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ANNOUNCES

THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF

THE BLACK EXPERIENCE

IN THE 1980s, PRESENT REALITIES AND FUTURE PROSPECTS



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THE BLACK EXPERIENCE 1989

The Black Experience Workshop celebrates its Tenth Anniversary, and encourages your participation in this significant milestone. The Black Experience in the 1980s, Present Realities and Future Prospects will examine selected issues that have been important to African Americans in the 20th century, and which will be of concern in the 21st century. The 80s have seen an increase in poverty, the underclass, the homeless, the elderly, single parent families, controversy in male/female relationships, and a resurgence of racism to note a few of the issues which confront African Americans. What are the projected expectations for the next ten years which will place us on the threshold of the 21st century? What can be done to stem the rising tide of complex issues which face African Americans? Social workers and other human service practitioners, regardless of race, must meet their service obligation by increased sensitivity to the current and future conditions which confront African Americans. Moreover, they must strive to provide services in the human welfare arena in a more gentle and kinder manner.

Many of the keynote speakers from previous years will be with us. These scholars will explore some of the pressing concerns of African Americans. They will exchange ideas about what must be addressed by human service practitioners to better serve those in need. The Anniversary Workshop will be on the leading edge of information sharing and practice suggestions. As usual, you are encouraged to share in this unique venture of learning and doing.

Thursday, March 30, 1989

2:00 - 4:00 PM OPEN WORKSHOP - Peabody Hall, Room 212

THE ANALYSIS OF CENSUS DATA FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

The first American census of 1790 listed the population count as 3,929,214. African Americans were 19.3 percent of the total or 757,208. In 1980 African Americans were 11.7 percent of a population of 226,500,000. What will be learned about African Americans in the 200th year since the first census? Will they be counted, and how will the count be utilized? How can the census data be used to learn about African American people and their communities, and to understand their diverse functioning?

Panel Discussants:

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BONUS

Dr. Robert B. Hill, Director, Institute for Urban Research, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD

Mr. Samuel H. Johnson, Data User Service Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC

Mrs. Theresa C. Johnson, National Service Program Specialist, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC

7:00 PM OPEN FORUM - Great Hall - Carolina Union

ECONOMIC/POLITICAL CONDITIONS AND THE RESURGENCE OF RACISM

The 1980s saw an income decline of 8.3 percent in the African American community, and a decline in the number of African Americans in the middle class, from 38 percent to 29 percent by 1984. The poor in the African American community rose to 39 percent during this period. The number of openly violent racial incidents rose over 200 percent, with incidents occurring in all areas of the country. Politically, Blacks won office but lacked access to power. What were some of the underlying causes which influenced the turbulence of racism, and renewed the growth of the Ku Klux Klan and youthful Skin Heads? How can these negatives become positives to improve the life of African Americans?

Panel Discussants:

Dr. Lawrence E. Gary, Director, Institute of Urban Affairs & Mental Health Research and Development Center, Howard University, Washington, DC

Dr. Charles V. Hamilton, Wallace S. Sayre Professor of Government, Columbia University, New York, NY

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BONUS

Dr. Jeanne Spurlock, Deputy Medical Director, American Psychiatric Association, Washington, DC

ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION - Great Hall
Immediately following