



NEWS March 2014

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Featured Stories:

The 25th Thurgood Marshall Lecture on Law and Human Rights Tuesday, April 1, 2014



The annual Thurgood Marshall Lecture will be held in the UCLA Grand Horizon Room, Covell Commons. Named for Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, the series pays tribute to his brilliant record of civil rights advocacy by presenting an annual public lecture by a distinguished scholar, legal practitioner, or activist.

The 2014 Thurgood Marshall Lecture will be presented by John A. Powell, Professor of Law, Professor of African American Studies & Ethnic Studies, and Director of the Haas Institute for a Fair & Inclusive Society, University of California, Berkeley. Professor John A. Powell is an internationally recognized expert in the areas of civil rights and civil liberties. He has written extensively on a number of issues including structural racism, racial justice and regionalism, concentrated poverty and urban sprawl, voting rights, affirmative action, and the needs of citizens in a democratic society. Professor Powell is the author of several books, including his most recent, *Racing to Justice: Transforming our Concepts of Self and Other to Build an Inclusive Society* (Indiana University Press, 2012). Professor Powell will present the 25th Thurgood Marshall Lecture. **To RSVP, [Click Here](#).**

News and Announcements:

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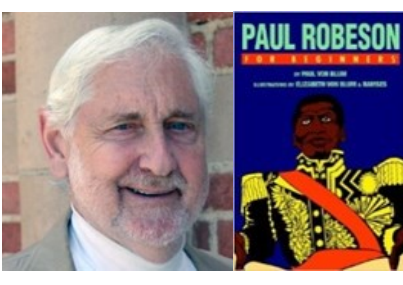
Grad Students Focus of Circle of Thought Lecture Thursday, March 6, 2014

Current Interdepartmental Studies Afro Am MA and PhD students in various disciplines will present their research and discuss future academic goals. Event attendees will have the opportunity to question them about their work. The event will have a faculty/Post Doc moderator who will also lead a discussion on available on-campus support for diverse scholars in the different graduate programs at UCLA. To read more, [Click Here](#).



Faculty News:

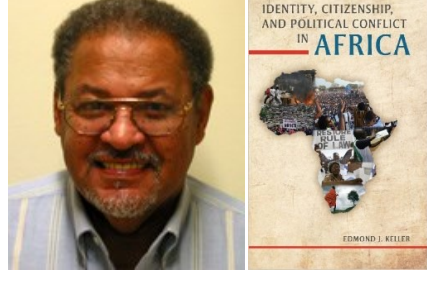
Bunche Center Authors' Series Lecture - Thursday, March 13th, 2014



Paul Von Blum, a Senior Lecturer Emeritus in African American Studies and Communication Studies at UCLA, and a Bunche Center affiliated faculty member, will discuss his new book, *Paul Robeson for Beginners* (Random House 2014). Von Blum is the author of numerous books and articles on African American art, culture, and politics, chronicling his activism. For more information, [Click Here](#).

Keller Releases New Book

In *Identity, Citizenship and Political Conflict in Africa*, Edmond Keller, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Political Science at UCLA, reconsiders how national identity has been understood in Africa and presents new approaches to identity politics, intergroup relations, state-society relations, and notions of national citizenship and citizenship rights. To read more about Keller and his work, [Click Here](#).



Research News:

Bunche Center Releases Findings of Race and Hollywood Diversity Report



The Bunche Center's Race and Hollywood Project is creating a comprehensive analysis of diversity (or the lack thereof) in the film and television industries. In February, the Center released the "2014 Hollywood Diversity Report: Making Sense of the Disconnect." To download and print a copy, [CLICK HERE](#). To read the UCLA press release, [CLICK HERE](#).

External Opportunities:



Summer Workshop on African American Aging Research

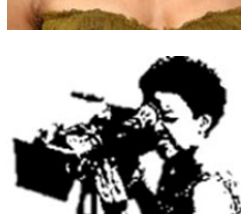
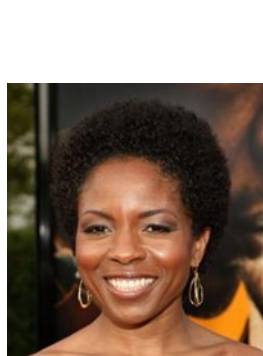
This is a program for junior (non-tenured faculty) and advanced graduate students which takes a life course perspective in research on adults (18 and over) as well as those interested in research on older adults (e.g., caregiving). Workshop objectives include: identifying and training early stage career scientists of diverse backgrounds who are committed to conducting African American aging research; and improving the quality and quantity of research conducted with older African Americans. The workshop will be held June 4-6, 2014. Robert Joseph Taylor, faculty member in University of Michigan's School of Social Work and Director of Program for Research on Black Americans will facilitate. Up to 15 stipends will be awarded to help defray travel and hotel expenses. The application deadline is 4/1/14. For additional information, [Click Here](#).

Library & Media Center News:



The Bunche Library and Media Center (LMC) has print, multimedia, and archival materials relevant to African Americans and the diaspora, their institutions and achievements worldwide, with a particular emphasis on UCLA, Los Angeles, and the Southwestern United States.

Upcoming LMC events include the third and final Images of blackness Film Series for 2013-2014. It will be held on **Thursday, May 22nd, 2014** and will feature Lisa Gay Hamilton, television and theater actress who received two Obie Awards and directed the documentary film *Beah: A Black Woman Speaks*. The event will be from 12:00pm – 1:00pm.



The LMC is located in 135 Haines Hall. For more about the library [Click Here](#).

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