



NATIONAL BLACK HERSTORY

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Professor Juliet E. K. Walker Awarded Carter G. Woodson Scholars Medallion



Dr. Juliet E. K. Walker was awarded the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History's (ASALH) Woodson Scholars Medallion for 2010. She received this award for her contributions to the field of African-American life and history. Dr. Walker received the award during the 95th annual meeting of the ASALH in Raleigh, NC on October 2, 2010. The person selected for this award must be a trained historian and an active participant

in the work of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. This award is presented annually.

The ASALH was founded by Carter G. Woodson who was called the "father of black history". Dr. Woodson founded the association to ensure the foundation for the continuance of African-centered education through commitment to African-American history. The award was established in 1993 and is presented to a scholar whose career is distinguished through at least a decade of research, writing and activism in the field of African-American life and history.

Dr. Walker is a professor in the History Department at the University of Texas at Austin. She is the founder and director of the Center for Black Business History, Entrepreneurship and Technology. Dr. Walker is considered the foremost scholar in Black Business History. Her award winning book: *The History of Black Business in American Capitalism, Race, Entrepreneurship*, which is the first and only comprehensive scholarly study of African American business activities from pre-colonial African origins to the present remains the only scholarly source that provides a detailed study of the continuity, diversity, and multiplicity of independence self-help economic activities among African Americans.

The National Black Herstory Task Force (NBHTF) congratulates Dr. Walker on winning the Carter G. Woodson Scholars Medallion. Dr. Walker is a member of the NBHTF and serves on the Board of Directors. Dr. Walker has graciously provided several of her articles to be published in our newsletter, *The Herstorian*. Dr. Walker we thank you and congratulate you on winning this great award.

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2011 Conference and Awards

We are gearing up for the National Black Herstory Conference for 2011. The theme for next year's conference is **"Our Collective Journeys: Pathway Toward Healing and Freedom."**

On October 28th, we held our annual Fall Reception on the campus of Emory University at the Center for Women. Emory University and its Center for Women have been great supporters of the National Black Herstory Task Force (NBHTF) since its conception. Several people volunteered to help with the upcoming conference..

The event dates will be March 24-26, 2011. The conference sessions will be held on the campus of Emory University and the Awards Banquet Gala will be held at the Loudermilk Center Ballroom in downtown Atlanta. So, please mark your calendar and get ready for a weekend of celebrating, learning, dining and dancing!

We will have more details in the next quarterly Herstorian. You can also visit our website at www.blackherstory.org after December 15, 2011 for full details.

Words of Wisdom

Serve Your Way to Greatness by William B. O'Neal, Sr.

One of the most inspiring graduation commencement speeches I've ever heard was given to the Talladega College class of 1991. I was attending the graduation ceremony of one of my childhood friends. With power, feeling, and conviction the speaker boldly proclaimed to the graduating students, "The degrees that will be conferred upon you today do not empower you to become arrogant; they empower you to serve your community." This simple yet profound message made a great impression on me, as I was at that time an undergraduate in college myself. The emphasis on developing one's self as a servant to the community inspired me to value my career pursuit from an entirely different perspective. This gave me a renewed sense of purpose and a desire not only to see what I would get out of the world but what I could give to the world through my career. I got an internal source of motivation that made me want to work for a purpose greater than my own self-interest. It was then that I began to understand that the true path to greatness is through service to others. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. put it this way:

*If you want to be important – Wonderful
If you want to be recognized – Wonderful
If you want to be great – Wonderful*

But recognize that he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. That's a new definition of greatness. By giving that definition of greatness it means that everybody can be great because everybody can serve.

There are many people in life who would like to be looked upon as great but there are far fewer people who have truly realized the fact that greatness is a servant's position. One of my favorite proverbial statements comes from the Book of Proverbs 18:16 which says "A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men". This principle statement helps us to understand that if we are willing to offer our talents in service as a gift to our community we can rise to the level of greatness. It has been said that "You can have anything in life you want if you are willing to help enough other people get in life what they want". So, I encourage you to continue looking around your community finding needs that you can meet with your God given talents and serve your way to greatness.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The holidays are upon us. This year has really flown by and now we are into the last quarter of the year. We have had one of the hottest summers in years. During the next couple of months, we celebrate some of most important holidays of the year. These holidays always bring back memories of happy times, family, food and good times. This is the time of the year I look forward too. The trees start to turn colors and it is just beautiful. This season reminds me of being inside in front of a fireplace or under a warm blanket watching old movies and just enjoying life. Oh the good times.

The month of November we celebrate Thanksgiving. This is the time that family and friends come together to fellowship and eat. This has become a tradition for most families. Of course, turkey and dressing, ham, potatoes salad, sweet potatoes pies and the list goes on. Family members from everywhere seem to find their way home just to be together with family.

