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"Black Women

in the Academy:

Defending Our Name,

1894-1994"

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Keynote Speakers:

Thursday Lani Guinie Professor, University of Pennsylvania Law School

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Friday Johnnetta Cole President, Spelman College

Saturday Angela Davis Professor, University of California, Santa Cruz

Performance Artist, Friday: Vinie Burrows

Program

Rappin', Writing, (Re)producing: Locating Women in Black Nationalism

Survival Strategies, Communities and Careers: The Personal as Political

Black Female Sacrificial Lambs: Anita Hill and Lani Guinier

The Truth of Our Lives: Black Women's Narratives

Black women have come in for a large share of negative criticism in the form of both open and coded discourse generated by the Anita Hill/Clarence Thomas hearings last year, and political discourse generated by electoral campaigns over the course of the last year largely centered on the issue of welfare reform and "family values." These events have generated the most intense public consideration of the charac-ter and morality of Black women that this country has witnessed since the 1890s. African-American women in the academy placed themselves squarely in the center of these debates in 1992 with the formation of the organization, African-American Women In Defense of Ourselves.

The conference "Black Women in the Academy: Defending Our Name, 1894–1994" will focus scholarly energies and public attention on these debates. The event will present works considering a large number of concerns central to Black women's lives inside and out of the academy.

Roundtable: Black Feminist Films

Roundtable: Women of African Descent in Defense of Ourselves

Workshop: Going to Graduate School: How, What, When, Why, Where, Who

Workshop: Black Women and the Power of Information

Workshop: In Each Others' Stories: Do We Call It Mentoring?

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General Information

All events will be held on the MIT campus, located in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Conference registration will begin on Thursday, January 13 at 7:00 am in the Lobby of Kresge Auditorium, Building W16, opposite the MIT Student Center and the MIT main entrance, at 77 Massachusetts Avenue. The final program, available at registration, will contain exact locations and room numbers for all conference events.

To register for the conference, please complete and return the enclosed form with payment to the MIT Conference Services Office, Room 7-111, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139-4307 USA. The fee may be paid by check or money order made payable in US currency to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology or via credit card with the appropriate information pro-vided. Persons paying via Mastercard or Visa may do so via fax at 617-253-7002. Your registration will be confirmed upon receipt.

Workshop: When and Where Do We Enter: Black Women Interrogating Whiteness

Challenging Invisibility and Defending Our Name: Women Scholars and Teachers at Historically Black Colleges

Image, Talk, Diction, and Syntax: Language in the Doctoral Experience

Journeys of Black Women in Corporations: Strangers in an Unknown Land

After December 1, a late registration fee will be charged. No cancellations can be accepted, but substitutions may be made until the start of the conference.

Inquiries regarding local arrangements may be directed to the MIT Conference Services Office at 617-253-1700 or via fax at 617-253-7002. If you have any questions regarding the program, please call the Conference Coordinator at 617-253-8889 or fax 617-253-9406.

This conference is jointly sponsored by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Kellogg Foundation, MIT's Program in Women's Studies, Wellesley College, and Radcliffe College, with the cooperation and assistance of MIT's History Faculty and the Program in Science, Technology and Society.

Workshop: Black Women and Media Solutions Toward a Social Change Agenda

Building Fields of Study and Transformative Structures to Black Women, Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies

Black Women's History: New Concepts, New Women

Race and Gender Politics in Academic Culture II

On the Margins of the Margins: **Black Women in Non-traditional Fields**

Race and Gender Politics in Academic Culture I

Roundtable: Academic Medicine

Roundtable: Black Women in the Theater (Playwrights)

Roundtable: The Black Feminist Seminar and **Theorizing Black Feminism**

Hiring Black Women for Law Faculties

Speaking for Ourselves: African-American Women and Oral History

Black Women in Academia: Empirical Investigations

Post-Colonial Studies and the African Diaspora

Discourse and Language in Black Women's Cultural Communities

Workshop: Psychological Understanding of the Black Woman's Experience: The Role of Self-Definition and Cultural Sensitivity in Therapy and Training

Workshop: Speaking the Unspoken: De-Reifying the Praxis of Feminist Theory

Black Women, White Women: Redefining Women's Studies

Black Women and Health/Risks

Muslim Women in the Academy

Women at Tuskegee Institute in the Era of Booker T. Washington

Foremother Scholars: Rethinking Our Intellectual Debts

Workshop: Redefining the Color Line: Facilitating Radical Inclusionary Scholarship in the Academy

Historical Feminist Biography

Black Women in Hollywood: The '60s and Beyond

Black Feminist Literary Criticism I

Roundtable: Waiting To Exhale

Roundtable: Black Women Academics and **Activists in International Relations**

Workshop: A Feminist/Womanist Model for Mentoring

Making the Invisible Visible: Positionality, **Resistance and the Caribbean Other**

Black Women and the Welfare State: Intersections of Social Policy

Roundtable: The Political (Re)Awakening of Black Women: What's Feminism Got To Do with It?

Roundtable: Science and Engineering

Roundtable: Poetry Presentations

Race and Gender in the Classroom: The Politics of Pedagogy

Black Lesbians in Academe

Workshop: Research Funding for Black Women's Research

Workshop: Exploring the Realities of Black Student Life on Predominantly White Campuses

Changing Institutional Culture

Sexuality and the Inner Lives of Black Women

Black Feminist Theorizing

African American Women in the Academy: Tearing Down Walls and Building a New Community

Roundtable: Cultural Criticism, Cultural Theory

Roundtable: Black Women in Design/Textiles/Costume

Willful Reinvention: African American Women and the Multiple Self

Obtaining the Ph.D.: **Classroom Politics/Surviving the Dissertation**

Black Women Historical Figures and Interpretation

Inventions of Africa: The Female and the Critical

Black Women's Literature and Sexuality

Black Women and Political Practice: Coalition Building

The Re-configuration of Home in the Academy

Black Feminist Literary Criticism II

Roundtable: Black Women in Performance

Roundtable: Homophobia and Black Lesbians in the Black Community, Historically Black Institutions, and General Academia

Registration

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Please submit a separate registration form for each registrant. This form may be copied.

Do not mail this form after December 1, 1993. It may not be processed and you will be required to pay again. Bring it to the conference if you cannot mail it by December 1. The late registration fee will apply.

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| Name | Attendees | Registration Fee before December 1 \$60.00 | Late Registration Fee after December 1 \$75.00 | |
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