxon-Clipper, Program Manager and Volunteer Coordinator, Mo. Co. Correctional Facility, Dept. of Correction & Rehabilitation, and Rev. Timothy Warner, Executive Director, Onesimus Health Resource Development., Yelena Golina, Health Expert.

Sponsored by The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) - Montgomery County Branch Health Committee, Montgomery College, Adventist HealthCare, and the Lincoln Park Historical Foundation.
Monday, February 18
Let’s Have Church!
12:00pm. Theatre Arts (TA) Arena. Dress: Come as you are.
Dr. Haywood Robinson, III, Pastor and The People’s Community Baptist Church Choir of Silver Spring, MD will be our special guest for this event. The church is one of the most influential social institutions in the African American community. It continues to wield significant political power. In addition, many African American churches provide community programs and social services to meet the needs of its members and others. Historically the African American church has been portrayed in the media by many negative stereotypes. This event is being held in order to provide an opportunity for the MC community to experience an actual African American church service as well as to dispel the stereotypes. Refreshments will be served.
For more information please contact Prof. Gail Wright (240.567.5099), Ms. Carmen Poston-Farmer (240.567.5253), Mr. Ken Nelson (240.567.5516), or Prof. Kim McManus (240.567.7406).

Monday, February 18 – Thursday, February 21
The Elements of Hip-Hop Expo – Regardless of how Hip-Hop music and culture may be viewed by the media and greater society, it is a genre and lifestyle that has had and continues to have great impact on young people globally. Based on how Hip-Hop has grown over the past 30 years, it appears that the movement won’t be stopped. The purpose of this expo is to highlight the 4 elements of Hip-Hop: Graffiti, Breakdancing, Deejaying, and Emceeing. Each day a prize will be raffled off for those in attendance.

Monday, February 18
12:00pm – 2:00pm in the Student Activities Center, Campus Center (CC) Room 015.
The First Element: Graffiti
On July 21, 1971, the New York Times ran an article about graffiti writer Taki 183. Inadvertently, the NY Times introduced a new sub-culture to millions. The origins and styles of graffiti will be discussed, as well as its role in the global spread of Hip-Hop and graffiti’s role in activism. In addition, MC students will have their graffiti art on display.

Tuesday, February 19
12:00pm – 2:00pm in the Student Activities Center, Campus Center (CC) Room 015.
The Second Element: Breakdancing
Breakdancing, or b-boying, provided a physical outlet for youth. Borrowing from capoiera, gymnastics and kung-fu, urban youth created a new form of dance which still exists today. In addition, MC students will demonstrate several breakdancing techniques during the discussion.

Wednesday, February 20
12:00pm – 2:00pm in the Student Activities Center, Campus Center (CC) Room 015.
The Third Element: Deejaying
The deejay is the cornerstone of Hip-Hop. From early house parties in the Bronx to the super-producers (Kanye West, Dr Dre, or Pete Rock) of today, the musical accompaniment to rap has created new sounds that have kept the music vibrant for over
30 years. A survey of important deejays and the early origins of rap music will be discussed. In addition, a MC student will demonstrate his/her skills on the turntables.

**Thursday, February 21**

12:00pm – 2:00pm in the Student Activities Center, Campus Center (CC) Room 015.

**The Fourth Element: Emceeing**

Easily the most recognizable element of Hip-Hop, this discussion will focus on the lyrical content of rap music and highlight important aspects across all geographies and time periods. Rather than focus on the commercialized, profit-inducing music heard on the radio and seen on TV, we will explore rap music from a communal standpoint, focusing on rap’s ability to transmit messages and act as a voice for the voiceless. In addition, two MC students will showcase their verbal and mental skills by participating in a freestyle, emcee battle.

