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Prairie View A&M University
Northwest Houston Academic Center

Prairie View Mayor—Frank Jackson @ Coleman Library-National Library Week

The John B. Coleman Library presents the honorable Mayor Frank D. Jackson as guest speaker for the National Library Week Celebration, April 16, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Frank D. Jackson was first elected to serve as Mayor of Prairie View in 2002, since then he has been elected to serve three more consecutive terms. As a nationally renown historian he has lectured extensively on the history of Prairie View. As a former 1973 graduate of Prairie View he represents



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F.D. Jackson marketing —book purchasing
website at:
<http://stores.lulu.com/frankjackson>

a role model for current and future students to emulate.

The honorable Mayor Jackson will discuss his latest book release: *A Brief History of Prairie View*, first published in 2007. "This history of Prairie View, Texas is a partial record of the fascinating stream of human activity on the land and in part chronicles the evolution of the cultural environment that arises from this activity. It is intended to serve as a snapshot of the total Prairie View community, (continued on page 2)

Coleman Library and iParadigms host Plagiarism Webinar

The John B. Coleman Library is hosting a webinar April 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. to introduce faculty to the anti-plagiarism resource Turnitin© and also other tools developed by iParadigms, LLC, including: iThenticate, and WriteCheck. This California based company of teachers, information technologists, and business professionals have created several software packages to assist faculty and students.

Distance Services Librarian, Elizabeth Jean Brumfield will lead the session and will discuss

concerns from the Chronicle of Higher Education and ways the library can assist faculty in reducing plagiarism.

Abigail Allen, Senior Account Manager for iParadigms will virtually demonstrate how Turnitin© can be customized for the demands of each university. Following the presentation faculty will be given free access to Turnitin© for the spring and summer term.

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Special points of interest:

- Prairie View Mayor Frank Jackson introduces new book on Prairie View history
- Plagiarism Webinar-April 17th at 10:00 a.m.. With iParadigms—Turnitin©
- Barack Obama's Reading List
- Celebration of Black History and Women's History Month photos

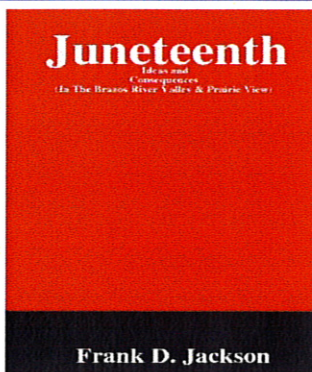
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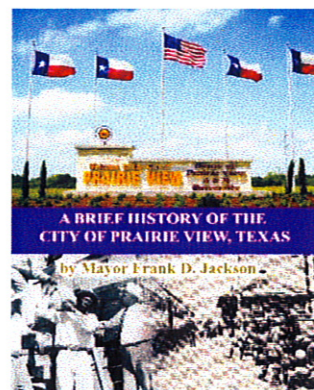
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which includes Prairie View A&M University, as it moves in transition from a pristine wilderness frontier to an incorporated municipality and home to Texas's oldest Historically African American (state supported) institution of higher education. This then in part is the Community's & the University's Story, as they both find themselves continuously engaged at the point of change, on the frontiers of knowledge, learning, service, development, liberty, freedom and self-determination. (<http://stores.lulu.com/frankjackson>).

Jackson's previous publication: *Juneteenth* "is a essay on the day African Americans in Texas received word that slavery was over and the consequences of the infusion of the ideas of liberty, equality and freedom into the African Texan culture and the total cultural milieu of Texas (<http://stores.lulu.com/frankjackson>).



National Library Week is an excellent opportunity for students, faculty, library staff and the community to celebrate the milestones accomplished by African American authors, archivist and historian. National Library Week was established in 1957 by the American Library Association. Since its inception people all over the world have taken time to compliment librarians and to acknowledge the benefits a library provides to society and to the



local community. The library celebration will include a presentation by the Library Director, Dr. Rosie Albritton to library paraprofessional in appreciation of their service to the Prairie View University. For more information contact Library Special Event Chair: **Kimberly Gay**: kmgay@pvamu.edu.

African American Legislative Summit-April 27-28, 2009



Save the Date
April 27 - 28, 2009
Texas State Capitol
Austin, Texas

Hosted by
House Legislative Black Caucus &
Senate Legislative Black Caucus

and presented by
Texas Southern University and
Prairie View A&M University

For additional information and to register,
please visit www.tsu.edu/summit



The House Legislative Black Caucus and the Senate Legislative Black Caucus welcome your attendance at the 10th Annual African American Legislative Summit scheduled for April 27-28, 2009 at the Texas State Capitol in Austin, Texas.

Jointly presented by Prairie View A&M University and Texas Southern University and sponsored by AT&T and the Texas NAACP, the 2009 summit, themed "Momentum of Change", will examine issues impacting African American communities in Texas on a grassroots level and provide a forum for information-sharing and dialogue. As a result of this meeting of the minds, [the legislature] hopes to develop viable recommendations relative to these issues for consideration by the Texas State Legislature.

Dr. James Alan Fox of Northeastern University, described by USA Today as "arguably the nation's foremost criminologist," will open the summit with a keynote address focusing on homicide among young black males. Informative panel discussions will address a wide range of critical issues including, higher education, the economic crisis, technology, the environment and black on black crime.

Most session held at the state capitol building.

Host hotel: Sheraton Austin Hotel, 701 East 11th Street, Austin, TX 7870

For more information: <http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/5567.asp>

President Barack Obama's Reading List

Barack Obama has been an avid reader and lover of libraries since his college years. Thus in celebration of National Library Week we take a look at some of the books on **President Barack Obama's Reading List:**

- *For Whom the Bell Tolls* by Ernest Hemingway
- *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison
- *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville
- *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak
- *A Kind and Just Parent* by

- William Ayers
- *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*
 - *Philosophy & Literature* by Peter S. Thompson
 - *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* by Friedrich Nietzsche
 - *Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison
 - *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare
 - *Parting the Waters* by Taylor Branch
 - *Moral Man and Immoral Society* by Reinhold Niebuhr
 - *Team of Rivals* by D.K. Goodwin
 - *The Post-American World* by Fareed Zakaria

- *The Golden Notebook* by Doris Lessing
 - *Collected Poems* by Derek Walcott
- List taken from:
<http://www.makeliterature.com/blog/barack-obamas-reading-list>

In addition to the above Obama has also mentioned reading many of the works of JF Kennedy. Obama has been referred to as one of the most literate president in U.S. history. His choice of readings include classic American fiction, philosophy, history and his list even includes children's books.

Faculty/Staff/Student/Community Announcements

- The College of Education will host a Special Orientation for new and returning students on May 9, 2009 and May 30, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Room 217 in the Delco Bldg also on May 30th a Orientation will be held at the NW Campus – 16000 Steubner Airline Road, Spring , Texas. Basic student support representatives will be on hand to assist students with questions concerning financial aid, library resources, etc. For more information contact : **Dr. Ross—email: wiross@pvamu.edu**
- **Prairie View A&M University will host the annual capital campaign gala on April 25th at the George R. Brown Convention Center. The Extend the View: Shape Tomorrow Today** gala honors PV graduates and leaders. The theme for the 2009 Gala will be **Celebrating Our Global Impact On Engineering & Technology**
- The Texas National Association of Multicultural Education Conference was held March 27 &28, 2009 at Prairie View A& M University main campus and Nursing Center. More information go to the blog:: <http://texasname.blogspot.com/>
- The College of Education hosted the **Waymon Webster Professional Growth Conference, March 7, 2009 at Prairie View**
- **Librarians Elizabeth Brumfield, Kimberly Gay, Phyllis Earles and Stephen Shaw** attended the **HBCU Library Alliance Workshops in Atlanta** during the month of March. The sessions included discussions on technology, freshman orientation and the future of HBCU libraries.
- **Professor Bernadine Duncan** recent spoke at the University of Houston as part of a series on Mind, Body & Spirit.
- **Former Black Panther secretary, noted author and speaker Kathleen Cleaver** (picture below) spoke at a kick off Black History program at the Shrine of the Black Madonna in Houston , attended by librarians, Kimberly Gay and Elizabeth Jean Brumfield. Dr. Cleaver is currently on faculty at Emory University School of Law.

