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Simmons College
Office of Alumnae/i Relations
300 The Fenway
Boston, MA 02115
or register online at alumnet.simmons.edu

To facilitate planning, we request that your registration is received no later than March 10, 2008.

For more information, please call the Office of Alumnae/i Relations at 800-246-0573 or e-mail alumnet@simmons.edu.

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General Registration **\$125**

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Dear friends,

Like the Sankofa bird of African mythology, “The Power of Our Presence 2008,” gives us the chance to look backward so that we can see our way forward. As in 2005, we will gather to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones, renew our connection to Simmons College, and reflect on how the power of our legacy can help take our community to the next level.

It is especially fitting that we meet in the year of one of the most important presidential elections in a generation. This represents an extraordinary opportunity for us to use our collective power with the hope of advancing positive social change for ourselves and — more importantly — for the young people to whom we are passing the torch.

On behalf of the Symposium Planning Committee, we invite you to join us for a weekend of reconnection, renewal, reflection, and yes — just plain fun! Let’s live our legacy. Be there.

Warmly,

Alicia Canady '03
Co-Chair, Symposium Steering Committee

Kelley Chunn '90GS
Co-Chair, Symposium Steering Committee



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**Black Alumnae/i Symposium 2008
April 10-13, 2008**

ACCOMMODATIONS

Rooms have been blocked at the following hotels. Please reference Simmons College Symposium when making your reservation.

Inn at Longwood
342 Longwood Avenue
Boston, MA 02115
800-468-2378
www.innatlongwood.com

Hotel Commonwealth
500 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02215
617-532-5017
www.hotelcommonwealth.com

IMPORTANT PARKING INFORMATION

Parking at 300 The Fenway is limited. Public transportation is encouraged. Simmons College is accessible from the E and D trains on the Green Line and the Ruggles stop on the Orange Line. Directions can be found at www.simmons.edu or by calling 617-521-2000.

Simmons College is wheelchair accessible.

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**THE POWER OF OUR PRESENCE:
Past, Present, and Future**

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**Black Alumnae/i Symposium 2008
April 10-13, 2008**

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

Anita Hill '00HD, Professor, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University

Dr. Joy DeGruy-Leary, Author and Professor of Social Work, Portland State University

Dr. Carol Johnson Ed.D., Superintendent, Boston Public Schools

**SIMMONS COLLEGE
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

Black Alumnae/i Symposium 2008 Agenda

Registration Deadline

March 10, 2008

Thursday, April 10

7:00 p.m.

NETWORKING RECEPTION

The Beehive

541 Tremont Street, Boston

Join fellow alumnae/i for this informal gathering at Boston's newest treasure! (event cost not included in registration fee)

SYMPOSIUM PLANNING COMMITTEE

Alicia Canady '03, co-chair

Kelley Chunn '90GS, co-chair

Adunni Slackman Anderson '73

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Leslie Morris '75

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Donna Russell '07GS, Assistant Director of Alumnae/i Relations

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Desirae Simmons '05, '06GS

Monique Screen '02

Jaye Smith '00

Paula Sneed '69

L. Michelle Vital '00

Deniece Washington '04

Lorita B. Williams, Executive Director of Alumnae/i Relations

COVER ARTWORK

Illustrator Jane Sterrett used photography of alumnae, faculty, and current Simmons students to create a textural image, meant to convey the fluid nature of a woman's relationship with Simmons, as well as the interconnectedness of all black alumnae/i. Photos courtesy of Simmons College Archives and the Office of Marketing Communications.

Friday, April 11

10:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

10:30 a.m.

LIFE ON CAMPUS TODAY

Join students and alumnae/i for this informal roundtable discussion.

TOURS OF SIMMONS COLLEGE

Reacquaint yourself with the College and explore all that is new.

Noon

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Executive Director of Alumnae/i Relations Lorita B. Williams

President Susan C. Scrimshaw, Ph.D.

12:30 p.m.

LUNCHEON AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER

“The Power of Our Presence: African American Women Building Communities, Families, Ourselves”

Anita Hill '00HD, Professor at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University, will share her views on the power of black women today and the contributions made by black women in all arenas.

