

Loyola Marymount University  
Office of Black Student Services  
Presents  
Black History Month 2010



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small - in settling for a life that is less than  
the one you are capable of living."

*- Nelson Mandela*

## Black History Month February 1 – 28, 2010

In an effort to raise campus wide awareness of Black History and the LMU black community, the Office of Black Student Services celebrates the month of February with a variety of events and activities.

This year's theme is:

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- Nelson Mandela, Nobel Peace Prize Winner

This year we are encouraging the LMU community to persevere and remain determined! We should use the privilege of education for the betterment of ourselves and others. We should reach for the stars in all that we do but not forgetting those who are without.

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### African & African American Nobel Laureates

Ralph Bunche (1950) / Nobel Peace Prize  
First African American to receive award.

Albert John Luthuli (1960) / Nobel Peace Prize  
First African to receive award.

Martin Luther King, Jr (1964) / Nobel Peace Prize

Sir William Arthur Lewis (1979)  
Nobel Prize for Economics

Desmond Tutu (1984) / Nobel Peace Prize

Wole Soyinka (1986) / Nobel Prize for Literature

Derek Walcott (1992) / Nobel Prize for Literature

Toni Morrison (1993) / Nobel Prize for Literature  
First African American Female to receive award.

Nelson Mandela (1993) / Nobel Peace Prize

Kofi Annan (2001) / Nobel Peace Prize

Wangari Maathai (2004) / Nobel Peace Prize  
First Kenyan Female to receive award.

Barack Obama (2009) / Nobel Peace Prize

February 2, Tuesday / 12:15 pm – 1:30 pm

**BHM Kick-Off / Hannon Library Amphitheater Lawn**

Join us for festivities celebrating the beginning of Black History Month! Our theme for this year is "There is no passion to be found playing small – in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living." Anticipate music, spoken word, dancing, and stepping at this event as we raise campus wide awareness of Black History and the LMU black community.

February 3, Wednesday / 8:00 pm

**Poetry and Open Mic Night / The Living Room**

A night of poetry and spoken word featuring Local LA artists, as well as original work from the LMU community. Sign-ups begin at 7:30pm. Co-sponsored by Campus Recreation.

February 4, Thursday / 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**"The Blood They Shed" / The Living Room**

A poetic theatrical journey that will remind us all of the blood, sweat, and tears which have been shed by all nationalities to create the path for today's generation to succeed. This play is a remembrance of the struggles and sacrifices of those who came before us. It stands as a parallel to promoting unity and the betterment of the community.

February 6, Saturday / 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

**Imani "Faith" Retreat / Sullivan Lounge**

A one day student led spiritual retreat where students strengthen their faith as it relates to everyday life issues and concerns. Sponsored by the Office of Black Student Services & Campus Ministry.

February 6, Saturday / 5:30 pm – 7:15 pm

**LMU Tailgate / Hannon Field**

Come tailgate and get ready for the LMU vs. Pepperdine Men's Basketball Game!

February 6, Saturday / 7:30 pm

**LMU Men's Basketball "LMU vs. Pepperdine" / Gersten Pavilion**

National Anthem by Neijah Williams, half time performance by Kuumba Beatz, announcements of Black History Month calendar by Ross Bennett.  
**BEAT PEPPERDINE!**

February 8, Monday / 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Soul, Sushi, & Salsa: Overcoming barriers...heading toward success  
Malone 301 - EIS**

Students of color share common challenges while in college and how they overcame them. Co-sponsored by APSS & CLSS.

February 9, Tuesday / 12:15 pm – 1:30 pm

**State of Black Hair / Huesman Lounge**

An intimate discussion focusing on the opinions of black hair and its history and journey; at the same time bringing to light its uniqueness and the important role hairstyles have played in our history and culture.

February 10, Wednesday / 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Brother Outsider / UH Ahmanson Auditorium**

The film presents a vivid drama, intermingling the personal and political conflicts, about one of the most enigmatic figures in 20<sup>th</sup> century American history: Bayard Rustin. He was one of the first "freedom riders," an advisor to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and A. Philip Randolph, and organizer of the march on Washington. Bayard Rustin was denied his place in the limelight for one reason – he was gay.

February 11, Thursday / 12:15 pm – 1:30 pm

**"From Jay-Z to Jesus" / Huesman Lounge**

"The church needs young adults and young adults need the church," the authors assert. Led by co-author, Elder Ben Stephens this discussion will respond to both of those needs-- challenging all in attendance. Co-sponsored by Campus Ministry.

**February 11, Thursday / 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**“Race, Sexuality & Proposition 8 / McIntosh Center UH-3999**

A discussion that will address homophobia in the black community & racism in the gay community.

Facilitated by the African American Studies Department.

