



Inauguration



The Black Family Studies Seminar

An Inaugural Event

Celebrating the Investiture

of

Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed

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8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wesley United Methodist Church
Eleventh and State Streets
Little Rock, Arkansas

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Panel Biographies



James E. Turner, Ph.D.

Dr. Turner is professor of Afro-American Studies and director of the African Studies and Research Center at Cornell University. He has been a member of the University faculty since 1969. His field of teaching and research is in political sociology and Black education with specialized interests in social change and Black social movements; African politics and political economy of Black America and development in African states. He has been an instructor at Northwestern University and the University of Wisconsin; assistant professor, Center for Inner-city Studies, Northeastern Illinois University; visiting professor at Fisk University in the African and Caribbean Studies Center, at Saint Peter's College. Dr. Turner received his undergraduate degree from Central Michigan University (magna cum laude), and his graduate degrees from Northwestern University and the Union Graduate School, in political sociology, urbanization and social change. He was also awarded the Certificate of Specialization in African Studies from the Center for African Studies at Northwestern University. He is a member of the

American Sociological Association; the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History; National Conference of Black Political Scientists. He is a member of the executive board of the African Heritage Studies Association and the Overseas Liaison Committee of the American Council of Education. He has published articles in several of the major Black professional journals and serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Black Studies*, and Dr. Turner is also contributing editor for *Black Scholar Journal*.

Wynona Bryant-Williams, Ph.D.

Dr. Bryant-Williams is a graduate of Little Rock Central High School. She received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Her teaching certification is from Henderson State University and her doctorate from Texas Woman's University. Her research topic was middle class African-American families' perceptions regarding their strengths, and has been presented at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations as well as the Texas affiliate of the National Council on Family Relations and the Arkansas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She holds professional memberships in the National Council of Family Relations, Arkansas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, National Coalition for Black Development in Home Economics and Society for Nutrition Education. Her awards and recognition include the Lee Grant Simpson Award, Arkansas Home Economics Teacher of the Year, American Home Economics Top Ten Finalist, American Home Economics National Merit Finalist and the Texarkana Arkansas Teacher of the Year. She has also been recognized as a leader in the field of economic education. She is published in the *Economic Education Experiences of Enterprising Teachers*. She serves on the



board of the Arkansas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. Dr. Bryant-Williams' past and current community and civic involvement include the Arkansas Youth Suicide Prevention Commission, Society for Nutrition Education, the Conifer Girl Scouts, and the Arkansas State Police Commission. She was employed for 20 years as a secondary vocational home economics teacher at Arkansas High School and was very instrumental in motivating disenfranchised students to believe in themselves and to enrich their lives through educational pursuits. She has also worked for the Cooperative Extension Program at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff as project coordinator for the Families First Nutrition Education and Wellness System Program.



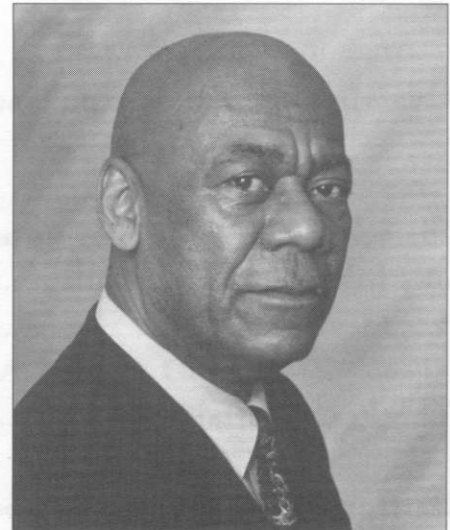
Robert Staples, Ph.D.

