2015 Homecoming Symposium
Theme: Bulldog Beautification & Creative Placemaking

Agenda
Moderator: Dr. Berneece Herbert, Interim Chair, DCRP

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Registration

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.
Welcome Remarks
Dr. Lloyd Walker, CALNS’ Dean
Ms. Patrice Ruffin, DCRP Alumni President
Ms. Wilnatta Wardsworth, UPA President

9:15 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.
Introductions & Purpose
Mr. Isaiah Smith, UPA Vice President

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Presentation: What makes a great place? Alabama A&M University Past, Present & Future by Deirdre Childress, MURP Graduate Student

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Charrette/Facilitated Discussion: Creative Placemaking on AAMU Campus

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Group Presentations

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Presentation of Appreciation Awards (Dr. Constance Wilson & Mr. Joseph Lee)

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Poster Presentation & Student Social/DCRP Alumni Business Meeting

12 noon – 1:30 p.m.
Working Lunch & Panel Discussion – “Life After Graduation”
Panelists: DCRP Alumni Association Members
“We believe great things happen when people get together and are imaginative about our shared spaces.”
High School Senior Day—Elmore Gymnasium AAMU Campus November 2015
AAMU Student Wins Poster Competition
Dwight Tigner: Undergraduate Student
(BSUP Graduate - May 2016)
Research Adviser – Dr. Berneece Herbert

Poster Topic: High School Location, Drop-Out Rates and Presence of Food Deserts in Huntsville Alabama

Poster Review Criteria.
• Comprehensiveness.
• Analysis and Evaluation
• Quality of Communication
• Best Planning Practices
• Application of Findings

Dwight won first place and was awarded a
Benjamin Banneker Awards & Scholarship Banquet
Keynote Speaker

JOSHUA E BYRD, JD
Lecturer, Atlanta Metropolitan State College

Theme: "Planning's Contribution to Shaping Neighborhoods, Communities and Civil Liberties"

Thursday, February 25th
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Ernest Knight Center

2016 Symposium on "Future of the City"
Celebrating 40 years of Excellence in Planning Education

Guest Speaker
Ms. Denise Tennessee
Director, Office of Environmental Justice and Sustainability, EPA Region IV

February 26, 2016
J.I. Dawson Building Auditorium
Alabama A&M University
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Celebrating 40 years of Excellence in Planning Education

THE BENJAMIN BANNEKER SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS BANQUET & SYMPOSIUM ON “THE FUTURE OF THE CITY”

Hosted by
Department of Community & Regional Planning (DCRP)
College of Agricultural, Life & Natural Sciences
PROGRAM

Thursday, February 25, 2016
Ernest Knight Center
Alabama A&M University

Mistress of Ceremonies: Ms. Lauretta P. Moore, Program Director
Family Services Center (FSC), Inc.

MIX & MINGLE: 6:00 – 6:30 pm

Greetings:
• Andrew Hugine, Jr. PhD President, Alabama A&M University
• Lloyd T. Walker, PhD Dean, College of Agricultural, Life & Natural Sciences
• Berneece Herbert, PhD Interim Chair, DCRP
• Patrice Ruffin, President, DCRP Alumni Association
• Wilnatta Wardsworth, President Urban Planning Association

Occasion: “Celebrating 40 years of Excellence in Planning Education”
Dr. Chukudi Izeogu

Invocation:
Reginal Robinson, DCRP Graduate Student

DINNER SERVED

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Musical Selections: Mr. Tommy Friend, Saxophonist

Introduction of Speaker:
Berneece Herbert, PhD Interim Chair, DCRP
KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

JOSHUA E. BYRD, JD
LECTURER & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SCHOLAR
ATLANTA METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE

Presentation to Keynote Speaker

Presentation of Awards: Joyce Ann Pressley, PhD, Assistant Professor & Teshome Gabre, PhD, Research Assistant Professor

BENJAMIN BANNEKER AWARD

This signature award is given annually to alumni of AAMU and others who have made outstanding professional contributions to the growth and development of communities and cities.

