Black History Month 2010
“Celebrating OUR History”
Organized by the Black History Month Planning Committee

Calendar of Events: All are Welcome!

Feb 2nd ● 2nd Annual BHM Opening Dinner: Dr. Julianne Malveaux
Time & Location: 7pm – 9pm @ Gasson 100
Description: Dr. Julianne Malveaux is a Boston College alumna and president of Bennett College for Women. She regularly contributes to various journals and has appeared on different broadcasts like CNN, BET, C-SPAN, and CNBC. As per this year’s theme, “Celebrating OUR History,” Malveaux will discuss the history of African Americans at Boston College.
* RSVP Required by January 29: bc.bhmc@gmail.com
Sponsored by the Black History Planning Committee, MLK, Jr. Memorial Committee, and United Front

Feb 3rd ● 28th Annual MLK, Jr. Memorial Committee Awards Banquet
Time & Location: 5:30pm @ Welch Dining Room (The Rat)
Description: A dinner that includes a guest speaker, musical selections, and the awarding of a scholarship to a Boston College Junior who has excelled academically and who exemplifies Dr. King’s dream of social justice and equality.
* RSVP Required by January 25: brownjo@bc.edu
Sponsored by the MLK, Jr. Memorial Committee

Feb 8th ● A Walk To Beautiful
Time & Location: 7pm – 10pm @ Robsham Theater
Description: A Walk to Beautiful is an award winning feature-length documentary that tells the stories of five Ethiopian women who suffer from devastating childbirth injuries and embark on a journey to reclaim their lost dignity. Rejected by their husbands and their communities, these women are left to make the choice of taking the arduous journey to the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in search of a cure and a new life. There will be opportunity for Q&A with documentary makers.
* Donation will be collected for Postpartum Physical Wellness education
Sponsored by African & African Diaspora Studies, the Women’s Resource Center, and the Black History Month Planning Committee

Feb 10th ● I am Still Black in America: Obama’s 1st year of presidency
Time & Location: 7pm – 9pm @ McGuinn 121
Description: A panel that will examine the Black Union since President Obama became the leader of the United States of America. Do African Americans have equal access to social and economic mobility in America in 2010? Is institutional racism a valid claim in American public life now that Obama is President of the Institution?
Sponsored by Grad AHANA Student Association

Feb 11th ● “That’s Mad Gay…kNOw Homo”
Time & Location: 7pm – 9pm @ Higgins 310
Description: A panel that will explore the ignorance and pain inflicted with this phrase while discussing relevant events and occurrences in BC’s culture. There will also be a film reel presentation of the media’s part in the portrayal of these phrases.
Sponsored by United Front and GLBTQ Leadership Council
Feb 12th • Lovers’ Lounge  
*Time & Location:* 7pm – 9pm @ Cabaret Room  
*Description:* This ‘Dating Game Show’ brings together the Boston College community for a night filled with much fun and entertainment. Expect to see charismatic contestants, an entertaining host, and a positive atmosphere!  
*Sponsored by African Students Organization*  

Feb 15th • Move the Crowd: Hip Hop Affirmations  
*Time & Location:* 6:30pm – 8:30pm @ Devlin 008  
*Description:* Author, Mike Bruny, will explore the power of the spoken word and see how the lyrics of many artists have inspired him. Move the Crowd will have you take a deep look into yourself and ask provocative questions. Books will be available for purchase.  
*Sponsored by the Black History Month Planning Committee*  

Feb 17th • The Pink and Black Campaign: A Talk with Ambassadors  
*Time & Location:* 7pm – 9pm @ Vandy Cabaret Room  
The Pink and Black Campaign was launched in 2005 to raise awareness about breast cancer in Boston’s Black communities. Its ambassadors conduct many advertising/awareness campaigns, speaking engagements, educational and support programs, and conferences. For more info, visit www.pinkandblack.org.  
*Sponsored by Undergraduate Government of Boston College*  

Feb 18th • The (Social) Death of Autotune: Blind Tom, Black Metaphysical Noise & Slavery’s Sonic Blue(s)  
*Time & Location:* 4:30pm @ Devlin 101  
*Description:* Daphne A. Brooks is an associate professor of English and African-American Studies at Princeton University where she teaches courses on African-American literature and culture, performance studies, critical gender studies, and popular music culture. She will discuss the intersecting racial, corporeal and sonic politics of Thomas Greene Wiggins - better known as the entertainer Blind Tom - and his performative repertoire in the years immediately before and after the Civil War, and will focus on his cultural iconicity in the period of Reconstruction.  
*Sponsored by African & African Diaspora Studies*  

Feb 20th • Taste of Africa  
*Time & Location:* 6pm – 8pm @ Vandy Cabaret Room  
*Description:* Experience and enjoy food from different African countries! Guests will have the opportunity to watch (and/or participate with) two chefs from Cornell University cook, prepare, and serve the food.  
*Sponsored by African Students Organization*  

Feb 24th • Portraits of Courage: African Americans You Wished You Had Known  
*Time & Location:* 7:30pm – 9:30pm @ Robsham  
*Description:* As the BHM Closing Ceremony, this performance will examine overlooked African-Americans and their contributions to American history. Surprised at the absence of African-American figures in today’s history books, playwright Colin Cox created a theatrical piece to help bring recognition to a few of those who have helped shaped our country. In a 65-minute live presentation, one woman and one man portray Madame CJ Walker, Ida B. Wells, Colonel Charles Young, Bass Reeves, Lewis Latimer, and Fannie Lou Hamer.  
*Sponsored by the Black History Month Planning Committee, United Front, African Students Organization, Black Student Forum, Cape Verden Student Association, Caribbean Culture Club, Haitian Association, BC’s National Association for the Advancement of Colored People*  

For all questions please contact the BHM Planning Committee Co-Chairs:  
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