

Colleagues,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the first two lectures of the semester in the Provost's Lecture Series. These special presentations are part of the activities in honor of Black History Month.

On Wednesday, February 8th Yohuru Williams will speak on "Rethinking the Black Panther Party: Race, Class, and American Democracy in the 21st Century"

Director of Black Studies and Associate Professor of History at Fairfield University, Dr. Williams is author of "Black Politics/White Power: Civil Rights, Black Power, and the Black Panther Party in New Haven (2000)" and is co-editor of two forthcoming anthologies on the Black Panthers.

This lecture, co-sponsored by the Department of Africana Studies, will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the Wang Center, Lecture Hall 2.

On Thursday, February 9th, Robin D.G. Kelley will present "Africa Speaks, America Answers: The Drum Wars of Guy Warren."

Robin D. G. Kelley is the William B. Ransford Professor of Cultural and Historical Studies at Columbia University. He is an award-winning author and leading United States African-American studies scholar. His teaching and research interests have focused on African diaspora, urban studies, working class radicalism, and cultural history with an emphasis on music.

This lecture, co-sponsored by the Department of Africana Studies and the Humanities Institute, will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the Humanities Lecture Hall, Room 1006.

Please extend this invitation to any students or members of the community you feel may be interested in attending.

Thank you,
Robert McGrath, Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs