5th Biennial Africana Studies Symposium
Innovations in the Digital Humanities:
Pushing the Boundaries with E-Africana Studies
Celebrating 40 Years of Africana Studies in the Academy, 1969-2009

DR. ABDUL ALKALIMAT
FELICE HILL GAINES LECTURE IN AFRICANA STUDIES
FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2010
UNIVERSITY UNION 236
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Program

Musical Interlude
UCM Jazz COMBO
Church Nardi, Alto & Soprano Sax
Jacob Crouse, Acoustic Guitar
Michael Martin, Piano
Bryant Warner, Bass

Welcome
Dr. Betty Roberts, Vice President
Administration & Finance

Prayer
Reverend Albion Mends
Africana Studies Scholar-in-Residence

Lunch Served
Remembering Felice Hill Gaines
Dr. Mollie Dinwiddie, Dean
James C. Kirkpatrick Library

Felicia Hill Gaines came to work as a professional staff member in Ward Edwards Library in 1966, following a career teaching in elementary school, specifically in Knob Noster and at Howard School here in Warrensburg. Mrs. Gaines recognized that she had a unique opportunity to prove to anyone who might doubt that African Americans of that day were qualified for professional positions in higher education. She made a statement quoted in the Daily Star Journal that said: "I always put out the very best that is in me." She recognized that she was setting an example for others that might follow her and she certainly left a positive mark on the library and the entire campus at Central Missouri State. Mrs. Gaines was also known for her work in the local community, especially with her church. She wrote articles for religious publications and was writing a piece when she died at the age of 76 in 1985. She also was a friend to students and invited international students at CMSU to her home. She worked with Girl Scouts, was a member of a local advisory committee on child welfare, and was president of the local Parent-Teachers Association. When Mrs. Gaines retired from CMSU in 1974, she was presented with a memory book of her years of employment from her colleagues. In it was written: "We know that you believe that when one door closes it means that another one opens. As you look forward to the full life awaiting you... We know that the same charisma that has made you a popular, indispensable shining light in many of our lives will carry you through that experience called tomorrow. Because we know that wherever you are—God is." Truly, Mrs. Gaines' mark on CMSU is measured by the strength of her character. Mrs. Gaines made a significant contribution in that effort and I am delighted that this lecture is named in her honor.

Dr. Mollie Dinwiddie, Dean
James C. Kirkpatrick Library
April 19, 2004
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An expert on the digital divide and the African American experience in cyberspace, Alkalimat is professor at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) at the University of Illinois. Alkalimat was most recently a professor of sociology and director of the Africana Studies program at the University of Toledo. He moderates the largest African-American Studies discussion list, H-Afro-Am, and created and edits Malcolm X: A Research Site as well as eBlack Studies. He is the author of numerous books including: The African American Experience In Cyberspace: A Resource Guide to the Best Web Sites on Black Culture & History, Black Power in Chicago: Harold Washington and the Crisis of the Black Middle Class: Mass Protest, and Malcolm X for Beginners.

Program

Introduction of Speaker
Dr. Bryan Carter, Associate Professor
Department of English
Speaker
DR. ABDUL ALKALIMAT
Professor, University of Illinois
BLACK STUDIES IN THE AGE OF OBAMA

Presentation
Dr. Sonny Castro
Associate Vice President & Chief Diversity Officer

Closing Remarks
Dr. Delia C. Gillis, Professor
Department of History & Anthropology
Director, Center for Africana Studies
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