Ferguson?
A Morehouse College Interdisciplinary Discussion on Race, Identity, Community, and Criminality

Tuesday, April 14, 2015
5:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Shirley W. Massey Executive Conference Center
Walter E. Massey Leadership Center, and the Bank of America Auditorium

Guest Speaker:
The Rev. Dr. Raphael G. Warnock '91
Senior Pastor of Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA
**Brief Program Overview**

(Program Online: http://2015symposium.weebly.com/)

**Symposium Registration** - 5:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. (Lobby)
  Professor Keisha Burke-Henderson, Assistant Professor of English, Morehouse
  Dr. Sonya Loftis, Assistant Professor of English, Morehouse
  Professor Jamila Lyn, Assistant Professor of English, Morehouse

**Introduction** - 5:45 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. (Bank of America Auditorium)
  Dr. Consuela Bennett, Chair of the Department of English, Morehouse

**Invocation** - 5:50 p.m. to 5:55 p.m. (Bank of America Auditorium)
  Minister Micah T. Benson, Morehouse ’10, M.Div. Interdenominational Theological Center and Candler School of Theology

**Program Overview, 5:55 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** (Bank of America Auditorium)
  Dr. Francine L. Allen, Assistant Professor of English, Morehouse

**Concurrent Sessions** – 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (See below the list of concurrent sessions.)

**Refreshments** – 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Lobby)

**Musical Selection** - 7:35 p.m. to 7:40 p.m. (Bank of America Auditorium)
  “Hold On”, an original piece by Mr. Damarcus Bell, Music, Morehouse
  Performers:
    - Mr. Damarcus Bell, Music, Morehouse
    - Mr. Carl Alexander, Music, Morehouse
    - Mr. Desmond Thompson, Clark Atlanta
    - Mr. Joshua Troutman, Biology, Morehouse
    - Mr. Joshua Hill, Psychology, Morehouse
    - Mr. Jelanie Watkins, Music, Morehouse

**Personal Reflections:** - 7:40 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. (Bank of America Auditorium)
  “Thinking Back, Looking Forward: Memories of a Teenager of the 60’s,”
  Dr. Duane Jackson, Morehouse ’74, Professor of Psychology

**Introduction of Speaker** -7:50 p.m. to 7:55 p.m. (Bank of America Auditorium)
  Dr. Duane Jackson

**Presentation by Guest Speaker:** - 7:55 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. (Bank of America Auditorium)
  The Rev. Dr. Raphael G. Warnock, Morehouse ’91, Senior Pastor Historic Ebenezer Baptist, Social Justice Activist, Author of *The Divided Mind of the Black Church: Theology, Piety, and Public Witness*

**Q & A** - 8:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
  with the Rev. Dr. Raphael G. Warnock (Bank of America Auditorium)

**Conversation with Guest Speaker and Alumni** – 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  “Beyond Ferguson,” (Bank of America Auditorium)
  Moderator: Mr. El-Mahdi Holly, Morehouse ’98, Political Consultant

**Closing:** - 9:00 p.m. to 9:05 p.m. (Bank of America Auditorium)
  Dr. Clarissa Myrick-Harris, Associate Provost for Pedagogical and Curricular Initiatives and Professor of African-American Studies

**Guest Speaker Book Signing** – 9:05 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (Lobby)

**Distribution of Informational leaflets by Alumni** – 9:05 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (Lobby)
(Concurrent Sessions 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

**African American Cultural Studies I**  
Policing, the African American Community, and Civil Rights  
(Location: Shirley A. Massey Conference Center, Room F)

**Chair:** Dr. Samuel T. Livingston, Associate Professor and Director, African American Studies Program, Morehouse

**Panelists:**
  Dr. Samuel T. Livingston, Associate Professor and Director, African American Studies Program, Morehouse

- “African-Americans and Police Dogs from Birmingham to Ferguson”  
  Dr. Larry H. Spruill, Professor of History, Morehouse

- “Fear on Both Sides: White Police Officers and the Black Community”  
  Dr. Yohance Murray, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Morehouse

- “From Selma to Ferguson: Civil Rights Movement Divide”  
  Dr. Kimberly Smith, Assistant Professor of English, Morehouse

**African American Cultural Studies II**  
Race, Law Enforcement, and Double Consciousness  
(Location: Walter E. Massey Leadership Center Facility, Room 358)