2:15 p.m.

AFTERNOON PANEL DISCUSSION

“Making Sense of Where You've Been and Where You're Going: A Dialogue with Black Authors”

Moderator: Vanessa Greene '75, Long Island Community Foundation

Authors: Leslie Morris '75, C. Joyce Farrar '74, and Terrie M. Williams

Hear from a distinguished panel of authors who have overcome obstacles, identified their strengths, and learned what it means to embrace oneself.

3:45 p.m.

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

A. MENTAL HEALTH

“It Just Looks Like We're Not Hurting: Depression in Black Women”

Presenter: Terrie M. Williams, Author

In her new book, *Black Pain: It Just Looks Like We're Not Hurting*, Terrie Williams shares her personal experiences with depression and what black women need to do to break the silence.

B. FINANCIAL WELL-BEING

“Single, Sexy, and Broke”

Presenter: Chaz Kyser, Author, *Embracing the Real World: The Black Woman's Guide to Life After College*

This workshop is designed to help young women on the path to career success gain financial insights to plan a more prosperous and independent future.

C. MENTORING

“To Whom Much is Given, Much is Required: Making a Difference through Volunteering and Mentoring”

Moderator: L. Michelle Vital '00, Assistant Director of Student Activities, Simmons College

Panelists: Kimberlee Henry '05, '07GS, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Bird Street Community Center; Juliette Mayers '01SM, Executive Director, Multicultural Marketing, Blue Cross Blue Shield; Dr. Stacy Blake-Beard, Simmons School of Management

Donating your time for a good cause is both a rewarding experience and a valuable gift. Find out how to make a difference through volunteering and mentoring youth and women at different stages in their lives.

D. WOMEN IN POLITICS

“Women Making a Difference in the Political Arena”

Moderator: Millicent Gorham '76, Executive Director, National Black Nurses Association

Panelists: Callie Crossley, Commentator and Broadcast Journalist; Charlotte Golar Richie, Senior Advisor to Governor Deval Patrick for Federal, State, and Community Affairs; Rep. Marie St. Fleur, Vice Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means

Hear from women who are making a difference through legislation and political leadership.

5:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON DELIGHTS

This is your time to relax, unwind, and mingle with fellow alumnae/i and students. Participate in a casual wine tasting, book signings, and more.

8:30 p.m.

EVENING AFFAIR

It's time to mix, mingle, and let loose. Join students, faculty, staff, and alumnae/i for dinner, cocktails, and plenty of dancing.

Saturday, April 12

7:00 a.m.

MORNING MOVEMENTS

Sweat Until You Drop

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death for women. Vigorous exercise helps to reduce the chance of heart disease. Get up and get your cardio system going with certified instructor Patrice Simms.

Yoga

With multiple responsibilities, how do you de-stress and maintain a healthy balance? Learn to relax and release stress from your body through the techniques of yoga taught by Bridget Walker.

8:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:45 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS

Symposium co-chairs Alicia Canady '03 and Kelley Chunn '90GS

9:00 a.m.

OPENING PLENARY

“Posttraumatic Slave Syndrome: The Impact of PTSS on Women and Families”

Dr. Joy DeGruy-Leary, Author and Professor of Social Work, Portland State University, will share her theory that overt and subtle forms of racism are manifested through poor mental and physical health, family and relationship dysfunction, and self-destructive impulses.

10:30 a.m.

PANEL DISCUSSION

“Toils and Strife: Caring for Yourself When Life Throws You a Curve Ball”

Moderator: Dr. Johnnie Hamilton-Mason '78SW, Simmons School of Social Work

Panelists: Maryland Chenier; Nicole Austin, President, The Syke Foundation; Kemba Smith, President, Kemba Smith Foundation

Hear the compelling stories of three women who have survived life-changing events including the loss of a child, imprisonment, and Hurricane Katrina.

Noon

PLENARY SESSION

“Preparing Today's Children to be Tomorrow's Leaders”

Dr. Carol Johnson Ed.D., Superintendent, Boston Public Schools, will share her educational agenda for Boston's schoolchildren and discuss what steps are needed to ensure the success of all children.

