

# Hours of harmony, a day of unity

## Couple helps blacks find African roots

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slides and photographs. He completed his doctorate from Cairo University in Egypt.

Merira Kwesi specializes in African fashion and culture. She will give a slide presentation highlighting African symbols and signs that have impacted the Western world.

She completed her doctorate from the University of Madrid in Spain.

The couple devotes most of their time to speaking across the country, in addition to running their documentary production studio, Kemet New Productions, in Dallas.

Past productions include "African Origin of Civilization" and "African History of Christianity."

Ashra Kwesi said the message he and his wife will deliver is appropriate for this week's conference.

"When you focus on the black family you focus on values," he said. "The family is a microcosm of a nation. History and legacy of that nation form family union."

Kwesi said they try not only to educate their listeners, but also to inspire them to seek out knowledge on their own.

"In terms of history that's been distorted, culture is important to an African student who is oblivious to his or her own history."

"We get a Western world perspective. If we are to produce our own history, we have to go research it ourselves."



### Conference Schedule

Thursday, February 19, 1998

Noon - 10 p.m.  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
8 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  
8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  
10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Friday, February 20, 1998

11:30 a.m. - Noon  
Noon - 1:30 p.m.  
2 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.  
3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, February 21, 1998

8 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  
8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  
10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. - Noon  
Noon - 1:30 p.m.  
2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

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2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.  
6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
9 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
11 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Registration  
Welcome  
Thursday Evening Program - Nikki Giovanni  
Continental Breakfast  
Morning Program - Dr. Julianne Malveaux  
Workshop I  
Economics with Julianne Malveaux  
Networking with George Fraser  
"Mirrors of Myself"  
Preparing for Graduate Professional School  
Lunch  
Lunch Program - Mr. George Fraser  
Career & Graduate School Fair  
Workshop II  
Generation X without Malcolm  
ACTION!  
Creating Cohesive African American Community  
Building Bridges  
African American Studies in the 21st Century  
Big XII Council Meeting  
Workshop III  
Health Careers Pathways Program  
My Sister, Myself  
Dispelling the Myth of the Tragic Mulatto  
Leading with Soul  
Successful Financial Management  
Dinner  
Dinner Program - Ashra & Merira Kwesi  
Gospel Extravaganza  
Conference Party  
Continental Breakfast  
Morning Program - Dr. Dennis Kimbro  
Workshop I  
Black Love in the Afternoon  
Ethnically Speaking  
Facilitating the Empowerment of Students  
Black Family on Campus: An Athletic Perspective  
Lunch  
Lunch Program - Awards & Recognition  
Workshop II  
HIV Prevention in the African American Community  
Leadership in the Next Millennium  
Historically Not Ours and Presently We Need A Plan  
"Mirrors of Myself"  
Big XII Council Meeting  
Advisor Workshop  
Dinner  
Dinner Program - Dr. Cornel West  
Step Show  
Conference Party

Lower Lobby  
Grand Ballroom  
Grand Ballroom  
Grand Ballroom  
Grand Ballroom  
Hawthorne  
Arbor I  
Lancaster I  
Ivanhoe  
Grand Ballroom  
Grand Ballroom  
Ramada Hotel  
Arbor I  
Lancaster I  
Hawthorne  
Ivanhoe  
Lancaster III  
Yankee Hill III  
Arbor I  
Lancaster I  
Ivanhoe  
Hawthorne  
Garret I  
Grand Ballroom  
Grand Ballroom  
Grand Ballroom  
Lancaster Ballroom  
Grand Ballroom  
Grand Ballroom  
Arbor I  
Lancaster I  
Ivanhoe  
Hawthorne  
Grand Ballroom  
Grand Ballroom  
Arbor I  
Lancaster I  
Ivanhoe  
Hawthorne  
Yankee Hill III  
Olive Branch  
Grand Ballroom  
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