

FEBRUARY 2003 AFRICAN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY MONTH

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**Tuesday, February 4, 2003, 7:00 PM
Room 113, Livingston Student Center**

**El-Hajj Mauri' Saalaxhan
"The Middle East Roots of America's Civil Liberties Crisis"**

El-Hajj Mauri Saalaxhan is a Washington, DC-based human rights advocate; author, lecturer and poet. His work has taken him across America into Africa, Europe, the Indian subcontinent, and the Middle East. He is a founder of the Coalition Against Political Imprisonment (CAPI); a founder and spokesperson for the National Association for Police Accountability (NAPA); and is the founder and director of The Peace and Justice Foundation.

**Thursday, February 6, 2003, 7:00 PM
Douglass College Center, Traves Hall B
Cynthia McKinney**

A Force For Justice

Former U.S. Representative Cynthia McKinney (D-Ga.) is a tireless fighter for peace, justice and social equality. As part of her duties to her constituents, Congresswoman McKinney was one of the first members of Congress to appeal for a thorough investigation into 9/11, an event that affected many Americans, including people from Georgia who perished at the Pentagon and World Trade Center.

**Thursday, February 13, 2003, 7:00 PM
Room 113, Livingston Student Center
Hatem Bazian**

"Divestment: From Fighting South African Apartheid to Fighting Israeli Apartheid"

Hatem Bazian currently teaches at UC-Berkeley where he graduated with a Ph.D. in Islamic studies, specializing in Islamic Law and the history of Muslims in Jerusalem. Dr. Bazian has also authored numerous articles on various aspects of the Middle East. In the past, he has also played a significant role in the civil rights, anti-Apartheid, and affirmative action movements at Berkeley. He is the director of the Al-Qalam Institute of Islamic Sciences.

**Monday, February 17, 2003, 7:00 PM
Room 109, Livingston Student Center**

**Mahdi Bray
"The Struggle for Civil Rights: In the United States and Palestine"**

Madhi Bray is a long time civil and human rights activist, currently serving as the Executive Director of the Muslim American Freedom Foundation. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice and the Interfaith Alliance and hosts a Washington, DC, Television and Radio Talk-Show. Bray was actively involved and instrumental in the success of the anti-Apartheid movement in the United States that helped upend that system in South Africa. Bray worked in the 1960s in coalitions with the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and other activist groups.

**Monday, February 24, 2003, 7:00 PM
Room 109, Livingston Student Center
Carwil James**

"Solidarity Under Siege: Through African Eyes"

At last year's World Conference on Racism, African governments and landless South Africans rallied behind the Palestinian cause. This April, with Palestinian cities under siege, tens of thousands of Egyptians broke the ban on public demonstrations and more than 2 million people participated in one of the largest rallies ever in Morocco. Generations of Africans struggling for liberation have stood by the Palestinian cause. Their stances over the past 50 years reflect a history of shared forms of oppression, and a growing sense of creativity, compassion and urgency in African visions of liberation. Carwil James, an activist and researcher from Oakland, will present this perspective.

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