

Poster Session on African American Inventors

This Poster Session is an exhibit that will promote an awareness of African American Firsts and African American Inventors that have made significant contributions to the United States of America.

Date: **February 1, 2012-February 29, 2012**

Location: **Second Floor of the Student Union**

Keynote Speaker- Dr. Lance Williams

The status of African American male students in postsecondary institutions is a major concern in the U.S. The graduation rate of African American males has remained disproportionately low compared to African American females and men and women from other ethnic groups according to data published by the U.S. Department of Education. Given the disparities that have persisted among African American males in postsecondary institutions, this presentation will highlight the best practices found in programs designed to enhance the academic achievement of African American males on campus.

Book signing will take place directly following the presentation

Date: **Thursday, February 2, 2012**

Time: **3:00p.m.-4:05 p.m.**

Location: **Alumni Hall**

Walking Historian Mr. Rufus A. Hunt, Jr.

Aviation Historian Rufus A. Hunt, Jr. will share his personal experience as an African American Aviator, featuring the pioneering life and legacy of Cornelius Coffey, who was the inventor of an aircraft carburetor heat control, and was the first African American to hold a pilots and mechanics

license. Coffey helped open both occupations for blacks in Aviation despite during our current times; the Aviation industry remains unrepresented of African American men and women in American skies. Emphasis on protecting one's inventions and intellectual property will be discussed during the presentation.

Date: **Thursday, February 9, 2012**

Time: **3p.m.-4:05 p.m.**

Location: **Alumni Hall**

History and Influences of African Americans in Chicago

The objective of this program is to promote awareness of the contributions of African American leaders from the Chicago land area that made major contributions despite historical/racial oppression.

Date: **Tuesday, February 21, 2012**

Time: **3p.m.-4:05 p.m.**

Location: **Golden Eagles Room**

Black Heritage Awards Ceremony

Faculty, students, Administrators and constituents from the community receive awards for their significant contributions.

Date: **Friday, February 24, 2012**

Time: **5:30 p.m.-10 p.m.**

Location: **Alumni Hall**

Documentary Eyes on the Prize

Eyes on the Prize recounts the fight to end decades of discrimination and segregation. It is the story of the people -- young and old, male and female, northern and southern -- who, compelled by a meeting of conscience and

circumstance, worked to eradicate a world where whites and blacks could not go to the same school, ride the same bus, vote in the same election, or participate equally in society. It was a world in which peaceful demonstrators were met with resistance and brutality -- in short, a reality that is now nearly incomprehensible to many young Americans. Through contemporary interviews and historical footage, *Eyes on the Prize* traces the civil rights movement from the Montgomery bus boycott to the Voting Rights Act; from early acts of individual courage through the flowering of a mass movement and its eventual split into factions. We will show one excerpt from this gigantic compilation and stimulus for discussion.

Date: **Tuesday, February 28, 2012**

Time: **3 p.m.-4:05 p.m.**

Location: **Golden Eagles Room**

African American Faculty Research Symposium

The Northeastern Illinois University African American Faculty will have the opportunity to showcase new research or research they have conducted that is related to their discipline. This symposium is also a forum which provides opportunities for student engagement in the NEIU community.

Date: **March 8, 2012**

Time: **3 p.m.-5 p.m.**

Location: **Golden Eagles Room**