

UPCOMING EVENTS

Black History Month Program

Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008 7:30 p.m. at the Institute

What Does DNA Tell Us About Race?

Troy Duster, Professor of Sociology and Director of the Institute for the History of the Production of Knowledge at New York University

Presidential Lecture Series 2008

“The American Presidency: Past, Present and Future”

Future: Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008 7:30 p.m. at the Institute

Straight from the Trail: Part I

Journalists: Steve Kraske, Joel Mathis & Jill Zuckman

Present: Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008 7:30 p.m. at the Institute

Reagan's Disciple: Has George W. Bush Advanced the Reagan Revolution—Or Derailed It?

Lou and Carl Cannon, father and son co-authors

Future: Thursday, March 6, 2008 7:30 p.m. at the Institute

Straight from the Trail: Part II

Journalists: Chris Cillizza, Geoff Earle & Lynn Sweet

Past: Tuesday, March 11, 2008 7:30 p.m. at the Institute

Ike's Final Battle: The Road to Little Rock and the Challenge of Equality

Kasey Pipes, author and former Bush White House speechwriter

Dole Forum

Wednesday, Mar. 5, 2008 7:00 p.m. at the Institute

An Evening with Roderick Bremby

Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment

“Gender, Race and Religion in Politics” Study Group

with Fellow Jennifer Schmidt

3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Institute, Feb. 26-Apr. 15 (except March 11 & 18)

Feb. 26: guest Jill Zuckman, Washington Bureau Chief of the *Chicago Tribune*

White Glove Tour of the Dole Archive

Saturday, Mar. 15, 2008 10:30 a.m.

A 40-minute behind-the-scenes tour into the environmentally-controlled archive and the processing rooms. For information and reservations call 785-864-1420.



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*The Langston Hughes Committee,
The Department of American Studies,*

and

*The Dole Institute of Politics
are pleased to present*

The 2008 Langston Hughes Lecture

with

Randal Jelks

*“Rediscovering the Life of a Black Religious
Intellectual: Benjamin Elijah Mays in the Making
of the American Civil Rights Movement”*

5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

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Randal Jelks

**Langston Hughes Visiting Professor
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About...

Randal Jelks

Dr. Randal Jelks was born in New Orleans and lived there until he was fourteen, when he resided in Chicago until college. Although Jelks has lived in the North for numerous years, he considers New Orleans to be his home.

Currently, Dr. Jelks is an Associate Professor of history at Calvin College and the Director of the African and African Diaspora Studies Program. He is a graduate of South Shore High School in Chicago, has a B.A. in History from the University of Michigan, a Masters of Divinity from McCormick Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. in history from Michigan State University. In addition, he is an ordained clergy person in the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Jelks has published both scholarly and journalistic articles. His research and writing interests are in the area of African American Religious, Urban and Civil Rights History. He has completed a book, titled *African Americans in the Furniture City: The Politics of Respectability and the Civil Rights Struggle in Grand Rapids, Michigan*.

In addition, he is researching a book on Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays, President of Morehouse College (1940-1967) in Atlanta. The tentative title is *Benjamin Elijah Mays: A Religious Rebel in the Jim Crow South*.

Most recently, Dr. Jelks has been named a Fellow at the National Humanities Center in Research Park Triangle, North Carolina for the academic year of 2006-2007.

Randal Jelks is married to attorney Mari Beth Johnson-Jelks with whom he shares the joy and burden of three young adult children: Johannah, Jonathan and Joshua.