Keynote Speaker

Ramona L. Hyman, PhD

Ramona L. Hyman is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She earned a BA from Temple University, an MA from Andrews University, and a PhD from the University of Alabama. Hyman has served as a speaker for the Alabama Humanities Foundation and a poet-in-residence for the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the Huntsville Arts Council. She has been the recipient of the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminars for College Teachers grant.

On Monday, January 19, Hyman will present: Let Me Tell You Something About Rosa Parks

On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks’s refusal to relinquish her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama, ignited a chain of events that led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955. Blacks refused to ride the buses in Montgomery until the law legitimizing bus segregation was ruled unconstitutional. “Let Me Tell you Something About Rosa Parks” is a tour de force through one of the most important historic events in American history. It is a history lesson for us all. It compels us to empathize with the African American cry for freedom!

Martin Luther King Jr. 2015 Celebration

“Everyone has the power for greatness—not for fame, but greatness, because greatness is determined by service.”
– Martin Luther King Jr.

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Greatness is the Power to Serve

Monday, January 19, 2015

Symbolic March: Noon
Location: Bernhardt Atrium, Schroeder School of Business Building

Rosa Parks Bus Reenactment Tour: 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Location: Outside of Schroeder School of Business Building

Lecture: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Eykamp Hall, Room 251, Ridgway University Center

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Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Movie: Dear White People
Location: Eykamp Hall, Room 251, Ridgway University Center

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Dear White People is a 2014 American satirical drama film written and directed by Justin Simien. The film focuses on black students attending an Ivy League college in America.