**Chair:** Dr. Andrea McEachron, Assistant Professor of Reading and Critical Thinking, Morehouse

**Panelists:**
- “Fired up: How View on Culture, Race, and Ethnicity Shape the Law”  
  Mr. Robert Cummings, Physics/Engineering, Sophomore, Morehouse

- “Bullet Wounds: The Social, Political, and Psychological Implications Between the Black Community and Police”  
  Ms. Nia Bush, Philosophy, Sophomore, Spelman

  Mr. Justin Brooks, Applied Physics/Engineering, Freshman, Morehouse

- “A Look at Ferguson through James W. Johnson’s The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man”  
  Mr. Alexander Barron, International Studies/Chinese, Sophomore, Morehouse
Literary Studies

Literature and Culture

(Location: Shirley A. Massey Conference Center, Room E)

**Chair:** Dr. Alison Ligon, Assistant Professor of English, Morehouse

**Panelists:**

- On Whose Shoulders, Ferguson?: Musings on Loss and Life from the HBCU Vanguard
  Dr. Alison Ligon, Assistant Professor of English, Morehouse

- "Poison Cake: How We Built Ferguson"
  Ms. Milagros Smith, Physics, Freshman, Spelman

- "America’s Problem Child: Black Boy"
  Mr. Timothy Tukes, English, Sophomore, Morehouse

**Literature and Education: Reading and Writing:**

Richard Wright, Malcolm X, and Literacy in the Age of Ferguson

(Roundtable Discussion)

(Location: Walter E. Massey Leadership Center Facility, Room 358)

**Moderator:** Dr. Francine Allen, Assistant Professor of English, Morehouse

Roundtable Discussants from English 480 African American Literature I

**Morehouse English Majors**

- Mr. Deshawn Adams, Senior
- Mr. Angelo Drummond, Senior
- Mr. Morgan Jones, Senior
- Mr. Robert Martin, Junior
- Mr. Isaiah, Norwood, Senior
- Mr. Demarco Pitre, Senior
- Mr. Melvin “Ryan” Rhodes, Senior
- Mr. Seif Saafir, Senior
- Mr. Curtis Smith II, Senior
- Mr. Mason Smith, Senior
- Mr. Cedric Thorbes, Senior
- Mr. Joseph Williams, Jr., Senior
History

History: The Civil Rights Movement as a Moral Revolution: An Honors Program Roundtable Discussion
(Location: Shirley A. Massey Conference Center, Room D)

Chair: Dr. Frederick Knight, Associate Professor and Chair of Morehouse Department of History

Panelists:
Mr. Alexander Meyer, Dual-Degree Engineering, Freshman, Morehouse
Mr. William Coggins, Computer Science, Freshman, Morehouse
Mr. Julian White, Computer Science, Freshman, Morehouse

The History of African Americans
(Location: Walter E. Massey Leadership Center Facility, Room 150)

Chair: Dr. Barry E. Lee, Assistant Professor of History, Morehouse

Panelists:
“Fanon’s Praxis of Liberation at Work: Huey Newton and Martin Luther King Jr. on Black Violence in the United States.”
Mr. Casey Phanor, History, Junior, Morehouse

“Too Numb to Complain: The Impact of Intergenerational Trauma and Violence on African Americans”
Mr. Gregory Barber, Psychology, Sophomore, Morehouse

“Riot and Reason: The Riot and Its Effect on the Black Community”
Mr. Christian Stegall, History, Junior, Morehouse
Ethics and Leadership

Ethical Leadership and the African American Moral Tradition
(Location: Shirley A. Massey Conference Center, Rooms A and B)

Chair: Dr. Melvinia Turner King, Assistant Professor and Director of Leadership Studies Program, Department of Business Administration

Panelists:

“So They Marched North: Migration as a Response to Oppression in African American Communities”
Mr. Darien Pollock, Sociology/Philosophy, Senior, Morehouse

“Analyzing and Evaluating the Racial Disadvantages and National Progress Involving African Americans”
Mr. Marcus Branch, Business Administration, Senior, Morehouse

“African American Moral Perspective”
Mr. Eric Morgan, Physics, Senior, Morehouse

“The Detrimental Fragmentation of a Once United People”
Mr. Reginald Hutchins, Sociology, Senior, Morehouse

“Hypothetical Response from Historical Black Leaders to Social Injustice”
Mr. Paul Scott, Applied Physics, Senior, Morehouse

“On the Outside Looking In: America’s Race Bubble”
Mr. Sulaiman Kenyatta, International Studies, Senior, Morehouse