2016 Recipient:
Ms. Denise Bell, Flood Plain Administrator
Department of Planning, Engineering & Permits
City of Birmingham Alabama

Torchbearer Award: given in recognition of alumni who have provided opportunities and opened doors for planning students and graduates.
- Mr. William Baker

Friends of Planning Award: given to individuals and organizations that have made sustained contributions to the planning profession.
- Department of Community Development, City of Huntsville

Presentation of the Benjamin Banneker Scholarship: Patrice Ruffin, President DCRP Alumni Association & Donald Outland, Associate Professor, DCRP

Presentation of Appreciation Awards: Mr. Donald Outland, Associate Professor, DCRP
- Constance Wilson, PhD
- Joseph Lee, AICP

Guests Recognition:
Mistress of Ceremonies

Closing Remarks:
Berneece Herbert, PhD Interim Chair, DCRP
PROFILE OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

JOSHUA E. BYRD, JD LECTURER & CRIMINAL LAW SCHOLAR
ATLANTA METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE

Joshua Byrd is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. His childhood experiences with poverty and violence stimulated his interest in the criminal justice system and inspired his lifelong commitment to public service. Joshua is a former Deputy Sheriff and an 8 year U.S. Marine Corps veteran. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Georgia State University, his Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati and his Juris Doctor degree from North Carolina Central University School of Law.

Joshua currently serves as a Lecturer at Atlanta Metropolitan State College since August 2013. In addition he has a law practice and serves as a Criminal, Environmental, and Political Consultant for a number of entities including educational institutions and nonprofit organizations. Joshua’s research interests include issues related to Environmental Justice and the School-to-Prison Pipeline. As a law student, he received an EPA Fellowship which allowed him to attend Vermont Law School (A leading institution in environmental law) and clerk for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in both Boston, Massachusetts and in Washington, D.C. In addition to working with the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University to produce a documentary about the School-to-prison Pipeline, Joshua has also worked with the Fulton County Drug Court in Atlanta, Georgia, the North Carolina Attorney General’s Office in Raleigh, North Carolina and the Alamance County District Attorney’s Office in Graham, North Carolina.
Celebrating Black History Month and the lives and contributions of Benjamin Banneker and Lionel L. Crump, Sr.

Benjamin Banneker (1731 – 1806) – a self-educated scientist, astronomer, inventor, writer, city planner, and antislavery advocate: Benjamin Banneker was born in Baltimore County, MD to descendants of enslaved Africans. He taught himself astronomy through borrowed books and instruments and accurately forecasted lunar and solar eclipses, which he published in a commercially successful series of almanacs between 1792 and 1797. At the age of 22, having seen only two timepieces in his lifetime - a sundial and a pocket watching – he constructed a striking clock almost entirely out of wood, based on his own drawings and calculations. The clock continued to work until his death 40 years later. Most notable in 1791, Banneker accompanied and assisted Major Andrew Ellicott in surveying and laying out the nation’s capital Washington, D.C. Although disputed by some, Banneker reproduced Charles L’Enfant plans for the capital from memory after L’Enfant quarreled with his employers and took his drawings to France. Banneker is also noted for his writings to George Washington advocating for the abolition of slavery and racial equality.

Lionel L. Crump, Sr. (1919 – 2005) – a cooperative extension agent, agribusiness educator, founder of urban planning education at AAMU, civil rights advocate, and dynamic civic leader: Born in Opelika, AL to descendants of former slaves, Lionel L. Crump studied and earned a bachelor and master degree from Tuskegee Institute and taught vocational agriculture and farm mechanics at Sterling High School and Pickens County Training School. Due to his civic engagement, in 1948, Crump was personally asked by John Sparkman to assist him in his bid for the U.S. Senate. In 1950, his vocational skills, earned him an appointment as supervisor of Farm Mechanics and teacher training at Alabama A&M University. With an incessant zeal for politics and community service, Crump was a leader in the Madison County Democratic Party and an advocate for fairness and equal rights during the development of NASA and growth of Redstone Arsenal. Throughout his lifetime, he organized several organizations and programs, including Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Tuskegee Alumni Association, and Department of Community Planning & Urban Studies (known as Community & Regional Planning today), and the Benjamin Banneker Scholarship and Award Banquet to raise funds for urban planning students. He was a loyal and active supporter of public education and Alabama A&M University.
### BENJAMIN BANNEKER AWARD RECIPIENTS

