

# BLACK HISTORY

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## Dr. Allison Davis Honored 17th In black Heritage Stamp Series

Dr. Allison Davis, one of the most influential social anthropologists and educators of his day, takes his place among other celebrated African Americans when a stamp is issued in his honor February, 1994 as part of the Postal service's Black Heritage stamp series. The series, which began in 1978 with a stamp honoring abolitionist Harriet Tubman, includes in its roster Martin Luther King Jr., A Philip Randolph, W.E.B. DuBois, Mary McLeod Bethune, Whitney Moor Young, Jr. and Jackie Robinson, among others.



Born in 1902 in Washington, D.C., Dr. Davis graduated summa cum laude from Williams College in 1924. He earned two master's degrees from Harvard, one in comparative literature and the other in anthropology. He received his doctorate from the University of Chicago in 1942. A faculty member of the University of Chicago from 1942 to 1976, Dr. Davis was appointed The John Dewey Distinguished Service Professor of Education in 1970.

During the Johnson and Nixon administrations, Dr. Davis served as a member of the President's Commission on Civil Rights and as vice chairman of the Department of Labor's Commission Manpower Retraining. Dr. Davis served as a member of the Conference to Inure Civil Rights in 1965 and the White House Task Force on the Gifted in 1968. In 1967 he became the first scholar from the field of education to become a fellow in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. His published works included ten books, among them: A Social Anthropological Study of Caste and Class, co-authored with Burleigh and Mary Gardner; Psychology of the Child in the Middle class; Relationship Between Achievement in High school, College and Occupation: A Follow-up Study; and his last study, Leadership, Love and Aggression.

stamp programs," said Samuel Green Jr., senior vice president Customer Service and Sales for the Postal service. "It plays an important role in portraying the American experience to the world audience and honors African Americans who richly have contributed to U.S. history."

The 29-cent stamp will be issued at a public ceremony at Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., February 1, at 11am. A second-day ceremony will be held on the campus of the University of Chicago February 2, at 10am in the Cloister Club, of Ida Noyes Hall.

## NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH February 1994

Greetings to all who are celebrating African American History Month during this important time of renewal and reflection.

America was founded on the principle that we all are created equal, and this solemn commitment to tolerance and freedom continues to bind us as nation. Our diverse culture enriches and broadens the American experience, of which African American heritage is an inseparable part. It weaves throughout our country's history, profoundly influencing every aspect of our national life.

America has come a long way since the days of "Colored Only" and "White Only" signs, which disfigured our country's landscape. African Americans have made great strides in recent years,

commanding leadership positions in the public and private sectors in record numbers. Opportunities for education, advancement, election, and mobility continue to expand among black Americans, and our country is moving ever closer to fulfilling its fundamental promise of equality for all.

Yet many problems continue to plague our communities, tarnishing that ideal of equality. The poverty, drugs, and violence that afflict Americans of all races and backgrounds have severely harmed black children, women, and men, threatening our vision of a better world. Throughout this month, we look to the lessons of our past for solutions to these crises in the hope of building a brighter world for the future.

Many such solutions can be found in the rich history of the African American people. The speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr., and Malcolm X, the writings of S.E.B. DuBois, Frederick Douglass, and Sojourner Truth, the powerful literature of Toni Morrison, Richard Wright, Alice Walker, and many others explore the difficulties and joys that pervade the African American experience. By rediscovering and celebrating this wealth of history, we can draw strength from the successes of these great leaders and look forward to a new era of healing and hope.

As we continually strive to embrace the talent and creativity of all of our nation's people, I extend best wishes to all for an exciting, productive month.

Bill Clinton

## Pacific Power Celebrates Black History Month



George Bush, Early Settler

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Among the steady stream of immigrants to the area were a number of black men and their families, including George Bush. Born in Pennsylvania a free man, Bush moved to Missouri and married Isabell, a white woman. In 1844, at the age of fifty, Bush, his wife and five children left Missouri with 800 others.

## Black History Month Book Review

Thursday, February 1, 1994

Women's Leadership in the Black Panther Party: A Book Review of A Taste of Power. Radical women will review A Taste of Power: A Black Woman's Story by Elaine Brown. Elaine Brown is an ex-leader of the Black Panthers, which was an international

ally respected revolutionary party. She writes of her personal struggles to free herself by working to liberate her people and her class. Radical Women's monthly meeting is Thursday, February 17 at 7pm at the Northwest Service Center's Board-

room, 1819 NW Everett, Portland. A hearty Southern meal will be available at 6:30 p.m. for a \$5.00 donation. For more information call (503) 228-3090. For childcare, call two days in advance. Wheelchair accessible.

## Celebrate Black History Month Throughout February At PCC

All events are free and open to everyone!

### Sojourner Truth Theater

A lively, dramatized presentation of the life of Sojourner Truth. At noon both days.

Feb. 7, Sylvania ST. Bldg. A 1

Feb. 22, Cascade Terrell Hall 122

### Rap Forum

Three local RAP musicians will perform lyrics and share ideas about the effects of RAP music on our culture. At noon both days.

Feb. 11, Sylvania ST. Bldg, Room A1

Feb. 10, Rock Creek Town Hall, Bldg. 2

### The African-American Roots Of The Statue Of Liberty

The surprising but true story of how ancient Egyptian monuments inspired the sculptor who built America's landmark statue. At noon. Feb. 12 + 13, Cascade Campus Gym, Sat: 10a-6p; Sun: 11a-4p.

### Forging a Legacy of Activism

Black Women In The Anti-Slavery Movement from 1828 to 1860

A lecture on Black women abolitionists by Shirley Yee, Women's Studies professor at Univ. of Washington. Feb. 17, Sylvania, 2 p.m. in ST Bldg., Room A1.

### Gospel Explosion

Feb. 19, Vancouver Ave. Baptist Church, 7 p.m.

### A Black Family History

The Impact of People of African Descent Around the World Feb. 24, Cascade, Terrell Hall 122, 12 noon.

Call 244-6111, ext. 4360 for a brochure giving full details.



Come Join Us!  
Portland Community College

Cascade Campus  
705 N. Killingsworth St.

Rock Creek Campus  
17705 N.W.Springville Rd.

Sylvania Campus  
12000 S.W. 49th Ave.

## Black History Month

Featuring

**Rt. Rev. E. Lynn Brown**

Scholar.

Leader.

Historian.

Author.

Great Orator

of the

African American

Experience.

Luncheon

Friday

February 25

11:30 a.m.

First Interstate Tower

21st floor

Portland Development Commission employees will join the City and Multnomah County in welcoming the Rt. Rev. E. Lynn Brown of Los Angeles, California as guest speaker for a Black history Month luncheon.

Through the program, PDC employees will celebrate the rich heritage of African Americans. The Commission is dedicated to working with the community to make our city a better place to live for all Portlanders.

