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Black History Month 2009 Kick-Off Event

Martin Luther King Reception and Tribute
Thursday, February 5
7 p.m., Rosenberg Gallery; Merrick Lecture Hall

This annual tribute is an opportunity for the Goucher community to reflect on the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year's keynote speaker will be Felicia Pride, founder of BlackList, a Baltimore-based organization dedicated to community building and social change. RSVP to Georgann Nedwell at georgann.nedwell@goucher.edu by Monday, February 2.

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Tunisian Filmmaker Selma Baccar Presents Second Annual Evelyn Myers '37 French Lecture

Tunisian filmmaker Selma Baccar will present her film *Khochkhach*, or *The Flower of Oblivion*, at Goucher College's Second Annual Evelyn Myers '37 French Lecture on Thursday, February 5, at 7 p.m. in Kelley Lecture Hall. This event is free and open to the public.



Based on a true story and set in the early 1940s in Tunis, this film follows young, aristocratic Zakia, who becomes addicted to khochkhach (poppy tea). The drug provides an escape for both her physical suffering after a painful childbirth and the mental anguish she bears from her sham marriage. Zakia soon plummets into addiction and is forced into an asylum, where she finds solace in relating to other Tunisian women fallen from society and sanity. However, thanks to the friendship of a man who presumably killed his wife, she regains her self-esteem and love for life.

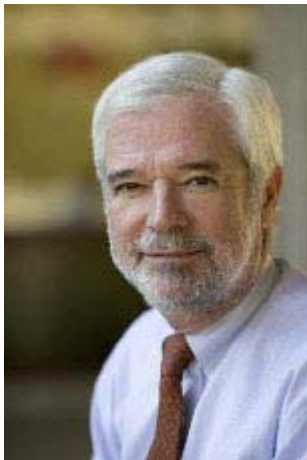
In this film, Baccar continues her focus on women at different moments in Tunisian history, boldly crossing lines in the Arab world by discussing taboo issues such as a woman's need for sexual fulfillment and homosexuality.

At Goucher's screening, Baccar will introduce the film and answer questions following the screening. A translator will facilitate the discussion. There will also be a presentation of a short feature about what young filmmakers are doing now in Tunis.

Click [here](#) for more information.

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Sanford J. Ungar Discusses Goucher's Value to Towson Community



Goucher College President Sanford J. Ungar will be a featured speaker at "Living, Learning, and Earning: Embracing the Value of Towson University and Goucher College," a town hall meeting held by the Greater Towson Committee on Monday, January 26, at 6 p.m. in Towson University's Minnegan Room of the Unitas Stadium Field House, located on Auburn Drive.

This event is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Contact Greater Towson Committee Executive Director Cynthia W. Bledsoe at gtc@greatertowson.com or 410-825-2549 to RSVP or request more information.

Ungar and Towson University President Robert L. Caret will discuss their institutions' arts and cultural events, campus development plans, athletics programs, and their economic impact on Greater Towson's long-term prosperity, among other topics. Following the town hall meeting format, both presidents will answer questions from community members.

Click [here](#) for more information.

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Office of Student Engagement Kicks Off the New Year

After a semester spent adjusting to its new role, the Office of Student Engagement (formerly Student Activities) is kicking off the new year with a resolution to host activities every weekend of the spring semester! The office is starting the new year off right, with a New Year's Redux Party from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Pearlstone Atrium on Saturday, January 31. The party will include live music, a countdown, and a dance party. On Sunday, February 1, watch the Pittsburgh Steelers battle the Arizona Cardinals on a 6-foot projector screen in the Pearlstone Atrium or on smaller screens in the Gopher Hole. The Super Bowl party starts at 7:30 p.m. and will include typical game fare, such as wings, pizza, and chips.

Keep your eye on the *Goucher Digest* for upcoming weekend events including, movie nights, pub nights, music events, weekend trips, and more.

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Weight Watchers "At Work" Program

The new year has arrived, bringing with it another set of resolutions about healthy eating, wellbeing, and fitness. To help many of us to follow through with these resolutions, Goucher College is offering faculty and staff an opportunity to participate in the Weight Watchers "At Work" program. The non-refundable program runs for 17 weeks and costs \$149 per person. This includes a 20 percent subsidy from the college for the first 25 participants. The full cost of \$186 will be charged to any additional participants – so contact us soon!