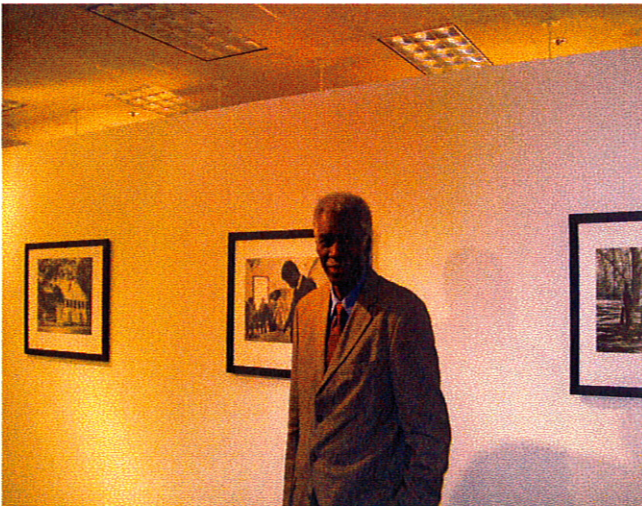


Celebrating Black History and Women's History

John B. Coleman main library and the NW Campus presented Willie J Alexander, former Defensive Back for Houston Oilers, current author —*Entering the Promised Land*. Marion Williams, Library Development, and Dr. Clarissa Booker stand with Mr. Alexander (right)



Over 150 students attended the Black History event at the NW Campus, an additional 35-40 attended at the main campus. Mr. Alexander graciously donated autographed copies of his book to those in attendance at both locations. (left)



Dr. Emory S. Campbell, Executive Director of South Carolina's Penn Center, renowned scholar of Gullah history lectured on the Gullah customs and history in the remodeled 4th Floor Gallery of the main campus library. Jeanne M. Ashe's photographs are displayed in the background. Mrs Ashe was guest speaker for the main campus library's Women's History Month program.



Students, faculty and staff attended the 2nd Grant Research and Proposal Writing Workshop held at the NW Campus for Black History month, led by Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, Distance Services Librarian (front-center) The full day workshop provide participants with access to the Foundation Center's database for foundation grants and the Grantmanship Center database for federal grants.



Celebrating Black History and Women's History (continued)



Students enjoy refreshments and purchase books from guest authors



Sisterhood of Writers-Women's History Month Celebration held March 26, 2009 at NW Campus included: Nekisha Michelle Bakre-radio talk show host and author of *Breaking Invisible Chains*, a self help motivational book. Ms Bakre (left); Zandra Boise read from her collection of poetry entitled *Inside the Invisible Box* (middle) and Athelda Ensley discussed writing *M-Intent Do-man* (right) a mystery book.

The authors discussed their experiences as African American females in a male dominated profession and provided advice on how to get started writing and publishing.



Women's History Month @ NW Campus included a quilt display from the Millennium Quilter's Association. Over 40 quilts were displayed—from Queen size to quilting squares. The Quilting Association donates the quilts to non profit agencies and the military troops overseas. They also donate quilts to home owners for the Reality TV show-*Extreme Makeover Home Edition*

Financial Aid Calendar—2009-2010

2009 – 2010 Financial Aid Deadlines

April 15, 2009 – Spring 2009 verification deadline.

April 15, 2009 – Financial aid award notifications for fall 2009 will be mailed to first-time freshmen and transfer students.

May 1, 2009 – Final date for processing financial aid awards in advance of 2009 summer registration with the assurance that awarded funds will be available for fee payment.

June 1, 2009 – After final spring grades are posted and Satisfactory Academic Progress calculated, electronic financial aid award notifications will be sent to the University email address of current students. The email will direct you to check your award status using Panthertracks. Those students identified as not making Satisfactory Academic Progress will be notified via their University email address and provided instructions on how to appeal.

July 15, 2009 – Summer 2009 verification deadline.

August 1, 2009 – Final date for processing financial aid awards in advance of 2009 fall registration with the assurance that awarded funds will be available for fee payment in August.

October 15, 2009 – Spring 2010 priority submission date for a complete financial aid application file. A complete application file includes (1) the 2009-2010 Federal Student Aid Report received by the Office of Student Financial Aid; (2) all required documents received and processed (i.e. verification) and (3) the student has been accepted for admission.

November 15, 2009 – Fall 2009 verification deadline.

December 15, 2009 – Notification of changes in student financial aid processing for upcoming year.

April 15, 2010 – Spring 2010 verification deadline.

Mrs. Glenda Williams is the financial aid counselor designated for the Northwest Center. Mrs. Williams assists students with the financial aid questions and processing needs. Her office hours are 10:00 am – 7:00 pm Tuesday and Thursday at the Northwest Center.. Her phone number is 713-790-7285.

