

# MCLA Celebrates Black History Month

Co-sponsored by BSU, the Multicultural Center, and the campus community.

**Tues. 2/2** **Campus Conversation on Race Session (CCOR)** for and at the MCLA Faculty Center, Bowman Hall Lower Level 12:30 to 1:30pm (*Open to faculty and co-facilitated with students*).

**Thur. 2/4** **5pm to 7pm (Opening Reception) at Gallery 51: "What Does #Black Lives Matter Mean To You?" An Exhibition from Feb. 4th to Feb 28th.** The exhibit includes artworks from 33 artists from 17 states at varying stages in their careers. The artworks include traditional art forms like drawing, painting and sculpture, but also time-based mediums like video and artist books, as well as participatory pieces.

**Fri. 2/5** **Noon - 1:30pm in the CSI Atrium: "#Black Codes + #BlackTwitter + Mobilizing a 'Mobile' Diaspora" Speaker, Dr. Mark Anthony Neal.** - This presentation will examine the notion of #Black Codes or Black Coding, embedded in Black Cultural Practices and how these historical practices have been utilized in the era of #BlackTwitter to Mobilize a 'Mobile' Diaspora.

**2pm to 3pm CSI Atrium: Multicultural & ALANA Club Council Networking Reception (refreshments)**

**3:15pm to 4:30pm in the CSI Lecture Hall: Diversity and Inclusion Symposium: "Campus Dialogues that Matter.** A panel of MCLA and Williams' faculty, staff and students facilitated discussion by Dr. Mark Anthony Neal on spaces and strategies for meaningful campus discussions about diversity and social justice." Each speaker to limit themselves to 5 minutes of their top five best practices/recommendations in this regard to allow maximum discussion with audience.

**PANEL**

- Taurus Londono, MCLA Senior Biology Major
- Zack Wood, Williams Sophomore Political Science Major
- Dr. Leslie Brown, Williams History Professor
- Dr. Karen Cardozo, MCLA Interdisciplinary Studies Professor
- Dr. Leticia Haynes, Williams Vice President for Institutional Diversity and Equity
- Dr. Frances Jones-Sneed, MCLA History Professor
- Dr. Mark Anthony Neal, Duke African & African-American Studies Professor and Panel Facilitator

**4:30pm to 7pm in the Centennial room: Soul Food Dinner with Guest Chef Velma MacAdoo. Also a FluteJuice Jazz performance, including spoken word 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Centennial room during and after the Soul Food Dinner.**

**Sat. 2/6** **9:30am to 4pm: MCLA Student Leadership Conference**  
**Advanced Online registration required to attend workshops:**  
[www.mcla.edu/Student\\_Life/studentdevelopment/leadershipconference/](http://www.mcla.edu/Student_Life/studentdevelopment/leadershipconference/)

**BHM Feature:**

- **Ron Jones' workshop:** What would have happened if the civil rights movement had social media? and
- **Campus Conversation on Race workshop.**

**5pm to 6:30pm: The Movement** A one man play written and performed by Emmy Award-winning actor Ron Jones, 5pm in the Church Street Center Auditorium. Through a range of characters, original and historical footage, and music, Ron takes the audience on a journey through the ever-changing face of the African-American experience from voting rights to Charleston.

**11pm to 2am in the Venable Gym, Unity Party** sponsored by BSU

**Wed. 2/17** **7pm at the MCLA Gallery 51 Main Street, North Adams, MA - Danielle Legros Georges, Boston's Poet Laureate.** Public Reading

**Thurs. 2/18** **8pm in the Campus Center Sullivan Lounge - Campus Conversation On Race Open Session:** Co-sponsored BSU /CCOR

**Fri. 2/19** **7pm to 9pm in the Campus Center Sullivan Lounge - Slam Poetry Love Café.**

**Wed. 2/24** • **3pm in the Womens' Center Amazing Grace reading, poetry, and conversation** Light refreshments will be served. Co-sponsored by BSU, Slam Poetry Club, & The Women's Center

• **7:30pm to 8:30pm: BSU Movie Night. Felix Gary Gray's "Straight Outta Compton" or Spike Lee's "Chi-Raq":** Campus Center, Sullivan Lounge

**Thur. 2/25** **7pm to 9:30pm Murdock Hall 218**  
**Creating Equality Series with Movie screening of Vanguard Black Panther Film**

**Sun. 2/28** **6:30pm Unity Potluck** Church Street Center Social Hall



**BLACK LIVES MATTER 2/4-6**  
MCLA Diversity and Inclusion Summit



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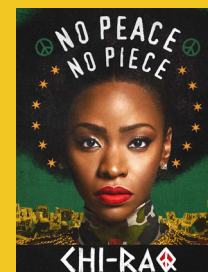
Flute Juice



Emmy Award winning actor, Ron Jones



OR



Danielle Legros Georges, Boston's Poet Laureate



**CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS ON RACE: A TALK WORTH HAVING.**

BSU E-board welcomes everyone to this community wide celebration.

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