In 1903, the 40th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, W.E.B. DuBois wrote, “the problem of the Twentieth Century is the problem of the color-line” (The Souls of Black Folk). At the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. declared: “But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination.” This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and Gettysburg Address, and the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington. As Americans commemorate these anniversaries, we contemplate how far the nation has come in its quest to become a more equal society.

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE and open to the public.**

Registration is encouraged; visit hofstra.edu/culture.

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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013**

9:35-11 a.m., Session I: What Does John F. Kennedy’s Call to Public Service Mean for American Youth Today?

Panel discussion on presidential leadership and public service.

Howard B. Dean III, Chairman, Democratic National Committee, 2005-2009

Senior Presidential Fellow, Peter S. Kalikow Center for the Study of the American Presidency, Hofstra University

Edward J. Rollins, Political Strategist

Senior Presidential Fellow, Peter S. Kalikow Center for the Study of the American Presidency, Hofstra University

Scott D. Reich, Associate, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP


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11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Session II: Slavery on Long Island, Part I

Panelists:

Clauel J. Magnum, Professor Emeritus, Fordham University

Joysetta and Julius Pearse, African American Museum and Center for Education and Applied Arts

Kathleen Velor, SUNY Old Westbury

Debra A. Willert, Hofstra University

1-2 p.m., LUNCH (on your own)

Session III: Film Showing – The March

The March is the feature documentary on the renowned and historic 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. A watershed moment of the civil rights movement, the march brought together a huge coalition of powerful and revered civil rights leaders, labor unions, and civil rights leaders. It was to become the biggest civil protest in American history.

2:30-4 p.m., Session IV: Film Showing – Slavery and the Law

Slavery and the Law is a captivating documentary that follows a group of Brooklyn youth as they work to create a wall mural that commemorates the shift from enslavement to the Civil Rights Movement. The legal implications of slavery are documented in the film by looking at the Three Fifths Compromise in the United States Constitution and the Fugitive Slave Act.

Panelists:

Gloria Browne-Marshall, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY

Joan B. Gabibdon, Kings County District Attorney’s Office

Alan Singer, Hofstra University

4:30-6 p.m., Session V: Slavery and the Law: From Emancipation Proclamation to Barack Obama to Trayvon Martin

The panel addresses the continuing racial disparity in America pertaining to the justice system, including the recent decision in the Voting Rights Act and the new federal gun laws.

Panelists:

Jonathan Lightfoot, Hofstra University

Gloria Browne-Marshall, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY

Randolph M. McLaughlin, Pace University

Grant Hayden, Maurice A. Deane School of Law

6-7:30 p.m., DINNER BREAK (on your own)

Session VI: Film Showing – The Abolitionists

Radicals. Agitators. Troublemakers. Liberators. Called by many names, the abolitionists tore the nation apart in order to make a more perfect union. Men and women, black and white, Northerners and Southerners, poor and wealthy, these passionate antislavery activists fought body and soul in the most important civil rights crusade in American history. What began as a pacifist movement fueled by persuasion and prayer became a fiery and furious struggle that forever changed the nation.

Introduction: Andor Skotnes, The Sage Colleges

7:30 p.m., KEYNOTE ADDRESS (100/50 Years: At the Crossroads of Jobs, Freedom and Equality)

Roslyn Brock

Chairman, National Board of Directors

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2013

10-11:30 a.m., Session VII

Introduction: Cheryl Mwaria, Hofstra University

History and Impact of the Emancipation Proclamation

Andor Skotnes, The Sage Colleges

Lincoln and Gettysburg

Alan Singer, Hofstra University

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – LUNCH (on your own)

Session VIII: Film Showing – Underground Railroad: The William Still Story

The William Still Story tells the dramatic story of one of the most important yet largely unheralded individuals of the Underground Railroad. Still was determined to get as many runaways as he could to “Freedom’s Land,” smuggling them across the U.S. border to Canada. In his 14 years in the service of the Underground Railroad, he helped nearly 800 former slaves escape.

Introduction: Roosevelt Smith, Hofstra University

12:45-2:15 p.m., Session IX: Slavery on Long Island, Part II

Cheryl Mwaria, Hofstra University

Lynda Day, Brooklyn College, CUNY

Alan Singer, Hofstra University

Representative, African American Bural Ground in NY (invited)

Wednesday, November 13, 2013, 11:15 a.m.-12:40 p.m. (Common Hour)

Leo A. Guthart Cultural Center Theater, Axxon Library, First Floor, South Campus

Hofstra University Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program presents a panel discussion on The Challenges of Emancipation in the Atlantic World

Participants:

Benjamin Talton, Temple University

Defending the Political Kingdom: Capitalism, Humanitarianism and the Limits of African Sovereignty in the 20th Century

Enrique Martino, Humboldt University of Berlin

Enduring Atlantic Economies in the 20th Century: Nigerian Indentured Labour on the Plantation Island of Fernando Po

Christopher Schmidt-Nowara, Tufts University

Defending Slavery in an Age of Emancipation: Spain, Cuba, and Puerto Rico in the Early Nineteenth Century

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