

Social Justice Month at ECU

January 2009

SOCIAL JUSTICE = CIVIL RIGHTS + HUMAN RIGHTS + EQUAL RIGHTS + ADVOCACY + ACTIVISM

The Office of Institutional Diversity encourages the entire community to attend the following open and free events:

Throughout the month

Joyner Library Exhibit of Books on Social Justice

First Floor

Monday, January 12

The Prez-in-the-Fez Comes to Town: Provocative Humor in the Service of Peace, Love and Understanding

Through the use of humor, Khalil Bendib, political artist, aims to deconstruct familiar, insidious stereotypes attached to Arabs, Muslims and other demographic groups. Bendib is the author, most recently, of "Mission Accomplished: Wicked Cartoons by America's Most Wanted Political Cartoonist" (2007).

2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Jenkins Fine Arts Center, Room 1220

Wednesday, January 14

Social Justice/Martin Luther King, Jr. Keynote: Charles Cobb, Jr.**

This award-winning journalist and activist will speak to students, faculty, staff, and community members about his experiences as a student activist and his career-long coverage of social justice issues. Cobb is the author of "On the Road to Freedom, a Guided Tour of the Civil Rights Trail" (2008). A light reception will follow.

*6 p.m., Science & Technology, C307, **Passport Approved Event*

Monday, January 19

2009 MLK Day Challenge

In honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his commitment to bringing people together through service, the MLK Day Challenge offers students the opportunity to volunteer with local non-profit organizations. Participating students and groups choose from a great selection of service projects organized by the Volunteer and Service-Learning Center. Visit www.ecu.edu/vslc to register.

MLK Candlelight Vigil

5:30 p.m. - Candlelight Vigil begins in front of Belk Hall

6:00 p.m. - March begins (down College Hill and through campus)

6:45 p.m. - MLK Tribute

Tuesday, January 20

Inaugural Events at ECU

Millions will descend upon Washington, DC but not everyone will be able to make the trip. ECU is planning to celebrate the historic inauguration of President-Elect Barack Obama by providing video links to the event at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, Hendrix Theatre and additional locations on east and west campuses to be announced.

10 a.m., various locations on east and west campuses

Friday, January 23 – Sunday, January 25

Amos Kennedy, Letterpress Printer and Book Artist (www.kennedyprints.com)

Amos Kennedy's perspectives on race in America come through his work and are included in a biographical documentary, "Proceed and Be Bold." A screening and discussion of the film will be held on Friday.

7 p.m., Speight Auditorium (inside Jenkins Fine Arts Center)

Letterpress workshops for students will be held on Saturday and Sunday. For workshop information, contact Lisa Beth Robinson of the School of Art and Design, Office: (252) 328-5480, email: robinsonli@ecu.edu

Sunday, January 25

Dr. Karen Walwyn, Concert Pianist

Karen Walwyn will be performing, among other pieces, her new composition entitled *Reflections on 9/11*, a one-hour work in six movements that depicts the events surrounding that most tragic day in recent history. Currently Dr. Walwyn serves on the faculty at Howard University in Washington D.C.

7 p.m., Fletcher Recital Hall

Monday, January 26

"The Geography of Social Justice"

A faculty panel will examine the spatial aspects of social justice; both internationally and within the U.S. Presentations will focus on issues such as the politics of globalization, hazardous materials transportation, employment accessibility, resistance to water privatization, and struggles over heritage and cultural identity.

7 p.m., Brewster Building, B-102

Wednesday, January 28

"Speak Your Mind": OID Diversity Discussion & Dinner Series

A discussion of social justice issues at ECU with dinner for campus community members who have attended events throughout the month.

5:30 p.m. Please email diversity@ecu.edu for an invitation

"The arc of the universe is long, but it bends toward justice."- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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