

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 14

Last day to add or audit a course
Last day to drop and receive financial credit
Late registration ends (includes tuition waivers)
Last day to receive book allowance

JANUARY 15

Conversations with the Chancellor: A Community Forum, Memorial Student Union-Stallings Ballroom, 6-8 p.m.

JANUARY 19

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (University Closed)

JANUARY 22

Lyceum Series: Dance Theatre of Harlem, Harrison Auditorium, 7 p.m., F

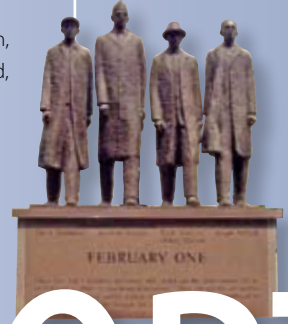
JANUARY 28-30

23rd Annual Ronald E. McNair Commemorative Celebration/Eighth Research Symposium, Campus, R

JANUARY 30

49th Sit-in Anniversary Celebration, Keynote Speaker: Hon. Julian Bond, Williams Cafeteria, 6 a.m., F

The N.C. A&T Ticket Sales Office is located in Brown Hall, corner of Laurel and Bluford streets. For information, call (336) 334-7749.



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Julian Bond to Speak at Sit-in Anniversary Breakfast

The Hon. Julian Bond will be the keynote speaker at the 49th Sit-in Anniversary Celebration, Friday, Jan. 30, in Williams Cafeteria. The breakfast, which is free and open to the public, begins at 6 a.m. and the program will begin at 7:15 a.m.

The theme is "Reclaiming Our Heritage: Redefining Our Legacy."

The annual event pays tribute to the four A&T freshmen – Ezell Blair (now Jibreel Khazan), Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil and David Richmond – who sat down in protest on Feb. 1, 1960, at the segregated F.W. Woolworth store in downtown Greensboro. This single act of courage and the chain of protests that would follow led to significant changes in existing laws that barred African Americans from receiving equal treatment in this country. The A&T Four/Greensboro Four and members of the late David Richmond's family will be in attendance.



Bond

As an activist who has faced jail for his convictions, as a veteran of more than 20 years service in the Georgia General Assembly, as a university professor and as a writer, Bond has been on the cutting edge of social change since 1960. While a student at Morehouse College over 40 years ago, he founded the Atlanta student sit-in and anti-segregation organization, and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

Currently, Bond is chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He also serves as chairman of the Premier Auto Group (Volvo, Land Rover, Aston-Martin, Jaguar) Diversity Council and is on the boards of the Southern Poverty Law Center

and the Council for a Livable World, and the advisory board of the Harvard Business School Initiative on Social Enterprise, among many others.

Bond has served as commentator on "America's Black Forum," the oldest black-owned show in television syndication and his poetry and articles have appeared in numerous publications. He also has narrated numerous documentaries, including the Academy Award-winning "A Time for Justice" and the critically acclaimed series "Eyes on the Prize," and he has been a commentator on the "Today Show."

Bond once authored a nationally syndicated newspaper column called "Viewpoint," and he has published *A Time to Speak*, *A Time To Act*, a collection of his essays, as well as *Black Candidates Southern Campaign Experiences*.

Serving since 1998 as chairman of the board of the NAACP, the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the United States, Bond continues with his activism, working to educate the public about the history of the Civil Rights movement and the struggles that African Americans and the poor still endure.

Throughout his career, Bond has taught at several universities, including Williams, the University of Pennsylvania, American, Drexel, Harvard and the University of Virginia. The recipient of 23 honorary degrees, he is a Distinguished Professor at American University in Washington, D.C., and serves as professor of history at the University of Virginia.

During the breakfast, the N.C. A&T State University Human Rights Medal will be awarded to an individual who has endeavored to correct social injustice and has significantly contributed to the betterment of the world.

Annual McNair Celebration, National Research Symposium to be Held

The 23rd Annual Ronald E. McNair Commemorative Celebration and Eighth National Research Symposium will be held Jan. 28-30 on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University.