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     | Dallas Fanning '77  
     | Marsha Harpool '83  
     | Jane Mabry '76  
     | Boyd Rose '75 |
| 1989 | Basil Berchekas '82  
     | Augustine Ike '81  
     | Mace Neal, Jr. '81  
     | Alto Tarver '84 |
| 1990 | James Shuford |
| 1991 | Ron Matthews  
     | Robert Grasser |
| 1992 | Comer Taylor '72  
     | Arthur Threats '87  
     | Gary Voketz '75 |
| 1993 | Joseph Lee |
| 1996 | Arthur E. Holmes  
     | James Wyckoff '74 |
| 1997 | Constance Jordan Wilson |
| 1998 | Terrell Slayton '73 |
| 1999 | Russell G. Brown |
| 2000 | Prince Preyer |
| 2001 | Robert Walker |
| 2002 | James Hicks |
| 2003 | Dean Matthews  
     | Heager Hill |
| 2004 | Ivan Holloway '92 |
| 2005 | Teshome Gabre '88  
     | Earl Gooding |
| 2006 | Virginia Caples  
     | Billy Jackson |
| 2007 | Michelle G. Jordan '92 |
| 2008 | Debbie Franks '94 |
| 2009 | Chukudi Izeogu |
| 2011 | Mitchell J. Silver |
| 2012 | Ophelia Wilson |
| 2013 | Bob Culver  
     | Johnny Ford |
| 2014 | Marie Bostick |
| 2015 | NA |
| 2016 | Denise Bell |
Denise Bell

Denise P. Bell is a recognized leader in the areas of Floodplain Management, Stormwater Management, Planning, Hazard Mitigation and Emergency Management.

She serves as the Floodplain Administrator and brings more than 12 years of industry experience to the City of Birmingham's Floodplain Management and Disaster Mitigation Services Section. She currently oversees approximately $5 million in Federal Funds for the Construction of 6 Community Safe Rooms and the Post Disaster Recovery and Debris Management Planning Efforts.

Bell is a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) and Environmental Specialist (ES) and shares her unique talents by serving as the Vice President for the Alabama Association of Floodplain Managers (AAFM). She has assisted in not only securing over 12 million dollars in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant funding for floodplain property acquisition and demolition projects and planning grants; but also successfully passed federal funding audits on those grants. In addition, Bell is a member of the City's Disaster Recovery Management Team where she coordinated the long term recovery efforts and managed the Public Assistance Program.

One of Bell's professional accomplishments was successfully securing over $13 million dollars in Federal Emergency reimbursements, effectively demobilizing temporary structures, and assisting with the demolition of private structures damaged from the 2011 Storm Event which recently yielded the City favorable audit results.

Bell has presented and co-authored "Economic Evaluation of Floodplain Management and Flood Mitigation" at the Association of State Floodplain Managers Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She was a FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program National Evaluation Committee Member and served as a presenter in FEMA's "Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance Live Video Presentations."

Bell earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Urban Studies from Alabama A&M University and a Master's Degree in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
Friday February 26, 2016
James Dawson Auditorium
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

AGENDA
Moderator: Ms. Michelle Jordan, Director of Planning, City of Huntsville

9:00 - 9:30 am: Registration

9:30 – 9:50 am: Welcome Remarks
- Andrew Hugine, Jr, PhD, President, Alabama A&M University
- Lloyd T. Walker, PhD, Dean College of Agricultural, Life and Natural Sciences
- Ms. Michelle Jordan, Director of Planning, City of Huntsville representing Mayor Tommy Battle, City of Huntsville

9:50 – 10:00 am: Purpose of the Symposium & Introduction of the Speaker
Berneece Herbert, PhD, Interim Chair, DCRP

10:00 – 10:30 am: Guest Speaker: Ms. Denise Tennessee, Director, Office of Environmental Justice and Sustainability, EPA Region IV
Keynote Address: Urban Planning, Sustainable Development & Smart Growth: Challenges, Solutions & Policy Directions

10:30 – 10:45: Question & Answer Session

10:45 – 11:00 2015 Crump Scholarship Student Project Presentation

11:10 – 12 noon: Student Poster Exhibition (Room 240)
(Light refreshments served)
Ms. Tennessee has over 34 years of professional experience and is currently the Director, Office of Environmental Justice and Sustainability, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Atlanta, Georgia. She is responsible for implementing the environmental justice, pollution prevention and source reduction programs, and the Partnership for Sustainable Communities initiative in eight southeastern states. These eight states have the largest and fastest growing population and the highest percentage of EJ communities in the country. Ms. Tennessee has held this position for 5 years and attributes much of the office’s success to the outstanding staff working with her. Previously, Denise worked at EPA Region 4 as the Senior Agriculture Advisor. She has been with EPA since 2006.

