The Fifteenth Annual National Black Herstory Conference and Awards Banquet

"Regaining Our Footing: Global Economic, Cultural and Political Development"

Celebrating and Chronicling the Lives and Legacies of Women of African Descent and Their Alliances Worldwide

March 30, 2012
Conference Sessions – FREE Admission
Emory University
Whitehead Biomedical Research Auditorium
615 Michael Street - Atlanta, GA 30322

March 31, 2012
Awards Banquet - Ticket Required
Peachtree Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
2108 Briarcliff Road, NE – Atlanta, GA 30329

The Fifteenth Anniversary Conference is dedicated In Memoriam of
Baba Hannibal Afrik
Carol Mitchell Leon

Sponsored by the National Black Herstory Task Force Inc.
"Regaining Our Footing: Global Economic, Cultural and Political Development*

The Fifteenth Annual National Black Herstory Conference is designed to explore past, present and future economic, cultural and political conditions affecting women of African Descent within Diaspora. Please join us for this year’s interactive conference featuring presentations by grass roots community members, scholars, political, social and business professionals.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2012
Emory University Whitehead Biomedical Auditorium

2:00 pm to 2:30 pm
OPENING CEREMONY-Greetings by Shelia Worthy Paris and Mozella Galloway of the National Black Herstory Task Force and representatives from Emory.

2:35 pm to 3:30 pm
CONFERENCE SESSION 1 - Politics in my America, Janis F. Kearney

Ms. Kearney is a publisher, author and literary advocate who served as the first United States Presidential Diarist (1995-2001). Ms. Kearney will discuss what she learned inside the bubble of the white house, as the personal diarist of former President William Jefferson Clinton. She will also discuss her earliest insights into the power and failings of American politics during her childhood in rural Arkansas, as an impoverished sharecropper’s daughter.

3:45 pm to 4:45 pm
CONFERENCE SESSION 2 – The Black Women in Business: The Future, In or Out, Up or Down? Dr. Juliet E. K. Walker

Dr. Walker is the founder and director of the Center for Black Business History, Entrepreneurship and Technology. She is a professor in the History Department of the University of Texas at Austin, and has written numerous books in African American history, including The History of Black Business in America.

5:00 pm to 5:50 pm
CONFERENCE SESSION 3 - Unlocking Injustice - Redemption for the formerly incarcerated and you, Letreese Desantis

Ms. Desantis is the Executive Director of Minorities for Equality in Education, Employment, Liberty and Justice (MEEELJ) in Austin, Texas. This conference topic will look at the criminal justice system and the new “reformation” efforts.

-Refreshments-

6:25 pm – 8:00 pm
CONFERENCE SESSION 4 - Kola Boof on The Living Woman

Kola Boof, using her latest novel “The Sexy Part of the Bible” as a basis, will talk about replacing socio-political terms like ‘strong black woman’ in favor of a more rounded cohesive ‘living woman’ image as black women move forward. Kola Boof is an Egyptian- Sudanese American writer, poet and television writer. Kola Boof is the author of several novels and poetry collections. Mature Audience. A book signing will follow presentation.

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SATURDAY EVENING
March 31, 2012
Dinner 6:30 pm

Angela Harrington Rice, Producer and Host of Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasting (AIB) Television’s “A Woman’s Place,” will be the Mistress of Ceremonies for the 2012 gala awards. Musical entertainment presented by Harold Holloway & Company and Drop Entertainment’s Major Chapman. Poetry and Spoken Word will be given by Vertasha’ (aka The Honorable Geronda Carter, Superior Court Judge, Clayton County, GA), and Mr. Adam Williams.

The 2012 National Black Herstory Awards will be presented in recognition and appreciation of the following extra ordinary individuals:

DR. JOANNE WILLIAMS-COOPER, Assistant Professor, Emory University Family & Preventive Medicine will accept the Delores P. Aldridge Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

THE HONORABLE CYNTHIA BLANDFORD NAJH, Honorary Consul General, Republic of Liberia, Africa to be presented with the Dr. Cora A. Prestley Global Outreach Award.

BISHOP DR. BARBARA KING, Founder, Hillside International Chapel & Truth Center, The Legacy Options Foundation will be presented with the Bishop Barbara King Community Service Award.

MR. REGINALD DANCIL, Vocalist, Minister, Educator and President, Anointed Sounds, Inc., will accept A National Black Herstory Ally Salute Award.

MR. W. IMARA CANADY, VP of Strategic Partnerships, National Center for Civil and Human Rights. A National Black Herstory Comrade Salute Award will be presented in his honor.

RANDALL BURKETT, PH.D., Curator, African American Collections, Emory University Libraries, will be presented with a National Black Herstory Ally Salute Award.

DEADRIA FARMER-P tiểu, Executive Director, Restitution Study Group. The Queen Mother Audley E. Moore Award for Dedication to Community will be presented in her honor.

DR. GLORIA WADE GAYLES, Educator and Founding Director Spelman (College) Independent Scholars Oral History Project, will accept the Xernona Clayton Lifetime Achievement Award.

BABA HANNIBAL AFRIK, M.ED. (Posthumously) the inaugural presentation of the Baba Hannibal Afrik Empowered Youth Award to be received in his honor.

Ms. VALANDA LATIMORE, CEO DryerBuzz News, Podcast and NetTV, will be presented with the Mozella Peterson Galloway Visionary Award.

CAROL MITCHELL LEON, (Posthumously), the Inaugural presentation of the Carol Mitchell Leon Gifted Artist Award.