For more information on Financial Aid dates go to: <http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/2128.asp>



Academic Calendar—Summer 2009

May 16, Saturday—Commencement

May 25, Monday — Memorial Day Holiday (**University Closed**)

June 1, Monday — Regular Registration (First and Second 3, 5, and 10 week sessions)

June 2, Tuesday — Instruction, Late Registration, and Add/Drop Period **Begins** (First, 3, 5, and 10 week sessions)

June 3, Wednesday — **LAST DAY** for Late Registration, Add Courses, Change Major/ Certification or any Matriculation Change (First 3, 5, and 10 week sessions)

June 5, Friday — Census Date (4th Class Day:First 3, 5, and 10 week sessions)

LAST DAY to Drop Course(s) without Record (First 3, 5, and 10 week sessions)

June 6, Saturday — Withdrawal from Courses with record (“W”) **Begins** (First, 3, 5, and 10 week sessions)

June 8, Monday — Graduation Deadline for Summer 2009

June 9 – 12, Tuesday-Friday — Late Graduation Application Deadline Period for Summer 2009

June 19, Friday — Emancipation Day (**University Closed**)

June 26, Friday — Withdrawal from Courses with record (“W”) **Ends** (First 5 week session)

July 3 – 4, Friday -Saturday — Independence Day (observed-**University closed-No Saturday Classes**)

July 6, Monday — **LAST DAY to Withdraw from the University (From All Courses)** (First 5 week session)

July 7, Tuesday — First Summer Term **Ends** (First 5 week session), Final Examination (First 5 week session)

Regular Registration (Second 3 and 5 week sessions)

July 8, Wednesday — Instruction, Late Registration, and Add/Drop Period **Begins** (Second 3 and 5 week sessions)

Final Grades Due for First 3 and 5 week sessions

July 9, Thursday — **LAST DAY** for Late Registration, Add Courses, Change Major/Certification or any Matriculation Change (Second 3 and 5 week sessions)

July 13, Monday — Census Date (4th Class Day – Second 3 and 5 week sessions)

July 14, Tuesday — Withdrawal from Courses with record (“W”) **Begins** (First 3 and 5 week sessions)

July 28, Tuesday — Withdrawal from Courses with record (“W”) **Ends** (Second 5 and 10 week sessions)

August 7, Friday — **LAST DAY to Withdraw from the University (From All Courses)** (Second 5 and 10 week sessions)

August 10-11, Monday-Tuesday — Final Exams for All Students (Second 5 and 10 week sessions)

August 12, Wednesday — Final Grades Due for Graduating Candidates

August 14, Friday — Second Summer Term **Ends** (Second 5 and 10 week sessions)

August 15, Saturday — Commencement

August 18, Tuesday — Final Grades Due for All Other Students

Calendar taken from Office of the Registrar: <http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/4769.asp>

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**Book Review—Breaking Invisible Chains:
Gaining the Confidence to Redesign Your
Life by Nekisha-Michelle Bakre**

Nekisha-Michelle Bakre became a mother at fourteen. Despite her circumstances she refused to accept the stereotypes and statistics associated with teen pregnancy and not only finished high school she obtained bachelors and masters degrees and became one of the youngest directors in the Ohio foster care program. Using her social work education and ten years experience in the human service field she has written an inspirational book of transformation and life redesign.

Ms. Bakre states that her book is “not about overcoming a bad start in life, it is about having a real process for rewriting your perceptions and reaction's to life's events.” She speaks of the importance of focus-if we focus on the negative or avoiding the negative we will get more of the negative we are trying to avoid. Instead she maintains from her experiences that focusing on the positive involves a process and includes seeing, hearing and focusing on gratitude and praise.

As one of the authors included in the NW Campus Sisterhood of Women Writers—Women's History month event many students had the opportunity to talk to Ms. Bakre. Several students appreciated her openness and infectious positive attitude. In addition to writing Ms. Bakre is a radio talk show host for a California based program and conducts motivational seminars and life coaching lessons.

Review by E.J. Brumfield

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Check Us Out—New Books For Counseling @ Northwest Campus

- ◆ A.C.T. IN ACTION (DVD SET)
- ◆ ANXIETY AND PHOBIA WORKBOOK
Author: E.J.BOURNE
- ◆ BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT
Author: S.W. BIJOU
- ◆ CHANGING CULTURAL PRACTICES
Author: ANTHONY BIGLEN
- ◆ COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL WORKBOOK FOR DEPRESSION
Author: W.J.KNAUS
- ◆ HEALING THE TRAUMA OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
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