

## NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH 2016

On January 29, 2016, President Barack Obama, the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America, proclaimed February 2016 as National African American History Month as follows:

### A PROCLAMATION

*America's greatness is a testament to generations of courageous individuals who, in the face of uncomfortable truths, accepted that the work of perfecting our Nation is unending and strived to expand the reach of freedom to all. For too long, our most basic liberties had been denied to African Americans, and today, we pay tribute to countless good-hearted citizens -- along the Underground Railroad, aboard a bus in Alabama, and all across our country -- who stood up and sat in to help right the wrongs of our past and extend the promise of America to all our people. During National African American History Month, we recognize these champions of justice and the sacrifices they made to bring us to this point, we honor the contributions of African Americans since our country's beginning, and we recommit to reaching for a day when no person is judged by anything but the content of their character.*

To read the rest of the Proclamation go to:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/01/29/presidential-proclamation-national-african-american-history-month-2016>



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### ROSCOE LEE BROWNE ATHLETE · EDUCATOR · ACTOR · POET (1922-2007)

Roscoe Lee Browne was born on May 2, 1922, in Woodbury, NJ, the son of a Baptist preacher. He earned a bachelor's degree from Lincoln University in 1946.

After graduating, Browne served in World War II in Italy then pursued postgraduate studies at Middlebury College, Columbia University, and the University of Florence. Between 1946 and 1952, he returned to Lincoln to teach French and comparative literature, and at the same time became an international track star.

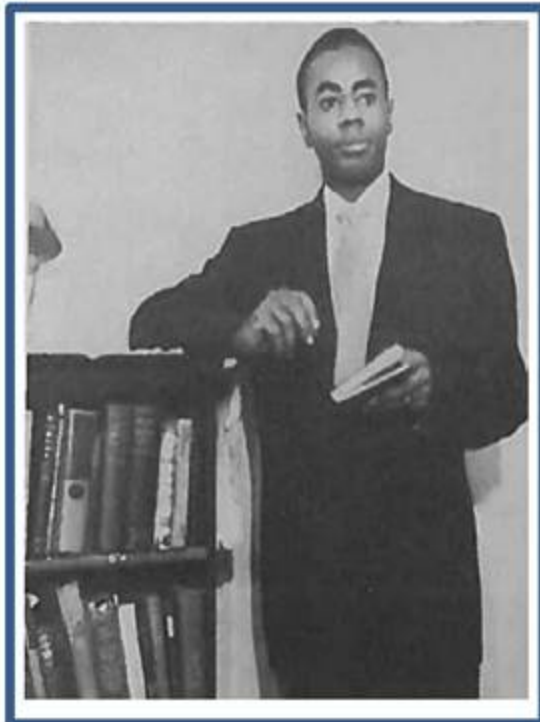
In 1950 and 1951, Browne was the US Indoor 1000 Yard Champion and held the record for the best 800 meters in 1951. Twice named All-American, he won at the Milrose Games and at all major meets in Madison Square Garden. He won 800 meters cups in Paris, Berlin, Oslo, Stockholm, Bologna, Dublin, Belfast and in other cities in Europe, Canada and in the West Indies.

Upon leaving academia he earned a living for several years selling wine for Schenley Import Corporation. However, in 1956, he made the decision to become an actor. He auditioned for and won a role in *Julius Caesar* at the New York Shakespeare Festival and "found his life-long artistic passion, performing five more roles with that company."

In 1965, Roscoe Lee Browne won an OBIE Award for his off-broadway work in Robert Lowell's play, *Benito Cereno*. He received an Emmy Award in 1986 for a guest appearance on *The Cosby Show* and Tony award nomination for best-actor for his 1992 role as *Holloway* in the August Wilson Broadway play, *Two Trains Running*. Browne was also a poet.

Sadly, Roscoe Lee Browne died on April 11, 2007. On April 22, 2007, Browne was memorialized by the Congress of the United States House of Representatives in Washington, DC in recognition of his outstanding artistic achievement as an actor and groundbreaking success as an African American performer. He was a citizen of exceptional honor and accomplishment.

