Semester in Detroit Speaker Series: Dialogue on Detroit Future City Framework

Date: Thursday, January 31, 2013
Time: 6 – 8 p.m.

The popular and thought-provoking Semester in Detroit (SID) Speaker Series returns with the topic, “Dialogue on the Detroit Future City Framework.” This informative panel discussion will take place on Thursday, January 31 from 6-8 p.m. in the Ann Arbor Room of the University of Michigan Detroit Center. Admission, light refreshments and parking are free for all attendees.

As the City of Detroit works towards a more desirable and sustainable future, “Dialogue on Detroit’s Future City Framework” examines proposed changes to improve the city’s short and long-term futures. Centered on the concepts of economic growth, land use, city systems, neighborhoods and assets, Detroit Strategic Framework attempts to provide a comprehensive vision for the city from 2013 through 2050.

The Framework Overview will be presented by Dan Pitera, Director of Civic Engagement for Detroit Works Project Long Term Planning and Associate Professor of Architecture at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Following the overview, a discussion panel will feature:

- **Kwamena Mensah:** Board President and founding member of the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network, Michigan Food Policy Council member and Detroit Future City Taskforce Member
- **June Thomas:** U-M Taubman College Centennial Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, Author of Redevelopment and Race (1997) and Co-Editor of The City After Abandonment (2012)
- **Khalil Ligon:** LEAP (Lower East Side Action Plan) Manager and Warren Conner Development Coalition

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Work: Detroit Exhibition: Black Detroit 21

Event Date: Thursday, February 7, 2013
Event Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Exhibition: Friday, January 11 – Friday, March 22, 2013

Thursday, February 7, 2013

A Curator and Artists Discussion: Performance with Detroit Public High School Students
Artists from the exhibition will give a tour and discussion about Black Detroit 21 and their work with students from Detroit Public High Schools. A discussion will be lead by Odie Rynell Cash, Curator of Black Detroit 21. The Tour/Discussion is also open to the public. Artists include: Christopher Batten, Satori Circus, NNII, Tylonn Sawyer, Sean Rodriguez Sharpe, Fatima Sow with Jasmine Murrell and Corine Vermeulen.

About Black Detroit 21: In partnership with the Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design, the University of Michigan Detroit Center presents the Work: Detroit gallery exhibition, Black Detroit 21. Curated by Odie Rynell Cash, Black Detroit 21 addresses social concerns within Detroit's African American community by exploring the topics of identity, territory, protest, sexuality and transition.

With a Black population of over 80-percent, Detroit's African American community plays a significant role in this city's cultural identity and economic future. As Detroit moves through the 21st century, what role will the African Americans play in Detroit's development in the community? How will this population define itself in the new century while dealing with various issues that impacts growth, development and cultural enrichment in the city? The exhibition Black Detroit 21 addresses social concerns within Detroit's African American community by exploring the topics of identity, territory, protest, sexuality and transition. The 11 artists in this show are from a multitude of social, personal and generational backgrounds, finding a common theme in their work, which documents and/or is influenced by Detroit’s African American community. The installation of the artists work in Black Detroit 21 presents a visual context to create a dialogue around these topics.

Detroit Center Event Page: http://detroitcenter.umich.edu/news/2013/1/black-detroit-21-workdetroit-exhibition
Sankofa Film Series presentation: Amandla!: A Revolution in Four-Part Harmony

**Date:** Friday, February 8, 2013  
**Time:** 6 p.m.

The University of Michigan Detroit Center continues its 2012-2013 Sankofa Film Series with *Amandla!: A Revolution in Four-Part Harmony*. The film will be shown on Friday, February 8 beginning at 6 pm. The event includes complimentary admission, parking and light refreshments to all attendees.

*Amandla!: A Revolution in Four-Part Harmony* is a 2002 documentary depicting the struggles of Black South Africans against the injustices of Apartheid through the use of music. The film takes its name from the Nguni word *amandla*, which means *power*. Through a chronological history of the South African liberation struggle, this documentary cites examples of how music was used in the fight for freedom. Songs united those who were being oppressed, consoled those who were incarcerated and created an effective underground form of communication inside the prisons.

Following the film, Abayomi Azikiwe, Director of the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights, will facilitate a discussion with the audience.

The 2012-2013 Sankofa Film Series is a collaborative effort between U-M Dearborn’s African American Studies Program and the U-M Detroit Center.

**Detroit Center Event Page:** [http://detroitcenter.umich.edu/news/2013/1/amandla-revolution-four-part-harmony](http://detroitcenter.umich.edu/news/2013/1/amandla-revolution-four-part-harmony)

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Additionally, by being a subscriber, you will receive priority notice for media content for our private events. Whether it’s video access or audio interviews, you’ll receive instant access through our mailing list. Last year we brought you internationally renowned musical artist, DJ Cptn20 and Michigan U.S. Senator Senator, Carl Levin. In 2013, we’ll bring you media access to actor David Alan Grier, comedians Black Pedro and Johnny Walker and others.

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More Information Coming Soon on these February Events

• Semester in Detroit: Speaker Series 2  (*Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013*)

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