Sponsored by the Urban Dance and Lifestyles student club and Rockville Counseling and Advising. For more information please contact Prof. Marcus Peanort (240.567.5055), Prof. Fabian Drain (240.567.5055), Prof. Gus Griffin (240.567.5090) or Mr. Dru Ryan (240.567.4279)

**Thursday, February 21**

7:30am – 9:30am, Location: Theatre Arts (TA) Arena

**The Annual Business Community Black History Month Breakfast**

This year's program will focus on two key ideas: (1) creating networking opportunities for the students, faculty, and staff of Montgomery College, and (2) celebrate the successes and future opportunities of the Minority Business in Montgomery County. The two hour program has been redesigned to allow for more networking time; in fact, about 45 minutes will be allowed for the Minority Business Community and the College to talk about creating opportunities and meeting mutual needs. The African American Chamber of Commerce will be providing procurement networking and the Montgomery County Department of Economic Development will be providing local minority business success profiles on three levels (Legacy, Current, and Emerging company success profiles). Montgomery College will be providing the location and opportunity for networking for student employment and resource development. Here is a summary of the Business Black History program:

**Friday, February 22**

**Jena 6 Defense Attorney Louis Scott**

12:00pm to 1:30pm. Location: Student Activities Center, CC015

We welcome to the College/campus, Attorney Louis G. Scott, and criminal defense for Mychal Bell (Jena 6 defendant). Attorney Scott will address contemporary issues surrounding Social Justice, Criminal Justice, and the Jena 6 case. This event is open to students and the Montgomery College Community. Please join us for this exciting dialogue!

For more information please contact Dr. Sonya Chiles (240.567.7475/sonya.chiles@montgomerycollege.edu), Mr. John Ubong Silas (240.567.4085/john.silas@montgomerycollege.edu), and Prof. Marcus Peanort (240.567.5055/marcus.peanort@montgomerycollege.edu)
Monday, February 25

**Behind Bars: Integrating Race and Gender**
11:00am to 11:50am, followed by a Question & Answer Session.
Location: Student Activities Center, CC015
Howard University Professors of Sociology and Anthropology, Dr. Rebecca L. Reviere and Dr. Vernetta D. Young will discuss and examine the unique experience of prison for women of color in the United States, and offer some analyses of what can be done to improve conditions and available resources for these women. They have recently published, *Women Behind Bars: Gender and Race in U.S. Prisons.* Sponsored by The Women's Studies Program and the Criminal Justice Department, Rockville.

Monday, February 25

**African-American Genealogy: Diggin’ Up Your Roots**
12:00pm to 1:30pm. Location: 2nd Floor of the Rockville Campus Library - Macklin Tower (MT), Room 205
Special guest Mr. Melvin J. Collier, Clark Atlanta University graduate student in African American Studies, will facilitate a seminar on how to trace one’s roots. Mr. Collier who has had much success in tracing his roots and developing tips for others, gave up a successful career as an engineer to pursue his passion, African-American History and research. At minimum participants will learn how to conduct genealogical research using various tips, online, and other research tools. *The seating for this event will be limited to first 25 individuals in attendance.* Sponsored by the Office of the Vice President and Provost – Germantown campus and the Office of Equity and Diversity.

Wednesday, February 27

**Examining the Shelby Steele and Bill Moyer Discussion**
1:00pm to 3:00pm. Location: Technical Center (TC), Room 216
Does Barack Obama have a true Black perspective? What is a true Black perspective, and who gets to decide? These questions and more will be examined in the discussion between an African-American, conservative social critic, Shelby Steele, and a White, award winning journalist, Bill Moyer. Discussion will follow, facilitated by Dr. Alonzo Smith (*History/Political Science*). For more information please contact Prof. Gus Griffin (240.567-5090/gustavus.griffin@montgomerycollege.edu) or Dr. Alonzo Smith (240.567.7283/alonzo.smith@montgomerycollege.edu)

Friday, February 29

**The Black/African-American History Month 2008 Museum Bus Trip**
8:00am to 3:30pm. Departing from the Rockville campus.
Cost: $8/student. Applications and payments are due by Friday, February 22, 2008
As a culminating event to celebration of Black/African-American History Month, Montgomery College students, faculty, and staff will travel to Baltimore, MD to visit two museums: *The National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture.*

For more detailed information about this trip and an application please visit [http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/studev/BAAHMTrip.pdf](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/studev/BAAHMTrip.pdf), Counseling and Advising (CB215), or the Office of Student Life (CC005). You may also contact Prof. Ever Grier (240) 567-7648 or Prof. Marcus Peanort (240) 567-5055. Sponsored by Rockville Counseling and Advising and the Office of Student Life (OSL).