## LINCOLN PRIDE



Roscoe Lee Browne  
1946



## Coffee & Conversation

We had a great turn out at my first Coffee and Conversation session held on February 9, 2016. Topics of discussion included Aramark's role in the University's physical plant, status update on DGS projects, and relocation of offices during renovations. Additional topics of conversation included budget concerns, the IT planning process, funding and leadership. Communication is essential to creating a productive workplace and your participation is appreciated. Please look for announcements regarding upcoming Coffee and Conversation sessions in the near future.

### CONGRATULATIONS LINCOLN FELLOWS!

Congratulations to six Lincoln University student fellows who received awards totaling \$40,000 from the Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program (DDETFP) in August 2015: Marcus Barboza, Priyanka Chowdhury, Ashley Ellis, Iyanuoluwa Emiola, Adaka Iguniwei, and Pereware Pere.

The Lincoln student fellows attended the National Conference of the Transportation Research Board Conference held Sunday January 10th – Tuesday January 12th. As part of the fellowship, students are required to conduct transportation-related research. Mr. Barboza was invited to present his research, *Catch Your Next Flight at Home: Drones as Personal Transportation*.

### STUDENTS ON THE MOVE!

Congratulations Brittany Lindsay and Audrey Smylie!

Ms. Lindsay has been accepted to Medical School at St. Georges Medical. She will complete her first year of study in London and fourth year in the United States.

Ms. Smylie will attend the Climate Conference in Paris (COP21) November 3<sup>rd</sup> - December 13<sup>th</sup> through Lincoln's collaboration with the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice.

### KUDOS!

- On November 7, 2015, 40 Lincoln students attended the Minority Student Medical Career Fair at the Baltimore Convention Center, part of the annual meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges. The students attended several morning panel discussions on various topics related to medical school admissions, and they were able to meet with admissions officers from more than 100 medical schools during the afternoon fair.
- A one-on-one mentoring program has been established with medical students at Hershey Medical School. Twenty of our premed students are participating in the program with twenty counterparts at Hershey. The medical students will share their experiences and work with our students to help them be competitive for admission to medical school.

## Welcome New Employees

**Ms. Yolanda Echevarria**  
Department Assistant  
Sociology & Criminal Justice

**Ms. Cynthia Gordon**  
Controller  
Business Office

### ADJUNCT PROFESSORS

**Dr. Clifford Campbell**  
Horace Mann Bond Honors Program

**Dr. Mary Ann Mertz**  
History, Political Science,  
Philosophy & Religion

**Dr. Jean Bernard Cerin**  
Visual & Performing Arts

**Ms. Danie N. Moss-Velasco**  
Languages and Literatures

**Ms. Renee C. Fairconeture**  
Coatesville Campus

**Mr. Walter C. Murray**  
Nursing

**Mr. James Howzell**  
Visual & Performing Arts

**Dr. Christopher C. Orji**  
Business & Entrepreneurial Studies

**Dr. Clyde Ledbetter, Jr.**  
Horace Mann Bond Honors Program

**Ms. Melanie D. Palmas**  
Coatesville Campus

**Dr. Wilbert Long**  
Biology

**Ms. Audrey Roberts**  
Mass Communications

**Dr. Melina McConatha**  
Psychology & Human Services

**Ms. Nicole M. Webster**  
Education (M.Ed. Program)



### MULTI-NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN HERITAGE



**EAST**

2800 W. Cheltenham Ave.  
Philadelphia, PA 19150

*A family friendly event focusing on work with missions partners in South Africa, Nicaragua, and Italy. There will be lectures, cultural entertainment, vendors, displays as well as activities for children ages four through seventeen.*

February 13, 2016  
5:00 PM **MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA**  
Delaware State University Choir

February 20, 2016  
8:00 AM **Registration - PAN-AFRICAN SUMMIT**  
Continental Breakfast