Born in Roanoke, Virginia and educated in the state of California, Dr. Staples is Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of California San Francisco. He has held faculty appointments at Howard University, Fisk University, California State University at Hayward and Bethune-Cookman College. He has been a visiting professor at Tougaloo College, Florida State University, the University of Michigan, the University of Southwest Louisiana, the University of Hawaii, Cornell University, the Institute of Family Studies in Melbourne, Australia, and the University of Warwick, Coventry, England. Having received three college degrees in the state of California, he was granted a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. One of the most prolific sociologists in the United States, his publication record includes over 200 articles in popular and scholarly periodicals in the United States, Yugoslavia, Austria, Venezuela, Australia and New Zealand. Considered one of the leading authorities on Black family life, he has written or edited 13 books on the topic, which have been adopted as texts in more than 500 colleges and universities in the United States, Africa, the West Indies and England. Among his books are *Black Masculinity*, *The Urban*

Plantation, *The Black Family: Essays and Studies* and *Black Families at the Crossroads*. Dr. Staples has received distinguished achievement awards from Howard University and the National Council on Family Relations, was invited to give the prestigious Simon Bolivar lecture at the University of Zulia in Maracaibo, Venezuela, and was included in *Who's Who Among Black Americans*. He has been appointed to the editorial boards of *The Black Scholar*, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *Journal of Social and Behavioral Sciences* and the *Western Journal of Black Studies*. He has lectured at over 400 colleges in the United States, Latin America, Europe and Asia.

Harlan London, Ph.D.

Dr. London has celebrated more than two decades as a senior professor of Family Social Sciences and nine years as chair for Child and Family Studies at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. He is currently advisor to Syracuse University's chancellor on curriculum renovation and diversity issues, a position he has held since 1997. Dr. London has taught graduate and undergraduate students in courses in family variations across race, ethnic and social class lines, child socialization in African-American families, marriage and family relations, and urban family problems. His research and publications focus on issues of race, ethnicity, African-American families and the over-representation of Blacks in the criminal justice system. Dr. London received his early education in the state of Arkansas. Upon graduation from the Fargo Agricultural High School, he received a music scholarship to attend Philander Smith College and sing in the internationally known collegiate choir. Dr. London earned a B.A. degree in the social sciences at Philander Smith College.



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Program

Morning Session

9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Registration

Greetings.....Dr. Joycelyn M. Elders
Black Family Studies National Steering Committee, Chair

InvocationReverend Robert Willingham
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas

Address: "Crisis in the Black Family"Dr. James Turner
Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

Civic Proclamation.....Office of the Governor
Office of the Mayor

Overview.....Dr. Wynona Bryant-Williams
Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas

Introduction of the Eleventh President
of Philander Smith College.....Dr. Clifford Minton
1935 Philander Smith College Alumnus

The Presidential Vision.....Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed

Setting the Challenge: Symbolic Interaction Model.....Dr. Robert Staples
Professor Emeritus, University of California San Francisco

Reactor Panel

Empowerment of the Black Family for the New Millennium:
Building Traditions of Excellence - A Review of Diverse Models

.....Dr. Harlan London, Convenor
Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York

African-American Families: Economic Dimensions of Reality

.....Dr. Harriette Pipes McAdoo
Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

African-American Families: A Holistic Perspective

.....Dr. Wynona Bryant-Williams
Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas

Family and Community Context: Competency and Resiliency

.....Dr. Velma McBride Murry
University of Georgia, Athens Georgia

Luncheon Session

Noon to 1:45 p.m.

Introduction of SpeakerMr. Ozell Sutton
U.S. Department of Justice, Atlanta, Georgia

Keynote Address: "Educating Us About Us"Dr. Geneva Gay
Professor of Education, University of Washington Seattle

Soloist.....Ms. Kristin Lewis
Student, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas

Afternoon Session

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Address: "The Mission and Meaning of Black Studies:
Intellectual and Social Dimensions"Dr. Maulana Karenga
Professor and Chair, Department of Black Studies
California State University Long Beach



Harriette Pipes McAdoo, Ph.D.

Dr. McAdoo received her bachelor's of arts and master's degrees from Michigan State University. She has two Ph.D.s, one in the field of sociology and anthropology from Michigan State University and the second in educational psychology, child development from the University of Michigan Ann Arbor. Dr. McAdoo has also studied at Harvard and Yale Universities. Her professional experiences and achievements include University Distinguished Professor and research professor for the African Studies Center for the Advanced Study of International Development, George Washington University Medical Center for Family Research. She has also assisted many doctoral students. Her honors include Michigan State University Distinguished Faculty Award, Golden Key Research Award, Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society and Award for Distinguished Contributions to Family Systems Research. Her publication record is extensive and impressive, and includes *Family Ethnicity: Strength in Diversity*, *African-American Psychology: Theory, Research and Practice* and *The State of the Art of Black Family Research: A Review of Black Family Research*.