Ms. Tennessee has also worked for AGT Consulting, LLC; the U.S. Department of Agriculture; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Gulf Oil Company and for the Carter Presidential Center on a 6-month detail. Denise has a Bachelor of Science degree in Geological Engineering from the University of Missouri and a Master of Engineering degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas-Arlington.

Denise completed the Federal Executive Institute - Leadership in a Democratic Society Program in 1998. She has received multiple Performance and Leadership Awards and is a licensed Professional Engineer.
PARTNERS/SPONSORS/CONTRIBUTORS

- Dr. Earl M. Gooding – AAMU Department of Community & Regional Planning (Retired)
- Mr. Joseph Lee, Alabama A&M University Community Development Cooperation
- Pastor Troy Garner, Fellowship of Faith Church
- Dr. Virginia Caples, Alabama Cooperative Extension System
- Dr. Dorothy Houston, Valley Weekly Newsletter
- Dr. Cynthia Smith, AAMU Department of Family & Consumer Sciences
- Dr. Leatha Bennett, AAMU Department of Psychology & Counseling
- Dr. Lydia Davenport, AAMU, Department of Educational Leadership and Secondary Education
- Dr. Anthony Overton, AAMU Department of Biological & Environmental Sciences
- Dr. Lloyd Walker, College of Agricultural, Life and Natural Sciences

Alumni:

- Travis Cummings
- Kenedrea Harper
- Brittany Daise
- Jeannette Robinson, Empower Me Inc
- Braque Talley
- Erica & Erick Iheme
- Chrishina Welsh
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & REGIONAL PLANNING (DCRP)

Alabama A&M University (AAMU) is an 1890 land grant institution that combines education, research and service to train and educate students in professional, vocational, science, and liberal arts fields. As a unit of the College of Agricultural, Life & Natural Sciences (CALNS), DCRP fulfills the mission of AAMU by providing nationally accredited research and practice oriented planning degrees and other academic programs, which prepare students for diverse professional and non-professional careers.

Students are encouraged to develop their leadership skills through membership in the Urban Planning Association (UPA), a university recognized student organization and through active participation in national, regional, state and local professional organizations.

DCRP offers the following academic degree programs:

- Bachelor of Science in Urban Planning (BSUP)
- Bachelor of Liberal Studies (LS)
- Bachelor of Science & Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (ITD)
- Masters of Urban & Regional Planning (MURP)

The BSUP and the MURP degrees are accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB), which is the accrediting agency of the American Planning Association (APA) and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP).

Additionally, DCRP operates and faculty and students conduct research and outreach activities under the auspices of the Center of Urban & Rural Research (CURR), which is an affiliate of the Alabama State Data Center and the AAMU Community Campus Partnership (CCP), which is a partnership between AAMU and the AAMU Community Development Corporation, a private (501c3) not-for-profit entity.

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2015-2016 Academic Year¹

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Earth Day Celebration

JOIN "DAT" CHALLENGE

Days of Alternative Transportation

During the week, post videos and pictures to the social media sites below of you using alternative transportation. Represent your school by using alternative transportation which includes: public transits, bicycles, carpools or walking to complete weekly tasks!

Get on the Bus!

Partnership between Local Colleges/Universities & City of Huntsville

All students, faculty, and staff can ride the Huntsville Shuttle Bus during the week of April 18 - 22, 2016

Free with valid ID
Drs. Herbert & Gabre along with Graduate Students Reginald Robinson, Ngozi Adjufo (who won first place in the Oral Paper competition), Nicholas Johnson and La Kesha Stewart attended the 2016 Alabama Academy of Sciences Conference, February 2016.
National Association of African American Studies (NAAAS) Conference
Baton Rouge LA
Student Poster Presentations
by LaKeisha Stewart & Lady Kassama
Paper Presentation by Dr. B. Herbert
Planning & Zoning Workshop—Friday November 6: 9:00 am—12 noon
Facilitator—Mr. Travis Cummings, Code Enforcement Director City of Huntsville

Class—URP 520 Fall 2015

Workshop provided an overview on:
⇒ Zoning essential and how these influence planning and development
⇒ Role of government and the actors in the planning system
⇒ Site plan review

Topics essential to zoning that were covered included:
✓ Definitions
✓ Uses
✓ Conformance
✓ Non-conformance
✓ Variance, CUP and PUD
✓ Site Plan Review & the Zoning Ordinance
✓ Understanding legal challenges of zoning
✓ Issues of taking, equal protection and due process.