“The International Community’s Reaction: Ferguson”
Mr. Michael Gatewood II, Political Science, Senior, Morehouse

Philosophy, Religion, and Theology
(Location: Shirley A. Massey Conference Center, Room C)

Chair: Dr. Carter Savage, Instructional Designer, Morehouse

Panelists:

“The Ideology of Order: Ferguson and The Pathology of ‘Strict Enforcement’”
Dr. Preston King, Visiting Professor of Political Philosophy, Morehouse

“Ferguson and Thurman’s Hounds of Hell”
Dr. Kipton Jenson, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Morehouse

“F*** the Police! Ferguson and the Challenge of Legitimate Law Enforcement”
Dr. Al-Yasha Williams, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Spelman

“Ferguson and Martin Luther King, Jr’s Cosmopolitan Community”
Dr. Dokubo Goodhead, Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Spelman
Communications, Speech, Sociology
(Location: Walter E. Massey Leadership Center Facility, Room 152)

Chair: Dr. Felicia R. Stewart, Associate Professor of Communications

Panelists:
“Did He Apologize? The Sociological Impact of Darren Wilson’s Rhetoric”
Dr. Felicia R. Stewart, Associate Professor of Communications
Dr. Derrick M. Bryan, Assistant Professor of Sociology

“Rituals of Community Protest from Antiquity to Ferguson”
Dr. Leah Creque-Harris, Professor of English and Director of the Morehouse College Honors Program

Statistics

Sociology and Statistics: Ferguson and Twitter
(Location: Walter E. Massey Leadership Center Facility, Room 154)

Chair: Dr. Derrick M. Bryan, Assistant Professor of Sociology

Panelists from Sociology Class 403:
Mr. Reginald McCrimmon, Sociology, Senior, Morehouse
Mr. Kevin McCauley, Sociology, Senior, Morehouse
Mr. D’Ondre Swails, Sociology/Philosophy, Senior, Morehouse
Mr. Donnell Williamson, Sociology, Senior, Morehouse

Statics III: Content Analysis of Online Commentary of News Reports in Ferguson
(Location: Walter E. Massey Leadership Center Facility, Room 356)

Chairs: Dr. David Rice, Chair and Associate Professor of Psychology and Assistant Provost for Student Success, Morehouse

Dr. Teaniese “Tina” Davis, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology, Morehouse

Panelists:
Members of Research Methods and Statistics III Class
Members of Black Men, Black Boys, and the Psychology of Modern Media Class

Journalism

News Coverage of Ferguson
(Location: Walter E. Massey Leadership Center Facility, Room 450)

Chair: Professor Ron Thomas, Director of the Journalism and Sports Program, Morehouse

Panelists:
“Race, Money, and Police”
Mr. Venson Hawkins, English, Senior, Morehouse

“My Thoughts on Ferguson,” Editorial
Mr. Austin Williams, English, Senior, Morehouse

“What the Media Did Right and Wrong in its Ferguson Coverage”
Mr. Ernie Suggs, Atlanta Journal-Constitution Reporter
Faculty Development

The Black Male as Proper Noun: Digital Dialogues in Teaching and Learning to Facilitate Issues of Race, Identity, and Community
(Walter E. Massey Leadership Center Facility, Lecture 1/Classroom 148)

Chair: Dr. Monique Earl-Lewis, Director, Faculty Development Center, Morehouse

Panelists:
- Dr. Corrie Claiborne, Assistant Professor of English, Morehouse
- Ms. Renee Jordan, Instructional Design Coordinator, Morehouse
- Dr. Carter Savage, Instructional Designer, Morehouse
- Mr. David Harvey, Administrative Assistant Faculty Development

Creative Writing and Personal Response
(Location: Walter E. Massey Leadership Center Facility, Room 354)

Chair: Dr. Stephane Dunn, Director of Cinema, Television, and Emerging Media, Morehouse English Department

Panelists:
- Poetry: “Black Heroes” and “How Many Lives”
  - Mr. Fred Robinson, African American Studies, Senior, Morehouse
- Poetry: “Black Lives Matter”
  - Mr. Kerwin Holmes Jr., History, Senior, Morehouse
- Poetry: “Value of the Self”
  - Mr. Nebiyu T. Fitta, Sociology, Junior, Morehouse
- “The Ferguson Community’s Struggle with Authority”
  - Ms. Claudia Smalls, Administrative Assistant, Business Administration

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