

# BLACK HISTORY

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## PSU Black History Events

Portland State University's annual celebration of February as Black History Month includes a fashion show, step show, lectures, concerts, soulfood and a basketball tournament.

"This year we intend to consider several topics especially relevant to African Americans," said Theo Hall, co-coordinator of the Black Cultural Affairs Board and one of the organizers of PSU's Black History Month celebration.

The Black Cultural Affairs Board at PSU exists, in part, to create opportunities all year long for people to learn about the history of African Americans, adds Aisha Irving, political office for BCAB and a member of the Association of African students at PSU.

For more information, call 725-5660. The following is the schedule of some of the events on the PSU campus:

**Feb. 1-23** - White Gallery Exhibit - "Freedom in Black History." Open weekdays 7 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m.-10 p.m., and Sundays 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 2nd floor Smith Center, 1825 S. W. Broadway, free.

**Feb. 7** - Brown Bag Concert - Hip-Hop, R&B, gospel, noon, Smith Center Parkway Commons North, free.

**Feb. 8** - One-Act Play: "The Meeting" by Jeff Stetson, 7:30-11 p.m. Nordicland, Room 26, Smith Center. Critically acclaimed performance depicts a fictitious meeting between Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., played by Michael Lange and Winston Williams, respectively.

**Feb. 9** - Symposium: "Freedom in Black History" 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Shattuck Hall, 1914 S.W. Park.

**Feb. 12** - Lecture: "The Importance of Love & Unity in the African-American Family Union," 6-7 p.m., room 338 Smith Center, Cornetta Smith, Albina Ministerial Alliance.

**Feb. 12** - Panel Discussion: "Brothers and Sisters: Can We Talk?" - 12-2 p.m., Smith Center, free. Panel and open discussion of the relationship of black men and black women facilitated by Kevin Fuller of the Oregonian, members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and Lanita Duke, KBOO radio talk show host.

**Feb. 13** - Tribute to Black Women, 2-4 p.m. BCAB Lounge, room 459 Smith Center, free. PSU African-American men share their appreciation for African-American women.

**Feb. 14** - Tribute to Black Men, 2-4 p.m., BCAB Lounge, room 459, Smith Center, free. PSU African American women share their appreciation for African-American men.

**Feb. 14** - Valentine Evening of Jazz, 6-10 p.m. - Smith Center Ballroom, room 335, \$7 single/\$10 couple, sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

## Guess Who's Coming To Dinner For Black History



Katherine Houghton and Sidney Poitier (above left) star in the 1967 Academy Award-winning *Guess Who's Coming To Dinner*, the landmark film about mixed marriage. Columbia Tristar Home Video has re-released the movie and a number of other African American themed films in honor of Black History Month. Screen legends Katherine Hepburn and Spencer Tracey (right) also star in the landmark film about two families shocked by an interracial union and who learn they must sit down face to face and examine each other's level of intolerance.



Superstar Janet Jackson and rapper Tupac Shakur (right) star in *Poetic Justice*, a love story about two people from South Central L.A. who reluctantly find themselves drawn together on a road trip from Los Angeles to Oakland. The movie is one of several African American films now being distributed on videocassette in honor of Black History Month by Tristar Home Video.

### Marine Biologist Honored On Stamp

Ernest E. Just, an internationally renowned zoologist, has become the 19th honoree in the U.S. Postal Service's Black Heritage Stamp series.

Known primarily for his research in marine biology, Just did pioneering experiments in the process of fertilization in marine invertebrates. He also studied the fundamental role of the cell surface in the development of organisms.

Just received early recognition for his work as the first recipient of the Spingarn Medal awarded by the NAACP "to a man or a woman of African descent and American citizenship who shall have made the highest achievement during the preceding year or years in any honorable field of human endeavor."

Throughout the 1930s, Just conducted research in institutes and marine laboratories in Berlin, Germa-



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ny; Paris, France and Naples, Italy. He published 50 papers based on his research and published *Basic Methods for Experiments in Eggs of Marine Animals* and *The Biology of the Cell Surface*, both in 1939.

Just taught at Howard University from 1907 to 1941, serving as head of the department of physiology at the medical school (1912-1920); and the head of the department of zoology (1912-1941).

The Ernest E. Just stamp, designed by Richard Sheaff of Norwood, Mass., used a Robert Scurlock photograph.

During the 1940s and 50s, Scurlock photographs of black intellectuals, artists, musicians and politicians in Washington, D.C. appeared in black newspapers and magazines like *Ebony*, *Life* and *Time*.

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