

Women of Color

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19th Annual Conference

“Let My People Go:

Black Women’s Activism in the 21st Century”

March 28-30, 2008

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2008 Conference Agenda

Friday, March 28, 2008

Registration	2:00pm–6:00pm
Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address Featuring Angela Davis	7:00pm–9:00pm
Opening Ceremony Reception	9:00pm–10:00pm

Saturday March 29, 2008

Registration and Breakfast	8:00am–8:45am
Workshop Session I “The past is ever present...” –Patricia Hill Collins, <i>Black Feminist Thought</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black Women in the African Diaspora• Black Women in the Family• Black Women in the Prison System• Black Women and Gender Roles	9:00am–10:15am
Plenary Workshop I: Attitude and Aggression	10:30am–11:45am
Lunch	12:00pm–1:15pm
Workshop Session II “Our present determines our future...” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• From the 16th Street Baptist Church to the Jena 6: Racism Over the Years• Empower Yourself: Vote• HIV: The Silent Killer• The Future: Rendering Our Youth	1:30pm–2:45pm
Plenary Workshop II: Now, It’s Time for Me	3:00pm–5:00pm
Celebrating Black Women: A Tribute to the Past, Present and Future Variety Show	7:00pm–10:00pm

Sunday March 30, 2008

Closing Brunch and Inception Ceremony	11:00am–2:00pm
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About the Keynote:
Angela Yvonne Davis

Known for her ongoing work to combat all forms of oppression, Angela Davis has been active as a student, writer, teacher, scholar, and organizer for more than three



decades. In recent years, a persistent theme in her work has been the range of social problems associated with incarceration and the generalized criminalization of those communities that are the most affected by poverty

and racial discrimination. Her articles and essays have appeared in numerous journals and anthologies, she is the author of eight books, her latest of which is *Are Prisons Obsolete?*

A moving orator, Davis recounts her place in our nation's tumultuous history. Her story takes audiences down the path of social injustice and through the civil rights battles that enraged America, which victimized those who voiced opposing opinions.

She draws upon her own experiences in the early 1970's as a person who spent eighteen months in a jail and on trial, after being placed on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted" list. It is a story of false accusations, incarceration, and the ultimate

vindication of justice.

Workshop Summaries

Black Women in the Diaspora- This workshop will examine roles and conditions of Black women throughout the world and will broaden the prospective of its attendees while helping them redefine what it means to be a Black woman today.

Black Women in the Family- This workshop will help its attendees understand the role of the Black woman within the family and its historical and psychological implications. It will help attendees discover new possibilities for their families and how they are crucial to building and maintaining their family.

Black Women in the Prison System- Attendees will gain a better understanding of why Black women find themselves in the judicial system and the barriers- societal, economic and emotional- that are in place preventing their escape from this system. Moreover, it will examine how we can eradicate the rising rates of Black women in the prison system.

Black Women and Gender Roles- Black women have been committed to gender roles within the Black community. This workshop will analyze how Black women have transformed these roles implemented by society and how we can identify ourselves outside of this context.

Attitude and Aggression- This workshop will discuss how we can maintain a healthy attitude in our lives and learn to turn our aggression into positive energy.

From the 6th Street Baptist Church to the Jena 6: Racism Over the Years- This workshop will help attendees understand the effects of prolonged exposure to racist institutions and ideologies on Black women in this country. As well, it will give attendees suggestions to eliminate all oppressions.

Empower Yourself: Vote- This workshop will help its attendees understand the vital role they will play in the future of this country and the special significance their vote holds. It will provide listeners with the information necessary to make an informed decision in the polls and how to become involved in the political landscape of this nation.

HIV: The Silent Killer- Attendees will learn the truth behind the epidemic of HIV in the Black community and how they can help prevent new incidents of this virus and educate others of the same.

The Future: Rendering Our Youth- Shaping our future is critical to understanding our present. This workshop will give us direction on what we can do to help those who will come after us be respectable members of society.

Now, It's Time For Me- Demonstrations by Big Girls Cosmetics. Spa Treatments will also be raffled off during the conference. (www.biggirlcosmetics.com)

Registration Form

Please Check One: Student___ Non-Student___

Students Specify Year: Fresh___ Soph.___ Jr.___ Sr.___ Grad___

Name: _____

Institution/Organization: _____

Name Preferred on Name Badge: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Please Indicate any Special accommodations needed:

Registered by: _____

Registration Fees

- \$10 UIUC Students, Staff, and Faculty
- \$15 Non-UIUC Students
- \$25 General Public

Please make checks payable to "*Women of Color*". Registration fees are non-refundable.

Workshop Pre-Registration

(Please number the workshops you are interested in attending in order of preference with 1 being your highest preference and 4 being the lowest.)

Session I

- Black Women in the African Diaspora
- Black Women in the Family
- Black Women in the Prison System
- Black Women and Gender Roles

Session II

- Racism Over the Years
- Empower Yourself: Vote
- HIV: The Silent Killer
- The Future: Rendering Our Youth

Registration must be completed by
Friday, March 14, 2008 and returned to:

BN-AACC
Attn: Nameka Bates
708 S. Matthews
Urbana, IL 61801

General Information

Attire- Business casual attire suggested

Hotel Information-

Conference Hotel

Holiday Inn

1001 S. Killarney St.

Champaign, IL 61801

(217)328-0328

\$99 for standard double (ask for *Women of Color* 2008 Conference group rate). Any other accommodations will require standard hotel rates.

Transportation/Parking-

Transportation will be provided from the conference hotel to the conference via hotel shuttle. Campus parking is limited and metered.

Directions to the University of Illinois-

From I-57 North/ South: Take I-74 East exit.

From I-74 East/West: Exit Lincoln Ave., take Lincoln Ave. South to Green St, turn right (West) on Green St., Illini Union will be located on the left hand side just past Matthews Ave.

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