12:45 p.m.

LUNCHEON AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Simmons College President, Susan C. Scrimshaw, Ph.D. will share her vision for the College, including recruitment and retention of minority students and faculty.

2:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

A. GLOBALISM

“Internationalism: The Challenges for Women”

Moderator: Dr. Cynthia Hamilton, University of Rhode Island

Panelists: Ambassador Harriet Elam-Thomas '63; and Professors Dr. Cynthia Young, Boston College; Janie Ward, Simmons College; Dr. Filomina Steady, Wellesley College

Hear from leading experts about international women's issues and strategies that call for the advancement of women in developed and underdeveloped countries alike.

B. WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

“Making it in a Man's World”

Moderator: Paula Sneed '69, Simmons College Trustee

Panelists: Carla Harris, Managing Director, Global Capital Markets, Morgan Stanley; Chaz Kyser, Author; Karen Clark, President, Horizon New Jersey Health

Hear from black women who have shattered the glass ceiling, and who have earned respect in their careers.

C. ENTREPRENEURSHIP

“Starting Your Own Business Venture: Learning from Successful Entrepreneurs”

Moderator: Kelley Chunn '90GS, Kelley Chunn and Associates

Panelists: Stephanie Clark, Founder and CEO, My Daughter's Keeper; Alicia Canady '03, Executive Director and Founder, Young Black Women's Society; Dr. Faye Coleman, President and CEO, Westover Consultants, Inc.

Successful entrepreneurs will address the excitement and challenges of starting one's own business and what one may face once up and running.

D. TAKING BACK OUR YOUTH

“Call to Action: Who is Responsible for the State of our Youth?”

Presenters: Gary Bailey, Simmons School of Social Work, and Mariama White-Hammond, Project HipHop, Roxbury

Black youth have high rates of school failure and drop-out, incarceration, and homicide. Several youth will join this workshop to address prevention and intervention strategies for our young people.

4:00 p.m.

PANEL DISCUSSION

“What's Driving the HIV Rates in Black Women? Let's Talk About it”

Moderator: Leslie Morris '75, Director of Community Relations, New Jersey Primary Care Association

Panelists: J.L. King, Author; Dr. Cheryl Holder, Medical Director, North Dade Health Center

Black women are disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS. Join J.L.King, author of *On the Down Low*, and leading HIV/AIDS expert Dr. Cheryl Holder in an honest dialogue about what's driving the HIV rates in black women.

5:00 p.m.

RENEWAL TIME

It's time for you to do as you please. Relax, work out, shop, tour Boston, or visit the museums of The Fenway!

7:00 p.m.

EVENING AFFAIR

Join students, faculty, staff, and alumnae/i for an evening that will celebrate the power of our presence. The event, hosted by alumna Rashonda Ambrose '02, will feature music, poetry, the Unsung Hero Award presentation, and more.

9:00 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCING

Sunday, April 13

10:00 a.m.

GOSPEL BRUNCH

Speaker: Reverend Dr. Monifa Jumanne; music by the Simmons Gospel Choir and Ray Greene

Please select the sessions you would like to attend. For ease and convenience, you can register online at alumnet.simmons.edu, or by calling 800-246-0573. For each of the concurrent workshops, please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice. Space is limited!

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Networking Reception (event cost not included in registration fee) 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Life on Campus Today 10:30 a.m.

Tours of Simmons College 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks Noon

Luncheon—“The Power of Our Presence: African American Women Building Communities, Families, Ourselves” 12:30 p.m.

A Dialogue with Black Authors 2:15 p.m.

Concurrent Workshops (indicate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice) 3:45 p.m.

_____ Mental Health

_____ Financial Well-Being

_____ Mentoring

_____ Women in Politics

Afternoon Delights 5:00 p.m.

Evening Affair 8:30 p.m.

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Concurrent Workshops (indicate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice) 2:30 p.m.

_____ Globalism

_____ Women in Leadership

_____ Entrepreneurship

_____ Taking Back our Youth

“What's Driving the HIV Rates in Black Women?” 4:00 p.m.

Dinner—Evening Affair 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Gospel Brunch 10:00 a.m.