Q & A with GW Professor, Labor History Expert, Dr. Eric Arnesen

Professor Arnesen was the guest speaker at the GW Black Alumni Association’s event on February 13. He discussed the role of African Americans during the Civil
War, and after he shared his thoughts on the intersection of race, civil rights and the labor movement with Associate Provost of Diversity and Inclusion, Helen Cannaday.

Eric Arnesen is the James R. Hoffa Professor of Modern American Labor History and Executive Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs in GW's Columbia College of Arts and Sciences. He is the author of two award-winning books: Waterfront Workers of New Orleans: Race, Class, and Politics, 1863-1923 and Brotherhoods of Color: Black Railroad Workers and the Struggle for Equality. He is completing a biography of the civil rights and labor leader A. Philip Randolph.

AND MORE

GW Celebrates King Week
The university community sponsored and engaged in a successful and meaningful salute to the life and legacy of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) from January 15-31.

"Blacktivism: The New Generation" Debuts at School of Media and Public Affairs
The multimedia exhibition will be on display at SMPA through May 2016.

To Remember Or Not?
While the issue of race has haunted our country since its inception, states and institutions have come under increasing pressure recently to remove vestiges of racism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Vice Provost for Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement Search Committee Update: The search committee to fill the Vice Provost for Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement position (formally, Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion) has convened. The members of the committee are: Alfreda Robinson, Arshad Ali, Nemata Blyden, Oshane Mcrae, Rene O'Neal, Robert McRuer, Victoria Goncalves, Yolanda Haywood and Vanessa Perry as Chair. The position has been posted and you can read the updated job description here.
**Black History Month:** February 2016 marks the 90th anniversary of **Black History Month**, formerly established as Negro History Week. The recognition was established by **Carter G. Woodson**, a son of formerly enslaved parents and a graduate of Harvard with a Ph.D.

**GW Celebrates Black History Month:**
Thursday, February 25  
**REAL Conversations: Black + Latino at GW**  
7pm, Phillips Hall, Room 110  
Learn more about the intersections between Blackness & Latinidad at this informative discussion from GW students themselves. We'll explore what these personal identities subjectively mean and how to better understand the experiences of others.

Friday, February 26  
**Soul Revue**  
7pm, Media & Public Affairs Building, Jack Morton Auditorium  
Experience our annual tribute to black music past and present as students salute the stars we love through live performances.

**Swimming in Dark Waters: Other Voices of the American Experience**  
8pm, Lisner Auditorium  
Featuring Rhiannon Giddens, Bhi Bhiman and Leyla McCalla

Saturday, February 27  
**BHC Finale '16: Chroma**  
10pm, TBA  
Enjoy a night of dinner and dancing as we celebrate the end of BHC 2016. Tickets will be on sale at the Multicultural Student Services Center (2127 G Street, NW.)

Monday, February 29  
**The Color of Water: A Teach-In on Flint Michigan**  
6-8pm, Teamsters' Room, Gelman Library, 7th Floor  
Join the Africana Studies Program, The Sustainability Collaborative and The American Studies Program for an important conversation about the crisis in Flint, Michigan. Free and open to the public!  
Dimple Chaudhary, Flint Litigation Team, National Resources Defense Council  
Jacqueline Patterson, Director, NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Program  
Royce Francis, Professor of Engineering and Urban Ecology, GWU  
Trey Sherard, Anacostia Riverkeepers  
Andrew Seifter, Media Matters

**Working It In The Workplace**  
7pm, Funger Hall, Room 103  
Participate in a career preparation for African American women, incorporating a
panel of professional women who will use their own experiences and accomplishments to assist the conversation.

**Fulbright Scholar Program- Dr. Akosua Adomako Ampofo**  
6-8pm, Tuesday, March 1, Lindner Commons  
Fulbright Visiting Scholar from Ghana will give a lecture on "Globalization, Justice in Africa, and Sharing our Humanity"

**Washington Jewish Film Festival**  
February 24- March 6  
One of the largest and most respected Jewish film festivals in North America, the Washington Jewish Film Festival is an international exhibition of cinema that celebrates the diversity of Jewish history, culture and experience through the moving image

**Women's History Month & South Asian Heritage Celebration**  
Please note that the Multicultural Student Services Center is sponsoring a number of events in honor of Women's History Month and the South Asian Heritage Celebration.

**CONVERSATION STARTERS**

**Books:**
*Democracy In Black: How Race Still Enslaves the Black Soul*
By Eddie Glaude

*Just Medicine: A Cure for Racial Inequality in American Health Care*
By Dayna Bowen Matthew

*The Black Presidency: Barack Obama and the Politics of Race in America*
By Michael Eric Dyson

**Movies:**
*Race*

*The Hunting Ground*

*Carol*

*The Danish Girl*

*Bessie*
The Higher Education Act Just Turned 50. Has It Done What It Was Supposed To?
By Kelly Field, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*

When Pursuing Diversity, Victory Is Hard to Define
By Dan Berrett and Eric Hoover, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*

Study Warns of a Mental Health Crisis for African American College Students
*The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*

'It's Like Holding Your Breath': Muslim Campus Leaders Describe a Charged Moment
By Kate Stoltzfus and Ellen Wexler, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*