

African/African American Studies

Fall 2009 Events

Ethics in a World of Strangers: Kwame Anthony Appiah
Tuesday, September 15
7: 30-9:00pm (Wallace 147)

Kwame Anthony Appiah is our postmodern Socrates. He asks what it means to be African and African-American, but his answers immediately raise issues that encompass us all. His principal and abiding concern is how we individually construct ourselves in dialogue with social circumstance, both private and public, past and present. He probes the complexity of this process of personal formation, emphasizing the opportunities as well as the dangers for self-creation in today's ethnically fluid and culturally hybrid world. No less importantly, he provides standards to measure the moral valences of the lives we make and then charges us with the responsibility to examine and revise them constantly.

Thomas Jefferson: Revolutionary, Reformer, Radical, Racist: Alan Gibson
Wednesday, September 16
2:30-3:30pm (Adams Auditorium, Wallace Building)

Deals with Jefferson's scientific racism. It also directly confronts the question that everyone wants to know, "How could the man who wrote 'all men are created equal' have owned slaves?"

Race, Gender and Leadership in Higher Education: Mary Smith Stowe
Tuesday, November 10
7:00-8:30pm (Grise Auditorium. Combs Classroom Building)

As president of KSU from 1989 to 1998, Mary Smith Stowe is the first African-American woman to lead a major university in the state of Kentucky. She will use her experiences to highlight and raise questions about issues of gender, race, and ethnicity in our higher education system, as well as how to empower ourselves to act as agents of change in our institutions.

Kwanzaa Celebration
Friday, December 4
11:00am-1:00pm (Walnut Hall, Keen Johnson)

Join AFA and the entire Richmond community as we celebrate the black experience through the seven principles of Kwanzaa. We will be joined by several choral groups from area schools and EKU.



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