Gray to lead list of Black History Month speakers

Auburn will host speakers each week in February for public lectures in connection with Black History Month.

In the first presentation, Tuskegee attorney Fred Gray, a leading figure of the Civil Rights Era, will speak on “Continuing to Dream,” an examination of the legacy of the civil rights struggles of the 1960s. Gray, who represented Rosa Parks during the Montgomery Bus Boycott and later served as president of the Alabama Bar Association, will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Foy Student Union ballroom.

On Feb. 9, archivist Craig Lloyd will discuss the emergence of the black middle class in Columbus, Ga. Lloyd, who will speak at noon in Foy 213, is professor emeritus of history at Columbus State University. He will also show the documentary “Lift Every Voice: Columbus’ African American Heritage, 1870-1970.”

On Feb. 15, Frazine Taylor of the Alabama Department of Archives and History will discuss “Researching African American Genealogy” at 3 p.m. in the Archives and Special Collections Room of Draughon Library.

On Feb. 22, author Frye Gaillard will discuss his latest book, “Cradle of Freedom: Alabama and the Movement that Changed America.” Gaillard will speak at 4 p.m. in Foy 217. His book presents personal accounts of participants in major events of the Civil Rights Era such as the Freedom Rides, Birmingham demonstrations and Selma-to-Montgomery March.

On Feb. 24, Angela Lakwete, an assistant professor of history at AU, will discuss her recent book, “Inventing the Cotton Gin: Machine and Myth in Antebellum America,” at 7 p.m. in Foy Union. Lakwete’s book challenges some common conceptions of industrial development and social

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Animal Sciences

Texas A&M professor appointed head of department at Auburn

L. Wayne Greene of the Texas A&M University System has been named the head of the AU College of Agriculture’s Department of Animal Sciences, effective March 1.

Greene is a professor of animal science at West Texas A&M in Canyon, Texas, a Regents Fellow at Texas A&M in Canyon, Texas, a Regents Faculty Fellow, one of the system’s highest academic honors. Through the years he has been involved in all aspects of the land-grant mission — as a teacher for both undergraduate and graduate classes, as a research scientist and as an Extension specialist. His current research involves mineral nutrition and livestock health, nutrient cycling in concentrated animal feeding operations and growth and development of livestock.

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Deadline set for nominations for Sullivan Awards to honor humanitarian service

The deadline is Monday, Feb. 7, for nominations for AU’s highest service awards, the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards.

The New York Southern Society established the Sullivan awards in 1925, and the first Sullivan Awards were presented that year at Vanderbilt University. Since 1973, the national awards program has been administered by the Sullivan Foundation.

Submit nominations for the Sullivan Awards to Wanda Sperow, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, 201 Cater Hall. Include a letter of nomination, a resume or curriculum vitae and newspaper articles or other documentation. For information, contact Sperow at 844-0700.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 2

• Concert: Aulos Baroque Ensemble performing Bach, Vivaldi and others on 18th century-style instruments, 7:30 p.m., Goodwin Hall. Admission $20 at the door, $5 for AU students, younger students admitted free if accompanied by a parent.

Thursday, February 3

• Public Lecture: “Continuing to Dream,” Tuskegee attorney and civil rights pioneer Fred Gray, 7 p.m., Foy Union ballroom.

Friday, February 4

• Board of Trustees: Committee sessions start at 9:30 a.m.; board meets at 12:45 p.m. (starting time may vary, depending on length of committee meetings), AUM Library Tower.

• Public Health Careers: Speakers from University of Alabama Birmingham, Centers for Disease Control and U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1 p.m.-4 p.m., College of Veterinary Medicine.

• Public Lecture: “Building Bridges Between Faiths,” folk singer and songwriter Dawud Whambly-Ali, 4 p.m., Broun 239.

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Tuesday, February 8

• Meeting: University Senate, 3 p.m., Broun Hall auditorium.

• Littleton-Franklin Lecture: “Encounters with History,” historian Thomas Fleming, author of “The Illusion of Victory,” 4 p.m., auditorium, COSAM Science Laboratory Center.

Wednesday, February 9

• Public Lecture: “Achievements of the Black Middle Class in Columbus, Georgia,” Craig Lloyd of Columbus State University, noon, Foy 203.

Thursday, February 10

• HR Development Program: “Planning for Family Vacations,” Liz Bates of Fairwinds Travel, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Human Resources Training Facility.

• Public Lecture: “Progressive Era: Transportation,” Center for Governmental Service.

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structure of the South in the decades before the Civil War.

Lecture sponsors, which vary by event, include AU’s Center for Diversity and Race Relations, Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, AU’s Outreach, Center for the Arts and Humanities, University Archives, Pre-Law Scholars Program, Black Student Union and College of Liberal Arts.

The AU Board of Trustees will meet Friday in the Library Tower at Auburn University Montgomery. Committee sessions start at 9:30 a.m., and the board is scheduled to meet at 12:45 p.m. However, the meeting time is subject to change, depending on the length of committee meetings. Scheduled board committee sessions, in order, are Finance, Property and Facilities, Investments, and Executive Committee.

The AU Board meets annually, usually in February, at AUM. Other meetings are at the Auburn campus.

The committee and board sessions are open to the public.

