

Policy Talk for August 29, 2006

Today's Policy Talk contains one item:

1. Katrina Commemoration Activities in Lincoln

The Public Policy Center is pleased to join several UNL units, Southeast Community College, the Malone Center, LPS, and others as a co-sponsor for a thoughtful and extensive set of activities to commemorate last year's devastating Hurricane Katrina, which along with Hurricane Rita took a toll on those residing in the storms' wakes. The Lincoln activities are intended, in the words of the organizers, to "bridge the diverse communities impacted by this tragedy by providing opportunities for both opinion leaders and volunteers to share insights into the aftermath and for volunteers, survivors, and concerned citizens to acknowledge and celebrate their unified efforts.... We especially encourage you to attend the closing gala (7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 8th at the Champions Club), tentatively entitled *After the Storm: Celebrating Old New Orleans*."

After this page is an itinerary of the events scheduled for next week (Sept 5-8). Three members from the PPC -- Tarik Abdel-Monem, Denise Bulling, and Caroline Walles -- are involved in sessions. Notable speakers from outside Nebraska include Dr. Lance Hill, Department of History, Tulane University and Adam Nossiter, National Correspondent for the *New York Times*. There are also residents, residents, volunteers and others from New Orleans and volunteers from Nebraska who will be speaking during the four days of events.

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After the Storm: Hurricane Katrina—A One-Year Retrospective September 5-8

Monday, 8/28
8-9 p.m.

Candle Light Vigil

UNL City Union Plaza, 1400 R St.
(472-2181)

Tuesday 9/5

5-6.30 pm

Documentary Discussion:
The Flood (PBS, American
Experience)
Moderator: Dr. Gregory E.
Rutledge

The Culture Center, 333 N. 14th St.
(402-7721)

7.30-9.30

Panel: *Nebraska Responds to Katrina*. Community organizations & public policy experts. Kit Boesch, Dir. Of Lancaster County Human Services; Randy Jones, Dir., American Red Cross-Lancaster County; Deena Howard, American Red Cross - Heartland Chapter; Denise Bulling, University of Nebraska Public Policy Center; Milo Mumgaard, Dir., Nebraska Appleseed Staff Member
Co-sponsor: Nebraska Public Policy Center as a part of their "Thomas C. Sorensen Policy Seminar Series"
Moderator: Dr. Patrick Jones

The Malone Community Center
2032 U Street, Lincoln, NE (474-1110)

Wednesday 9/6

4.30-6 pm

Presentation: *Voices of Katrina*
Featuring Local Hurricane Katrina Evacuees.
Moderator: Tarik Abdel-Monem, University of Nebraska Public Policy Center

City Union Auditorium

7.30-9.30

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Lance Hill
Department of History, Tulane University; Executive Director of the Southern Institute for Education and Research, Tulane University
Introduction: Dr. Patrick Jones

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Thursday 9/7

8-11am	<u>Lincoln Public Schools</u> : Lance Hill and/or Kalamu ya Salaam, New Orleans activist and artist, visit	Northeast and North Star High Schools
1-2.30pm	<u>Lecture</u> : Tanya Harris, Director, Lower Ninth Ward Chapter of ACORN, New Orleans, LA	Southeast Community College
4-5.30	<u>Dialogue</u> : Kalamu ya Salaam and Tanya Harris <i>Moderator</i> : Dr. Jeannette Jones	The Malone Community Center
7.30-9.30	<u>Keynote Speaker</u> : Adam Nossiter, National Correspondent for the <i>New York Times</i> <i>Introduction</i> : Dr. Seanna Oakley	City Union Auditorium
Friday 9/8		
8-11am	<u>LPS</u> : Lance Hill and/or Kalamu ya Salaam visit	Northeast and/or North Star
12:30-2pm	<u>Brownbag Lunch</u> : Tanya Harris. <i>Introduction</i> : Dr Kalenda Eaton	Dudley-Bailey Library, 228 Andrews Hall, UNL English Dept.
3.30-5	<u>Panel</u> : “ <i>Southern Exposure</i> ” Featuring UNL student volunteers and community members who have traveled South to help with reconstruction efforts. <i>Moderator</i> : Dr. Dawne Curry	Dudley-Bailey Library, 228 Andrews Hall
7.30-10pm	<u>Closing Cultural Gala</u> : The Darryl White Jazz Quintet, Tanya Harris, Omaha Slam Poet team, Kalamu ya Salaam. Refreshments provided. Free to the Public. <i>Emcee</i> : Dr. Kwakiutl Dreher	The Nebraska Champions Club, 707 Stadium Drive (472-6435; 888-353-1874)

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