Plenary speakers include Julianne Malveaux, president of Bennett College for Women, and Stephanie Y. Evans of the University of Florida.

The simultaneous programs are designed to commemorate the life and accomplishments of the late Ronald E. McNair, an alumnus of N.C. A&T. The symposium will provide undergraduate and faculty scholars the opportunity to present research findings, hear and view cutting edge research, engage in meaningful dialogues, and network with other scholars and graduate school representatives.

Undergraduate and graduate student and faculty scholars who have conducted research and presented their findings in poster or oral format are invited to make presentations. All presenters must submit their abstracts for inclusion in the program proceedings with the completed Abstract Submission Form that includes their name, faculty mentor and institution via email to jebrown3@ncat.edu. The deadline for submission is January 11, 2009.

The symposium also will include a graduate/professional school fair featuring the country's top graduate schools, networking opportunities where students will be able to interact with other scholars and graduate/professional school representatives, scholarly presentations, cultural activities, an awards banquet/dance, and a program booklet featuring scholars and their research.

Participation is free for N.C. A&T faculty, staff and students. However, all participants must register via the McNair website: www.ncat.edu/~remcnair.

For additional detailed information, visit the event website or contact Joyce E. Brown, symposium chairwoman, jebrown3@ncat.edu.

HR Division Has Centralized I-9 Processing

Effective Jan. 5, all I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification forms must be processed by the Division of Human Resources. All employment areas on campus are affected by this process, i.e. Student Financial Aid, Undergraduate and Graduate Students, Faculty and Non-Teaching Faculty, SPA, Temporary, Contracted Employees, etc.

This action is necessary to ensure that the University is in compliance with federal and state regulations in regards to the governing guidelines as established by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Hiring departments and managers must take steps to ensure that new hires have a processed Form I-9 on file with the Division of Human Resources before or by the end of the first workday; no exceptions. The University is mandated by the North Carolina Office of State Personnel to process all new hires through the E-Verify USCIS federal system by the end of the third workday to confirm employment eligibility.

Failure to show full compliance can result in heavy fines and/or penalties as a state-agency employer. This could include supervised or limited hiring guidelines administered by Department of Labor and/or USCIS.

Contact Tammie C. Thomas, foreign national administrator, at 334-7862 ext. 2012, with questions regarding the Form I-9 transitional change of authorized document processors.

Stephen Ferguson, an assistant professor in the Division of University Studies, presented a paper titled "The Heritage We Renounce: The Utopian Worldview of Afro-centrism" at the 15th Annual Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference. The conference was held at Michigan State University.



Wendell Phillips has been assigned to the Division of Development and University Relations as director of state and community relations. Phillips previously served as special assistant to the chancellor for community relations. The change in assignment was made to take advantage of administrative and operational synergies between the functions of Development and those of community and state relations.



Teresa Jo Styles, professor in the department of journalism and mass communication, was awarded a Mellon Foundation Fellowship enabling her to participate in the Salzburg Global Seminar as a fellow of

Session 459, "The Global Energy Fulcrum: Asian Development And International Response," held at Schloss Leopoldskron in Salzburg, Austria, Nov. 30-Dec. 5, 2008. The fellows provided recommendations on global energy issues in two areas: Policy Recommendations on Kyoto and The View Toward the Future. Salzburg Global Seminars bring together 50 emerging and established leaders from around the world and from a variety of professional backgrounds to debate critical global issues and propose possible solutions.



Lea E. Williams recently authored and published a book on the lives of eight popular African American leaders who risked their lives for the cause of the 1960s Civil Rights Movement.

The second edition of *Servants of the People: The 1960s Legacy of African American Leadership* was released in December. The book examines the repressive climate of racial hatred in America that spawned the 1960s civil rights movement but also galvanized a generation of bold, persuasive, driven leaders who embodied the qualities of servant leadership. Williams is associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, institutional planning, assessment and research.



Stanley F. Battle, Ph.D.
11th Chancellor
North Carolina A&T State University

AGGIE BITS

Chancellor Stanley F. Battle will kick off the New Year with a special forum to open dialogue and exchange ideas with members of the community. Conversations with the Chancellor: A Community Forum will be held Thursday, Jan. 15, 6-8 p.m., in Memorial Student Union, Stallings Ballroom.