The day after Thanksgiving has also become a big day. It has been called Black Friday. One of the biggest shopping days of the year. Almost every store has great sales. On Thanksgiving day, people are plotting which store to shop and what to buy. People wait sometimes all night in lines just to be the first in the store to get the best deals.

The next holidays that most people celebrate are Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. Whichever holiday you celebrate, it brings the families together with food, gifts, fellowship and fun.

We wish you and your family the best during this holiday season from the National Black Herstory Task Force.

A HEALING IN PROCESS

U'tahsha Brown had just graduated with her Master's degree from Central Michigan University (Off-Campus, Atlanta) in Human Resources Administration on June 27, 2009. Less than a week later, my life changed. I was diagnosed with Transverse Myelitis and it affected the right side of my body. I had emergency surgery on July 7, 2009. Transverse Myelitis is an autoimmune disease and neurological disorder of the spine caused by inflammation across the spinal cord.

With my strong faith in God and supportive family and friends, I know and believe that God will heal me totally! I have gone from ICU at Emory University Hospital, to Inpatient at Emory Rehabilitation Hospital (Occupational and Physical Therapy), to Outpatient at Shepherd Center (Occupational and Physical Therapy). Currently, I am in a Walking Therapy Program at Shepherd Center. I have been attending Shepherd Center for about a year. With my going and coming to Shepherd Center daily, I have inspired many patients and family members. I often get compliments about my steady progress, which inspires me to work harder to reach my goal of total independence.

The rehabilitation process has been long, but I still have strong faith in God. My faith in God has strengthen me through mediation which include reading, watching Christian television programs, listening to gospel and healing music. I have gone from using the wheelchair to the walker. I was able to get through this obstacle with the help from a praying family and friends as well as my Saint Philip family. My disorder has not stop me from attending church. After several months recuperating from surgery, I return back to church. On the 3rd Sunday in February, which was Black History Sunday. During the service, I was recognized by the Young Adult Ministry. Also, L'Tanya Moore and Sanctuary Choir dedicated the song "Rain On Us" to me and my family. This song really touched me and my family. The Lord is still showering me with blessings of healing! To God be the Glory!

**Fourteenth Annual Black Herstory Conference
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We Are The National Black Herstory Task Force, Inc

History

Founded in 1997, the National Black Herstory Task Force, Inc. (NBHTF) is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. The NBHTF brings together diverse groups for the purpose of ensuring the inclusion of the stories of women of African descent in the recording of world history. While this is an extensive undertaking, with proper planning, support and determination, the NBHTF will forge pathways that lead to the preservation and exhibition of these stories.

Conferences and Awards Ceremonies

The NBHTF proudly presents the National Black Herstory Conference and Awards Banquet annually, during the fourth week of March. These events have been held on the campuses of Spelman College and Emory University in Atlanta, GA. The conference sessions are designed to explore and chronicle historical, literary, social, artistic, environmental and economic issues affecting women of African descent worldwide. Conferences have also included plays and literary readings at the Martin Luther King National Historic Site, (National Park Service), book fairs and exhibitions in other locations.

Honors

In 2000, the United States President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in America presented a Presidential Commission Certificate of Recognition to the NBHTF for developing ways to best acknowledge and celebrate the roles and accomplishments of women in American History. In 1999, the City of Atlanta, GA became the first city to proclaimed March, National Black Herstory Month.

National Black Herstory Month

In 1984, Khalil Osiris Sudan was inspired with the idea of organizing a Black Herstory observance. Later, while completing his graduate studies at Boston University, his research crystallized into Black Herstory Week. This week long celebration was expanded by the NBHTF into what is now officially known as National Black Herstory Month and celebrated during the month of March.

Join us in the effort to make National Black Herstory Month a global celebration. Anyone interested in Black Herstory can conduct a celebration. If you desire our assistance, please write for suggestions. Together we can make National Black Herstory Month an annual event celebrated worldwide.

Educational Tools

Training programs are conducted to teach volunteers to document, archive and promote the collection of stories. Internship programs, book clubs, Internet conferencing and traveling exhibits are being developed.

Research Library and Museum

A primary goal of the NBHTF is to build a research library and interactive museum. This facility will be open to everyone and available for scholarly as well as individual research. We also envision a state of the art online library and visual arts gallery.

Global Partnerships

The NBHTF seeks to develop partnerships throughout the world to help us achieve our mission. We are extremely grateful to our alliances and continued support from the Center for Women at Emory University.

**Fourteenth Annual National Black Herstory
Awards Banquet Advertisement**

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2010 National Black Herstory Awards Banquet



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