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WHAT'S NEXT?

The Black Potential in the Age of Obama



April 3, 2009

Danforth Lounge,
University Center

2:30 - 5:30PM

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CONFERENCE AIM

This event aims to bring students, faculty, staff, and members of the larger Pittsburgh community together for an afternoon of discussion about the prospects for African American empowerment and community development during the emerging era of Barack Obama, the first United States President of African descent. Dr. Henry Louis Taylor of the State University of New York-Buffalo will focus on the importance of local black communities forging their own community development strategies as a means of positioning their communities to take advantage of urban policies that will flow from the Obama administration. A brief film clip and panel discussion on the same theme will follow.



ABOUT THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Henry Louis Taylor, Jr.

Professor Henry Louis Taylor, Jr., is one of the nation's leading authorities on distressed urban communities and inner city development. A historian and urban planner, this internationally known scholar is a full professor in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University at Buffalo. He is coordinator of the Department's Community Development and Urban Management Specialization and is the founding director of the University at Buffalo Center for Urban Studies (CENTER), a research, neighborhood planning and community development institute that focuses on the regeneration of distressed communities.

Taylor's research focuses on African American urban history, Cuban Studies, university- community relations, tourism, and health and the built environment. Taylor has written or edited five books. He has published more than 80 articles, book reviews, commentaries, and technical reports on urban and regional planning. Taylor has appeared on *ABC Nightline*, and he has been quoted in numerous national publications, including the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Time Magazine*, and has made presentations at leading universities, including the University of Pennsylvania, University of North Carolina, The Ohio State University, and La Universidad de la Habana.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

2:30-3:00

Reception/Refreshments

3:00 - 3:05

Moderator - Richard Purcell - Opening Remarks and Introduction of Keynote Speaker

3:05-4:00

Dr. Henry Louis Taylor, Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, and Director of Center for Urban Studies, University at Buffalo

4:00-4:10

Break

4:10-4:30

Panelist Introductions
Film Clip (CNN Black in America)

4:30-4:50

Panel Presentations (5-10 minutes each)

Dr. Kimberly Ellis, Artist, Community Activist, and Historian

Matthew Hawkins, Doctoral Student in Administrative and Policy Studies, Social and Comparative Analysis in the School of Education, University of Pittsburgh, and, Adjunct Faculty at Carlow University

Dr. Ralph Proctor, Chief Diversity Officer, Community College of Allegheny County

Reverend Thomas Smith, Pastor, Monumental Baptist Church

4:50-5:20

Discussion

5:20-5:30

Wrap-up