The forum is being held to inform the community of the vision and direction of the University and to hear from the community. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

To learn more about this event, contact Wendell Phillips, director of state and community relations, at (336) 334-7600 or wphillip@ncat.edu.

Due to construction, the new Aggie Fitness and Wellness Center will be closed through mid-January. Memberships are available to N.C. A&T faculty and staff. A&T employees who did not sign up for payroll deduction before the holidays must now pay the membership fee in cash at the Cashier's Office. The cost is \$75 per semester or \$120 for the year. Membership applications are available at the Aggie Fitness and Wellness Center.

The department of biology is sponsoring the 11th Life and Physical Sciences Research Symposium, Friday, Feb. 13, in Memorial Student Union. The symposium will feature Nobel Laureate Oliver Smithies. The theme is "Explore, Discover, Become: The Next Generation of Nobel Laureates." Registration and abstract information are available online at <http://cas.ncat.edu/registration>.

Alumni of the N.C. A&T State University Fellowship Gospel Choir are needed for a special celebration and to record an anniversary CD, April 25-26. Interested alumni of the gospel choir should send their contact information via email to Ron Jones, Alan Bagby or Tonya McCall-Hargett at Alumnigc@yahoo.com.

The Science and Technology Enrichment Program (STEP) at N.C. A&T is accepting applications for the six-week nonresidential program that will be held June 15-July 24. The application is available online at <http://cas.ncat.edu/~chemistry/DisplayPage.php?node=298>. For other information, contact Jothi V. Kumar at (336) 285-2234 or jvkumar@ncat.edu.

Aggies, electronically submit your A&T news, events, projects, programs and condolences for the Aggie Family Info site via the A&T homepage. For A&T invites and other announcements, use the following URL: www.ncat.edu/~univrel/aggiefamilyinfo/announcement_submit.php. For A&T condolences, use www.ncat.edu/~univrel/aggiefamilyinfo/condolence_submit.php. Updates are made throughout the day.

View the fall 2008 commencement ceremonies online at <http://video.ncat.edu/grad/eight/fall08.html>.



Dance Theatre of Harlem to Perform

North Carolina A&T State University's Lyceum Series will present the nationally acclaimed Dance Theatre of Harlem, Thursday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. in Harrison Auditorium. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

The Dance Theatre of Harlem (DTH) is a leading dance institution of unparalleled global acclaim, encompassing a classically American dance company, a leading arts education center and Dancing through Barriers, a national and international education and community outreach program. Each component of Dance Theatre of Harlem carries a solid commitment toward enriching the lives of young people and adults around the world through the arts.

Founded in 1969 by Arthur Mitchell and Karel Shook, DTH was considered "one of ballet's most exciting undertakings" (The New York Times, 1971). Shortly after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Mitchell was inspired to start a school that would offer children – especially those in his native Harlem – the opportunity to learn about dance and the allied arts. Now in its fourth decade, DTH has grown into a multicultural dance institution with an extraordinary legacy of providing opportunities for creative expression and artistic excellence that continues to set standards in the performing arts.

DTH has achieved unprecedented success, bringing innovative and bold new forms of artistic expression to audiences in New York City, across the country and around the world.

In February 2004, DTH celebrated 35 years in the business and completed an extensive tour of the United States and the United Kingdom. The company received the largest grant ever given to a foreign company by the Dance Consortium in England.

During summer 2003, DTH made its inaugural engagement at the Lincoln Center Festival with the premiere of "St. Louis Woman: A Blues Ballet." In 2002, DTH won the Manchester Evening News Award in Dance as a result of its outstanding performances in England and Manchester.

In 2000, the company performed to sold-out houses in China, giving the country its first performances of Firebird, and conducted extensive outreach and educational activities in Mandarin Chinese. That same year, the company returned to the legendary Apollo Theater in Harlem, which marked DTH's first performances on the stage in 25 years.

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