She holds the distinction of having served as president of the National Council on Family Relations Professional Organization, which is considered the definitive voice on research as it relates to families.

Velma McBride Murry, Ph.D.

Dr. Murry is an associate professor in the Department of Child and Family Development, University of Georgia. She has also had the distinction of being a Faculty Fellow, Institute for Behavioral Research, University of Georgia. She holds professional memberships in Alan Guttmacher Institute, International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development, National Council on Family Relations where she is co-editor of the *Ethnic Minority Newsletter*, Society for Research on Adolescence and Society for Research on Child Development. Dr. Murry's honors include appointments to the commission for the State of Georgia Children's Trust Fund, the 1997 Blue Ribbon Faculty Consultant for the Recruitment and Retention of Black Faculty Committee. She received the Gamma Sigma Delta Distinguished Teacher Award, and has been nominated Fellow to the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford. Dr. Murry has an extensive publication record. Her record includes publications in journals such as *Journal of Research in Family and Consumer Sciences* and *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Human Services*. Several peer-reviewed book chapters are also included in her publication record.

International recognition includes an invitation from Centers for Disease Control to present a paper on "Sexual Risk-taking Among Girls of Color."



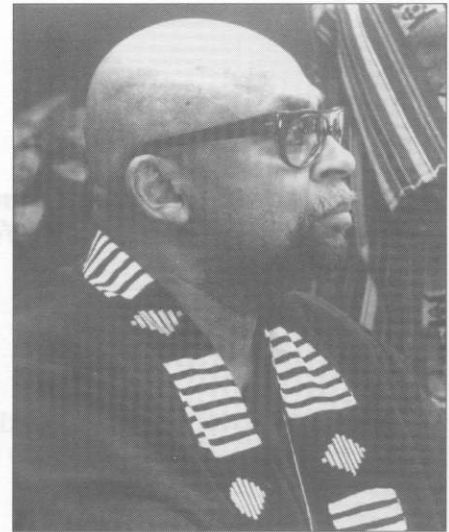


Geneva Gay, Ph.D.

A professor of education at the University of Washington Seattle, Dr. Gay received her Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. Courses taught by Dr. Gay include School Reform and Multicultural Education, Introduction to Multicultural Education and Teaching the African-American Child. Dr. Gay's professional experiences include being an assistant professor of Curriculum and Instruction and director of Ethnic Studies at the University of Texas at Austin, associate director for Program Development, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Alexandria, Virginia, and associate professor of education at Purdue University. Her publication records exceed over 100 journal articles, book reviews, book chapters and monographs.

Maulana Karenga, Ph.D.

Dr. Maulana Karenga is professor and chair of the Department of Black Studies, California State University Long Beach. He also chairs the President's Task Force on Multicultural Education and Campus Diversity, CSULB. An activist-scholar of national and international recognition, Dr. Karenga is one of the most important figures in recent African-American history, having played a major role in Black political and intellectual culture since the 60's. He has lectured on the life and struggle of African peoples on the major campuses of the U.S.A. and in Africa, the People's Republic of China, Cuba, Trinidad, Britain and Canada. He holds two Ph.D.'s, one in political science and another in social ethics, as well as an honorary doctorate from the University of Durban, South Africa. He chairs the Organization Us and the National Association of Kawaida Organizations. Dr. Karenga is also the author of numerous scholarly articles and books, including *Introduction to Black Studies and Selections from the Husia: Sacred Wisdom of Ancient Egypt and Kawaida: A Communitarian African Philosophy.* He is currently working on a long-term project of translation and ethical commentary on the classical Yoruba text: *The Odu Ifa*. Dr. Karenga is the creator of the Pan-African cultural holiday *Kwanzaa* and the *Nguzo Saba* (The Seven Principles) and author of the definitive work on the subject titled *Kwanzaa, A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture*.



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