Benefits of the Weight Watchers "At Work" program include:

- Motivation and inspiration
- Support from the group leader and one another
- Explanation of concepts and techniques
- Help in developing self-management and exercise habits
- Tips for everyday eating habits
- Free Weight Watchers eTools to chart your progress and find recipes
- Convenient on-campus, 45-minute meetings

Only 20 participants are required to launch the program at Goucher. Meeting dates and times will be established following sufficient enrollment.

Interested faculty and staff should contact Maggie Elligson at maggie.elligson@goucher.edu.

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Spring 2009 Study Abroad Fair

Ready to go abroad?

We'll help you put the pieces together.

Plan to attend Goucher's Spring 2009 Study Abroad Fair.

Wednesday, February 4

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Heubeck Multipurpose Room

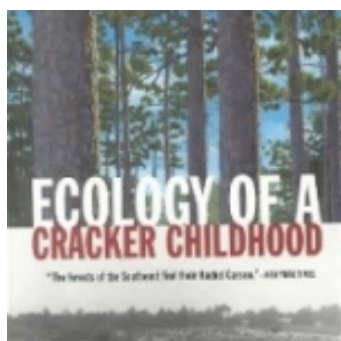
Learn about:

- Goucher study-abroad programs
- Approved non-Goucher programs
- International scholarships and grants
- Work, teaching, internship, and volunteer programs abroad
- Postgraduate international opportunities

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Environmental Sustainability Discussion Group Announces New Book



Curious about environmental sustainability but don't have time for another class? Want to have fun and interesting discussions with Goucher students, faculty, and staff? Enjoy good books?

The Environmental Sustainability Discussion Group is starting up again, and all members of the Goucher community are encouraged to join. This spring the group will meet two or three times for informal discussions about books and other readings on environmental sustainability, led by Political

Science Professor Nick Brown. Last spring we had several rousing discussions about the books *Cradle to Cradle* and *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*.

Our first book this semester is *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood* by Janisse Ray, who will be visiting Goucher from March 2 through 6. Ray combines memoir and nature study into a compelling lamentation of the "daily erosion of unique folkways as our native ecosystems

and all their inhabitants disappear.” This is a great read to start out the semester.

The group will hold a discussion on her book the week before Ray’s arrival (February 23-27), and will arrange a meeting with the author during her visit.

Please contact Lindsey Hendricks at lindsey.hendricks@goucher.edu if you are interested.

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Goucher College’s 2008 United Way Campaign

Goucher would like to thank the employees who contributed to Goucher’s 2008 United Way campaign. When the campaign began, the goal was to increase the participation rate among Goucher employees. We’re delighted to let you know that we met that goal. Participation increased from 11 percent to 13 percent, plus we raised a few more dollars compared with last year. In these challenging economic times, the fact that more colleagues stepped up to contribute speaks volumes about the spirit of community on campus. You’ve made a difference in the lives of others, and we are grateful for your generosity and support.

Special thanks to Michael O’Leary and Elisa Koehler for leading the charge this year!

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Goucher Bookstore Offers Extended Hours

The Goucher Bookstore has extended its hours for the first two weeks of the spring semester.

- Monday, January 26, through Thursday, January 29: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Friday, January 30: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, January 31: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Monday, February 2, and Tuesday, February 3: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 4, and Thursday, February 5: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Friday, February 6: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Goucher’s Student Government Association Wants YOU!

Goucher’s Student Government Association is searching for good people to fill several positions.

- Freshman Class Secretary
- Sophomore Class Secretary
- Junior Class President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary
- 2 Judicial Board Advocates
- 2 Commuter Representatives
- 1 At-Large Representative
- Executive Board Vice President for Clubs
- Executive Board Vice President for Student Action

Interested students should submit a letter of intent (a concise blurb about yourself and your qualifications that will be posted in Pearlstone) to Cleo Zancope, the public relations chair, by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, January 30.

Learn more about these interesting positions:

- **Judicial Board Advocates** act as an support for students going through the judicial process at Goucher. They advise and coach students before, during, and after a judicial board hearing.
- **Commuter Representatives** attend a once-weekly legislature meeting and participate in the standard student government procedures. Their purpose is to communicate commuter interests to the SGA, as well as carry information back to their fellow commuters. They also attend a once-weekly committee meeting led by one of the Executive Board members.
- **At-Large Representatives** attend a once-weekly legislature meeting and participate in the standard student government procedures. Their purpose is to communicate student interests to the SGA, as well as carry information back to their peers. They also attend a once-weekly committee meeting led by one of the Executive Board members.
- **Executive Board Vice President for Clubs** acts as a liaison between the SGA and the clubs that exist on campus. He or she attends a weekly Executive Board meeting, as well as the legislature.
- **Executive Board Vice President for Student Action** acts as a liaison between the at-large student body and the SGA, as well as the administration. He or she attends a weekly Executive Board meeting, as well as the legislature.

