

# 2012 Black History Month Celebration

February 1 - February 29

Sponsored by the Black Studies Project  
National Black History Month celebrates the vast contributions of  
African Americans to our Nation's history and identity.



National African American History Month  
Black Women in American Culture & History

## Opening Event

### Race: The Power of an Illusion

Thursday, February 2, 2012  
12:45 - 2:00 p.m. Room 202

Light refreshments will be served

This event will engage participants in a structured, group discussion centered on the social construction of racial identity and the power it continues to exert on all manner of social life. Using video clips and guided questions, the event will reinforce the School of Social Work's ongoing mission to advance cultural competence and embracing the challenge of having difficult discussions about race and racism.

## Closing Event

### Cain Wasn't "Abel" ...But will Barack be Back?: A Panel Discussion on Black Conservatism in American Politics

Tuesday, February 28, 2012  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Zachs Community Room

Food and refreshments will be served

The controversial former presidential candidate Herman Cain brought to the fore the frequently overlooked population of Black political conservatives as well as initiating a conversation about the possibility of two Black men vying for the highest office in the land. While Black conservatives are an oxymoron for some, others believe that advancement of the Black community lies in the values espoused by the GOP. This panel discussion will bring together three dynamic scholars whose work centers on the complex intersection of race and politics particularly in what many consider to be a post-racial America.

#### Panelists

Dr. Jeffery Ogbar, Associate Dean,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, UConn

Dr. Shayla Nunnally, Associate Professor,  
Political Science, UConn

Dr. Andra Gillespie, Associate Professor,  
Political Science, Emory University

## General Information

All events will be held at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work, 1798 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford CT 06117. These events are free and open to faculty, staff, students and the community. Please park in Area B on Trout Brook Drive. Visitors who park in unauthorized lots are subject to ticketing.

If you need a reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Marilyn Cardone at 860-570-9157 or marilyn.cardone@uconn.edu

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## Events sponsored by the Organization of Black Social Work Students

First Annual OBSWS Book Club! "Our Kind  
of People: Inside America's Black Upper  
Class" by Lawrence Otis Graham

Thursday, February 9  
Thursday, February 23

All meetings will be held from 6 - 8 p.m.  
in the Lower Level Student Lounge.

All faculty & students are welcome to attend!

Black PRIDE: Understanding  
the challenges of the Black LGBT

Tuesday, February 7  
12:45 - 2:00 p.m.  
Zachs Community Room

Co-sponsored with SSW Pride & True Colors

Valentine's Day dance - bring a date  
or find one!! Open to everyone!

Tuesday, February 14  
12:45 - 2:00 p.m.  
Zachs Community Room

The Divine Nine: Black Fraternity & Sorority  
panel discussion & Step exhibition

Friday, February 24  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Library Auditorium

New Year, New You - Healthy  
Living Initiative

Campus walks throughout the  
month of February

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
1:00 p.m.

Meet in the SSW Lobby

Co-sponsored with SSW Student Health  
Organization