The committee meets at 9 a.m.; board sessions are at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded a $550,000 grant to an Auburn-affiliated network to aid in educating history teachers for elementary and secondary schools.

The grant from the federal agency’s Fund to Improve Post Secondary Education goes to the Persistent Issues in History Network directed by John Saye of the AU College of Education and Tom Bush of Indiana University.

Teams led by Saye and Bush will use the funds to develop case studies on video to show teachers in grades 5-12 leading their students through lessons involving historical inquiries.

“Persistent Issues in the PIH Network is to change the way history is taught,” Saye explained.

“We want to make it much more hands-on so students will understand history is a tool that helps them make more informed decisions today.”

Saye, a professor of curriculum and teaching, added, “If we give history a purpose, students can use their knowledge to make better decisions. One of the best ways to demonstrate PIH teaching techniques is to show teachers live examples so they can see actual lessons that teachers are teaching and see the students at work.”

The network’s web site, www.pihsnet.org, provides online professional development, classroom-tested curriculum materials and tools with which teachers can create technology-supported lessons.

Concert going Bach to original sound

The Auburn Chamber Music Society will present a concert by the ensemble Aulos at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Goodwin Hall.

The internationally renowned ensemble performs classical music from the Baroque Era of the 17th and 18th centuries on period instruments of that era. Formed in 1973 by five Juilliard graduates, Aulos is at the forefront of a movement to recapture the original sound of compositions by Bach, Vivaldi and other composers of the Baroque Era.

The ensemble members perform on baroque flute and oboe, which are very different from modern versions of the instruments, and on violin, cello and harpsichord.

Admission at the door will be $5 for AU students, free for younger students accompanied by a parent, and $20 for others. For more information, call 887-9379.
Housing authority residents receive assistance through nursing clinic

AU nursing students are making an impact on the Auburn community beyond campus through their school’s nursing care clinic. Started in 1998, the clinic was formed by AU’s School of Nursing and the City of Auburn’s Housing Authority to provide residents health services and medical screenings, including blood pressure tests and blood sugar and cholesterol checks. As part of their rotations, AU nursing students visit one of four sites in the city each week to perform the tests. The services are free but various grants help pay for supplies.

The clinic enables students to apply their nursing skills outside a hospital setting. Also, students become comfortable working with people from various socio-economic backgrounds, said Barbara Wilder, director of the project. She said the clinical experience is often the first exposure some students have to low-income families.

“The students usually go expecting one thing and come away with something totally different,” Wilder said.

Students keep a journal of their work with the clinic during the semester. Wilder said it is touching to read how many students’ attitudes change during the semester. “At the beginning they aren’t looking forward to it, but by the end they really enjoy it,” she said. “They learn that the person is just like them but with those different circumstances, and they have to figure out how to help.”

Wilder said many times the students have to modify what they have learned in the classroom to suit their clinic clients. “They have to look at each individual’s situation and find a solution that is best for that person.” For example, Wilder recalled that a student once planned some low-cholesterol, low-sugar meals for a resident. However, the student failed to account for the resident’s fixed income and, as a result, many of the meals were too expensive. The student responded by restructuring the meals to fit the client’s needs.

In addition to the health screenings, students organize an annual health fair and conduct educational projects for the residents every spring. The projects cover a variety of health topics such as teaching residents how to perform a breast self-exam or how to quit smoking.

As a result, Wilder said, some participating residents have started living healthier lifestyles. “We had several women that came to the Boykin site to start an exercise group,” she said. “They began to understand that exercise is going to help them and it doesn’t cost them anything.”

Linda Byrd, a registered nurse, is the program’s clinical outreach instructor and works with the students at each site. She said the clinics enable the students to gain valuable experience and gain skills beyond those they learn in the classroom. “The students really get their eyes opened,” Byrd said. “And we can see the transition in them. They learn that nursing is more than having a set of skills; it is learning to work with people.”

Pennsylvania college honors AU professor

Virginia O’Leary, a professor of psychology in AU’s College of Liberal Arts, has been named a distinguished alumnus of Chatham College in Pittsburgh, Pa.

O’Leary, who is a Fulbright Scholar in Nepal, this semester, will receive the award on Sept. 30. The Pennsylvania college has also invited the Auburn professor to speak during ceremonies for Chatham’s Global Focus program that week.

A former administrator for the American Psychological Association, O’Leary has been a member of the AU faculty since 1994 and was chair of the Department of Psychology from 1994-2000. She holds master’s and doctoral degrees from Wayne State University in Michigan.

Popular author to critique American history

Historian and best-selling writer Thomas Fleming will present a Littleton-Franklin Lecture on “Encounters with History” at 4 p.m. Feb. 8 in the auditorium of AU’s new Science Laboratory Center.

Fleming is the author of more than 40 books of history, including his 2003 work “The Illusion of Victory: America in World War I,” which takes a critical view of President Woodrow Wilson’s leadership in the war and the League of Nations.

His other best-sellers, with topics ranging from the American Revolution to World War II, include “The New Dealers’ War,” “The Wages of Fame,” “Remember the Morning,” “Time and Tide” and other works.

His book “Liberty: The American Revolution” was the companion guide to a six-part PBS series in 1997.

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