

The College of Liberal Arts and Education of Tuskegee University will host a conference titled "Interdisciplinary Collaboration in the Humanities at Tuskegee University" from Wednesday, September 19 through Friday, September 21, 2001 at the Kellogg Conference Center. The conference, funded by a \$25,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and cosponsored by Tuskegee's Center for Continuing Education, will be co-directed by Dr. Barbara Baker and Dr. Caroline Gebhard of the Department of English. The theme of the conference is the deep history and cultural contributions of Tuskegees such as Washington, Dawson, Ellison and Murray to American art, literature, film, philosophy, and music.

The conference will kick off with a showing of two well-known Tuskegee films on Wednesday in the Kellogg Conference Center Auditorium. "The Tuskegee Airmen" will be shown at 4:00 pm and "Miss Evers' Boys" at 7:00 pm.

There will be two lectures by prominent scholars in African American studies. An internationally recognized scholar from the University of Wisconsin, Dr. Nellie Y. McKay, will deliver a keynote address, titled "Telling the American Story Across Interdisciplinary Lines," at 4:00 pm, Thursday, September 20th in the Kellogg Conference Center Auditorium. The University Choral ensemble, directed by Dr. Wayne Barr, will also perform.

The Second public lecture will be delivered by an acclaimed scholar and director of the Center for Jazz Studies in New York City, Dr. Robert G. O'Meally. He will present "Living With Music: The Jazz Writings of Tuskegee's Ralph Ellison" on Friday, September 21 at 4:00 pm, also in the Kellogg Conference Center Auditorium. The Tuskegee Jazz band featuring Uthman Abdur-Rahman and Warren Duncan will also perform.

These lectures and events are free and open to the public; so please come and take advantage of this opportunity to learn about Tuskegee and the humanities.

In addition to these public events, the humanities faculty will engage in cross-disciplinary teaching workshops on Thursday and Friday. These workshop will be led by Professors Abdur-Rahman, Barbara Baker, Warren Duncan, Caroline Gebhard, Clyde Owen Jackson, and Connie Price.

For more information call Drs. Baker and Gebhard at (334) 727-8931.