**February 12, Friday / 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**The Mis-Education of the White Greek / The Hill – Malone 4<sup>th</sup> floor**

A panel discussion that addresses the differences that exist between historically black fraternities and sororities and the “traditional” Greek organizations. Despite these differences, the discussion will reveal similarities and commonalities of all Greeks. Co-sponsored by the Office of Greek Life.

**February 12, Friday / 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Valentine’s Day Café / The Living Room**

This special evening is for singles and couples. Enjoy a dialogue on “Black Love: A Red Hot Affair” with music and entertainment.

Hosted by Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. & the Black Student Union

**February 13, Saturday / (2pm – 3pm ~ reception) (3pm – 5 pm ~ program)**

**OBSS 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration “Sankofa” / Roski Dining Hall**

"Sankofa" teaches that we must go back to our roots in order to move forward. That is, we should reach back and gather the best of what our past has to teach us, so that we can achieve our full potential as we move forward. Whatever we have lost, forgotten, forgone or been stripped of, can be reclaimed, revived, preserved, and perpetuated. Join the campus community as we share the history of OBSS through dialogue, song, dance, and magic!

**February 14, Sunday / 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**West Angeles C.O.G.I.C Trip / Alumni Mall Flagpoles (carpooling)**

Join Elder Ben Stephens and the West Angeles Church Family for Sunday morning worship.

Hosted by Higher Learning Bible Study & Campus Ministry.

**February 15, Monday / 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Brothas: What’s Going On? / McIntosh Center ~ UH 3999**

An informal discussion on issues that matter most to African American men.

Facilitated by Eddie Becton, Dept. of African American Studies.

**February 16, Tuesday / 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Third Tuesday: Nobuko Miyamoto / Malone Living Room**

Nobuko leads audiences through the turmoil of the 60’s; with her close ties to the Black Panthers and the Asian American movement. She also includes her experiences during the Los Angeles riots and discusses multiculturalism in the 90’s.

Co-sponsored by APSS and the Nikkei Student Union (NSU).

**February 17, Wednesday / 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**From Africa to America: Fashion Show / The Hill**

A fundraiser fashion show of African and African-American styles worn from the 1960s to the present. The fashion show will also feature African drummers, poets, and dancers. Co-sponsored by Sankofa Society.

**February 18, Thursday @ 11:30 am – 2:00 pm**

**The Sylvia Zomalt African Marketplace & ASLMU Farmer’s Market / Alumni Mall**

Named after the LMU pioneer of the BHM African Marketplace; this is a small-scale replica of the African Marketplace of Los Angeles where vendors sell clothes, jewelry, art, soaps, purses and much more! The market place will also feature and provide information and awareness on “Water Wells for Africa” a non-profit organization. The marketplace is in collaboration with the ASLMU Farmer’s Market ~ providing fresh fruit, vegetables, and much more!

**February 18, Thursday @ 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm**

**A Tribute to Black Men / St. Robert’s Auditorium**

A night of appreciation that includes dinner, entertainment, and celebration. Co-sponsored by Sistah Friends.

**February 22, Monday / 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Sistahs: What’s Going On? / McIntosh Center ~ UH 3999**

An informal discussion on issues that matter most to African American women.

Facilitated by Jade Smith, Dr. Darnise Martin, and Dr. Tracy Shaw.

**February 23, Tuesday / 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Sweet Potato Pie Social / Huesman Lounge**

A social event of fun, soul food, music, and games. Co-sponsored by EIS Intercultural Affairs.



**February 23, Tuesday / 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Being Black: A Critical Dialogue regarding the Age old question: What does it mean to be black? / St. Robert's Classroom 369**

This event will involve a viewing of CNN's series: Black in America. The viewing will be followed by a student lead dialogue discussing what it means to be black. Facilitated by The Learning Community (TLC).

**February 24, Tuesday @ 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Black Music as a Form of Social Protest / The Hill**

A panel discussion followed by a musical performance. An exploration of how Black music has served as a form of Social Protest throughout the African Diaspora. It will examine the politics of black music, with an emphasis on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century and how people of African descent have been able to use music to express and achieve complex political goals. Facilitated by the department of African American Studies.

**February 25, Thursday @ 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm**

**Ineffable Divinity / St. Robert's Auditorium**

A tribute to LMU's black women that includes dinner, entertainment, and celebration honoring the positive changes in the black community that have been fueled by black women.

Co-sponsored by Brothers of Consciousness.

**February 27, Saturday @ 2:00 pm**

**The 5th Annual Step Show / Burns Back Court**

Paying tribute to our African ancestors with various beats, steps, drums and dances. The Divine Nine sororities and fraternities will show you a step show worth steppin' up to.

Co-sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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