# ELON UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2016

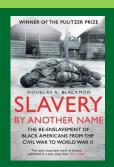


### **Black History Month Speaker:**

FEBRUARY 4: Lakeside 214, 7PM (there will be a reception with light refreshments at 6pm) Dr. Omari Ali, PhD

"Understanding Black History as American History"

Just named the 2016 Carnegie Foundation North Carolina Professor of the year, Dr. Ali will engage the audience in an exploration of how "Black History" is "American History" without glorifying the contributions of men and women of African descent, yet demonstrating their significance in shaping America's narrative. \*This project is made possible by funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



# **Black History Month Film Series: Slavery by Another Name**

FEBRUARY 8: KOBC (LAROSE THEATRE), 7:30PM

Slavery by Another Name challenges one of our country's most cherished assumptions: the belief that slavery ended with Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of 1863. The documentary recounts how in the years following the Civil War, insidious new forms of forced labor emerged in the American South, keeping hundreds of thousands of African Americans in bondage, trapping them in a brutal system that would persist until the onset of World War I.



### **Black Student Union Town Hall Meeting**

FEBRUARY 10: KOBC (LAROASE THEATRE), 7:30PM

Please join the Black Student Union of Elon University as we test your knowledge of Black History is a fun and informative way. Come ready to learn!



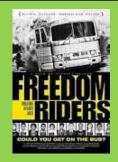
Call to Action: 10th Annual Moral March

FEBRUARY 13: Meet in front of Admissions Building: 8am

Sponsored by: North Carolina NAACP

The Moral March on Raleigh is part of a love and justice movement. We LOVE justice in Education; We LOVE Economic Sustainability, We LOVE Workers and Workers' Rights and Livable Wages; We LOVE Health Care For All, Medicaid Expansion: We LOVE our Environment; We LOVE Equal Protection Under the Law, without regard to creed, race, gender, gender identity or sexual orientation; We LOVE Voting Rights For All; We LOVE criminal justice.

Please email the CREDE at diversity@elon.edu to sign up.



# Black History Month Film Series: Freedom Riders FEBRUARY 15: KOBC (LAROSE THEATRE), 8PM

**FREEDOM RIDERS** is the powerful harrowing and ultimately inspirational story of six months in 1961 that changed America forever. From May until November 1961, more than 400 black and white Americans risked their lives—and many endured savage beatings and imprisonment—for simply traveling together on buses and trains as they journeyed through the Deep South. Deliberately violating Jim Crow laws, the Freedom Riders met with bitter racism and mob violence along the way, sorely testing their belief in nonviolent activism.



## **Black History Month Speaker**

FEBRUARY 16: MOSELEY 215, 6PM

Dr. Ross Howell, PhD

"Forsaken"

The April 1912 murder trial of Virginia Christian roiled racial tensions in Hampton, Virginia. An uneducated African-American girl just five feet tall, Christian was found guilty of killing her white, fifty-one-year-old employer, a widow. Christian was executed in the electric chair at the state penitentiary in Richmond one day after her seventeenth birthday. She is the only female juvenile executed in Virginia history.



### **Black History Month Presentation**

FEBRUARY 17: GLOBAL 103, 7PM (there will be a reception with light refreshments at 6pm)

Ms. Ella Joyce (E.J.) Stewart

"Sit a Spell"

In this presentation, Ms. Stewart takes participants on a nostalgic trip back to what was once a staple of the North Carolina agriculture landscape. She invites participants to share their unique culture, or to tell a part of their story on this delightful journey. Or you can simply come and **Sit-A-Spell.** \*This project is made possible by funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



# Black History Month Field Trip: Greensboro Civil Rights Museum FEBRUARY 20: We will meet in the Koury Lot at 9:30am)

Explore the history of the American civil rights movement with a guided tour of the International Civil Rights Center & Museum's permanent exhibition, *The Battlegrounds*. This engaging encounter, introduced with a captivating audio/video narrative, includes a journey through time *via* pictorials, artifacts, video reenactments, and interactive components.



### **Celebration of Gospel**

**FEBRUARY 21: LAKESIDE HALL, 4PM** 

The Gospel Music experience cannot be told in a short story, or even in a melody of songs, for it is far too rich, far too harmonious and deliberately stimulating. It is a living experience, always changing, always giving, and always becoming the foundation that gave moral, physical and spiritual support to a great and powerful people.



### Race-nicity (\*only for faculty and staff)

### **FEBRUARY 22:MOSELEY 215, 12-1:15PM**

The Center for Race, Ethnicity, & Diversity Education presents our Race-nicity February Lunch and Learn series. The Race-nicity lunch series for the month of February will focus on the Black male experience in higher education. Please join us as our student panel will share their stories.

If you plan to attend please RSVP to Ms. Marilyn Slade at mslade3@elon.edu no later than 2/15/2016. Lunch will be provided to the first 20 people to RSVP.



# Black History Month Film Series: The Loving Story FEBRUARY 22: KOBC (LAROSE THEATRE), 7:30PM

The Loving Story is a story of love and the struggle for dignity set against a backdrop of historic anti-miscegenation sentiments in the U.S. The Lovings, an interracial couple, fell in love and married at a critical time in American history, and, because of a confluence of social and political turmoil our reluctant heroes bring about change where previously no one else could. They are paired with two young and ambitious lawyers who are driven to pave the way for Civil Rights and social justice through an historic Supreme Court ruling, changing the country's story forever.



### Being White @ Elon: Conversations about Privilege

FEBRUARY 24: McKinnon Hall, 6:30PM

Talking about privilege can be HARD! Let's have an honest conversation exploring privilege related to race. This interactive workshop is student led and open to all students.



### **Black History Month Poetry and Open-Mic Night**

FEBRUARY 25: Location TBA, 6pm

The name says it all. We will be showcasing the talents of fellow students here at Elon University. Performances will range from singing to dance to spoken word. Come out and enjoy these performances. If you would like to participate, please send your information to: blackstudentunion@elon.edu



### **AMISTAD WE STAND**

FEBRUARY 26: McCrary Theatre, 7:30PM

Directed & choreographed by Assistant Professor Jason Aryeh

A performance production that seeks to explain the nature of something that should NOT have happened. Specifically, "Dancing the Slave Story" is inspired by a research project conducted on some of the incidents which occurred in the dungeons and within the castle through the "door of no return" to the ship during the period of slave trade in the Cape Coast and Elmina slave castles in Ghana from about 1672 to the 1800s. A choreographers own interpretation as artist, of events and personalities whose journey of courage and defiance stand chronicled in historical accounts of the period.

