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Race and Representation in Black Connecticut in Celebration of Black History

Hartford, Connecticut (February 3, 2012) — In celebration of Black History month, Hartford Public Library and the John E. Rogers African-American Cultural Center will present a lecture “Race and Representation in Black Connecticut: From Black Governors to Black Legislators in the Age of President Barack Obama,” February 9, 5: 30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Downtown library, 500 Main Street, Hartford.

Dr. Katherine Harris of Central Connecticut State University and Dr. Ann-Marie Adams of Rutgers University will lead a discussion about the context and contours of Black representation in Connecticut and its implications for the upcoming 2012 election.

The event will also feature an exhibit of nineteenth-century black governors and twentieth-century black leaders, including local members of the Tuskegee Airmen.

This year, the national black history month theme is focused on the black female with Ida B. Wells as the iconic image representing the strength and resilience of black women across the African Diaspora. The panel also will explore the role of black women in shaping the political landscape in the state.

This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Ira Revels at 860-695-6320 or view the online events calendar at: <http://hplct.iii.com/iii/calendar/month> for the month of February.

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