

The Hampton University Big Read Events

Saturday, March 1

“How are Education and Race Represented in Today’s Society?” a discussion led by Robert Watson, assistant professor in the HU Department of History, presented from 2-4 p.m. in the Hampton Public Library, 4207 Victoria Blvd., Hampton.

Wednesday, March 12

“The Role of Race, Education and the Black Man,” a discussion by Dr. Lloren Foster, assistant professor in the HU Department of English, from 6-8 p.m. in the West Avenue Library, 2907 West Ave., Newport News.

Saturday, March 22

“The Role of Religion in the Black Community: Past and Present” a discussion led by Dr. Timothy Boddie, assistant professor in the HU Department of English and University Chaplain, from 2-5 p.m. in the Pearl Bailey Library, 2510 Wickham Ave., Newport News.

Tuesday, March 25

At the HU William R. and Norma B. Harvey Library, 130 E. Tyler St., Hampton at 11:30 a.m., a chamber theatre performance of a selection from Ernest J. Gaines, “A Lesson Before Dying.” The enactment will utilize principals of oral interpretation.

In addition, The Hampton University Calliope Literary Society will feature a screening of the film “A Lesson Before Dying” along with a brief discussion from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Hampton University Student Center Theater.

Wednesday, March 26

“The Lessons of Literature” a Big Read Mini Conference will feature papers presented by HU faculty and students on “A Lesson Before Dying” by Ernest J. Gaines held in the HU William R. and Norma B. Harvey Library at 10 a.m.-noon.

Also in the Harvey Library from 2-4 p.m. a panel discussion and Q&A session.

“Death Penalty, Black Inmates and Education,” a discussion including members from the Hampton Roads community and HU faculty. Dr. Evelyn Davis, assistant professor in the HU Department of English, will moderate the discussion.

Thursday, March 27 -The Big Read Event

Award-winning fictional author Tananarive Due, will present excerpts from Ernest J. Gaines’ “A Lesson Before Dying.” Due will also discuss the impact of the novel including its affect on America and the South. Held in HU’s Ogden Hall from 6-7:30 p.m. Tickets available at the Harvey Library.

The Closing reception will be held in the HU Museum from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

For more information regarding specific events contact Shonda Buchanan at (757)-727-6525 or visit neabigread.org.