10th Annual
Black History Month Conference
Body Politic: Cultural Identities and Representations of Black Women’s Sexuality
Commemorating the Legacy of Lena Horne
February 6-7, 2013

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

5:30 -6:45 p.m. Dinner for Conference participants and guests Nobel Room
7:00 p.m. Conference Opening and Plenary Lecture CFL Center Stage
   Welcome and Introduction of Plenary Speaker
   Presenter: Novian Whitsitt, Professor of Africana Studies and English
   Plenary Lecture
   Dorothy Roberts, J.D. George A. Weiss University Professor of Law and Sociology, Raymond Pace and Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander Professor of Civil Rights, Professor of Africana Studies, University of Pennsylvania

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Speaker:
Dorothy E. Roberts, George A. Weiss University Professor of Law and Sociology and the Raymond Pace and Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander Professor of Civil Rights

9:00 p.m. Book Signing, Dorothy E. Roberts CFL Lobby
Moderator: Luther College Bookshop

Thursday, February 7, 2013

9:40-10:20 a.m. Tribute to Lena Horne—Movement Piece TBA
Moderator: Jane Hawley, Associate Professor of Dance
11:00-12:30 p.m. Embodied Narratives: Representations of Black Womanhood CRH

Re-envisioning the Black Female Artist as Citizen—Sonic (Em)Bodied Narratives as Expressions of Political Desire
Abbygail M. Dobson, Senior Paralegal, Wormser, Kiely, Gulef, and Jacobs, LLP, New York, New York, singer, songwriter and recording artist
Network of Oppressions: Capitalist Consumption, Black Women’s Bodies and Speciesism
Richard Merritt, Associate Professor of Art, Luther College
Scott Hurley, Visiting Assistant Professor of Paideia, Luther College

Ella Baker and Fannie Lou Hamer—A study of Freedom Summer  CRH
Fredrick Douglass Dixon, Associate Professor, Sociology Department, Kennedy King College, Chicago, IL

Moderator: Lauren K. Anderson, Visiting Assistant Professor of Africana Studies and History, Luther College

12:45-2:15 p.m.  Lunch (on your own)
Visit Luther eateries: Oneota Market or Marty’s. You can also visit the Luther College Diversity Center, the Luther Galleries, or take a campus tour.

2:30-4:00 p.m.  Cultural Representations of Black Women  CRH

Mammy Water: Sexuality, Wealth, Women’s Empowerment
Paul A. Williams, Department Chair, Religious Studies Program
Owen Mordaunt, Director of TESOL Certificates, University of Nebraska at Omaha

The Body Politic: Michelle Obama, Beyonce Knowles-Carter and the (Re)Making of a Nation
Kendra Janelle Ross, Teaching Assistant, The New School for Social Research-Anthropology Department, Associate Director, Production Logistics for Universal Music Group.

The African-American Registry’s Program and Video Archive: Cataloguing Personal Narratives of Black Women’s Experiences
Ben Mchie, Executive Director, African-American Registry

Moderator: TBA

4:15 p.m.  Danielle Scruggs: Gallery Talk  CFL Gallery
Artist: Photographer Danielle Scruggs will discuss her exhibit co-founder of Mambu Badu Photography Collective created to find, nurture and expose self-identified women photographers of African descent.

.  Gallery Reception  CFL Gallery
Hearty hors d’oeuvres served
Moderator: David Kamm, Assistant Professor of Art, Coordinator Luther College Galleries

5:30 p.m.  Conference Closing  CFL Gallery
Moderator: Sheila Radford-Hill, Ph.D., Executive Director Luther College Diversity Center

6:00 p.m.  Closing Reception for Conference participants  TBA
Hosts: Department of Africana Studies