For more information on any of these available positions, please contact Arreon Harley, SGA secretary, at arreon.harley@goucher.edu or Sam Adatto, SGA president, at samuel.adatto@goucher.edu.

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Drivers Wanted

Planning a trip to Washington, D.C., or a fun night out this semester? Don't want to take the bus or metro? Don't forget that Goucher College's Zipcar program is a cost-efficient and

environmentally friendly option.

For students who cannot or do not want to bring a car to school, the car-sharing program provides the freedom to travel off campus to attend interviews, run errands, or take a weekend trip. The program also eliminates hundreds of dollars in monthly transportation costs, saving members an average of \$600/month or \$7,200/year when compared with car ownership.

Goucher students who are older than 18 and have a valid driver's license, as well as the college's faculty and staff, will have 24/7 self-service access to two Honda Civic Hybrids that are located in the Dorsey Center parking lot. Participants apply for Zipcar membership online, and the \$35 application fee then counts as a credit.

Cars can be rented for an hour, up to three days. The hourly rate is just \$7, or \$60 for a full day, and includes gas, maintenance, insurance, reserved parking, and roadside assistance.

Participants can make reservations months or minutes in advance by going online or using an automated phone system. Members get their own Zipcard, which they simply hold up to the car's windshield to unlock the doors and drive away.

Those interested in learning more about Zipcar at Goucher can visit www.zipcar.com/goucher for more information about membership and hourly rates.

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Kudos

Graduate student **Brian Mockenhaupt '10** has been awarded an Alicia Patterson fellowship, a year-long grant that funds travel and reporting for working journalists who are pursuing research projects. Mockenhaupt, a contributing editor at *Esquire*, will use the grant to cover the physical and psychological effects of war on the brain. The project will serve as his Masters of Fine Arts manuscript. The Alicia Patterson Foundation Program was established in 1965 in memory of Alicia Patterson, who was editor and publisher of *Newsday* for almost 23 years before her death in 1953. Recipients write investigative articles that then appear in *The AFI Reporter*, a quarterly magazine published by the foundation.

Congratulations to alumna **Peggy Brooks-Bertram '70**, who's been interviewed by many major U.S. news outlets about *Go, Tell Michelle: African American Women Write to the New First Lady*, the book she compiled with Barbara Seals Nevergold. The pair are co-founders of the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women at the State University of New York at Buffalo. The book is a collection of letters and poems to Michelle Obama, written by African American and African women. Click [here](#) to see Brooks-Bertram and Nevergold on *CNN* on January 19. Click [here](#) to listen to them interviewed on NPR's "All Things Considered" on January 7.

Goucher English Professor **Madison Smartt Bell** was interviewed for a PBS documentary titled *Egalité for all: Toussaint Louverture and the Haitian Revolution*. The documentary aired on Maryland Public Television on Sunday, January 25. The documentary will also air on [WETA](#) Monday, February 2, at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Tuesday, February 3, at 12 a.m. For more information about the documentary, click [here](#).

Director of Peace Studies **Ailish Hopper Meisner's** poem "The Stowaway" was published in the Winter 2008-09 issue of *Ploughshares*, the literary journal at Emerson College.

Senator Barbara Mikulski joined with faculty and staff at President Sandford J. Ungar's holiday party last month and then took a tour of the Athenaeum. Mikulski helped secure close to \$1 million in federal funds for building and programming costs associated with the project.

Philosophy and Religion **Professor Kelly Brown Douglas** was chosen to speak in November at a ceremony awarding Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu the 2008 J. William Fulbright Prize for International Understanding. Tutu was honored for his work in South Africa and elsewhere.

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Goucher in the News

["Financial doors can open for college applicants that plan ahead"](#)

From *USA Today*, January 1, 2009

Article Abstract: A student applying to Goucher College is among others interviewed about applying to colleges early in hopes of receiving more financial aid.

["The Year in Art"](#)

From *Baltimore City Paper*, December 10, 2008

Article Abstract: Two exhibitions organized for Goucher College's Rosenberg Gallery were named in the City Paper's Top Ten in Art 2008.

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