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Pulitzer Prize winner will be a highlight of Black History Month activities at SAC

Pulitzer Prize-winning author James M. McPherson, professor of American History at Princeton University, will talk about his writing and teaching career on Thursday, February 17, starting at 1:30 p.m. in the Visual Arts and Technologies Center (VATC), Room 120. His work focuses mostly on the American Civil War and Reconstruction. The presentation is one of many activities scheduled at SAC in celebration of African-American heritage (see Black History Month activities next page).



James M. McPherson

which won the Lincoln Prize in 1998, and "The Past in the Present: Why I Became a Civil War Historian" (published in *Perspectives*, December 1998).

McPherson is a George Henry Davis '86 Professor of American History at Princeton University, where he has taught since 1962. He received his Ph.D. in 1963 from Johns Hopkins University, where he studied with C. Vann Woodward. In addition to serving as president of the American Historical Association, McPherson has been president of Protect Historic America, and the Society of American Historians. Currently, he is working on a book about the navies in the Civil War.

For information about the talk, contact Paul Browning, Professor of History, 733-2555.

His 14 books and numerous periodical writings include *Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era*, which won a Pulitzer Prize in 1989, *For Cause and Comrades*,

A Night in New Orleans

Alumni, students and friends of the San Antonio College Mortuary Science Program are invited to attend A Night in New Orleans Banquet and Award Ceremony on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 7-10 p.m. in the Koehler Cultural Center at San Antonio College.

"Alumni not able to attend are encouraged to fax or email greetings or an anecdote about their memories of the Mortuary Science Department," said Felix Gonzales, Assistant Professor.

According to Gonzales, the award ceremony will honor Mr. Nelson

Scheler, Vice President/Operations Manager of Porter Loring Mortuaries, who was a member of the program's first graduating class in 1963.



The mortuary science fraternity Rho Sigma Gamma is sponsoring the event, and proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Mortuary Science Department Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$20 per person in advance or \$30 at the door. For information or to purchase a ticket, call 733-2905.

ACCD Bond Referendum

Regarding the recent bond election, President Robert E. Zeigler said, "It is unfortunate that the bond proposal failed. The needs are still there." He said we need to:

- Train more nurses and health care professionals,
- Provide for the increasing numbers of students who want and need our services,
- Add facilities and building renovations at all the ACCD colleges, and
- Build a new college in the northeast.

Zeigler added, "I hope everyone can work together to create a proposal that is acceptable to the voters and that will meet all of these pressing needs."

Calendar of Events

Feb. 11-12, 17-20, 24-27

"Over the River & Through the Woods" 8 p.m. (exceptions: 20 and 27 at 2 p.m.) McCreless Theatre. Admission: Free to all ACCD staff, faculty, students; others \$12 general admission. Contact: Jim Mammarella, 733-2718 or jmammare@accd.edu.

Saturday, Feb. 12

Application due date for internship opportunities with the US Fish & Wildlife Service and the USDA Forest Service. Information at www.eco.org/conservation Contact: Casey Barnard at 617-426-4783 x160 or cbarnard@eco.org, or Jo Chien at 617-426-4783 x166 or jchien@eco.org.

Friday, Feb. 18

Application due date for the San Antonio Colleges and Universities Placement Association (SACUPA) Student Achievement Awards for 2-year and 4-year college students (two separate categories). Contact: www.sacupa.org.

Library StarLink Teleconference Series: "Teaching and Serving Authentically: The Teacher at the Heart of the College" 1 - 2 p.m., MLC 613. This program is a Keynote Presentation at the Texas Community College Teachers Association's annual conference. Admission: Free. Contact: Sally Rios, 733-2440 or rios@accd.edu.

Thursday, Feb. 24

Library StarLink Teleconference Series: "Pedagogy 101 for Distance Learning Faculty." 1:30 - 3 p.m., MLC 613. Admission: Free. Contact: Sally Rios, 733-2440 or rios@accd.edu.

Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26

Academic Decathlon Super Quiz with Texas high schools' top students, 2-6 p.m., McAllister Auditorium. Admission: Free. Contact: Rick Hopkins, 733-2296.

Monday, Feb. 28

Faculty Recital: Mark Alexander, piano 7:30 p.m., McAllister Auditorium. Admission: Free. Contact: SAC Dept. of Music and Humanities, 733-2731.

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Black History Events



Music student **Phil Wilson** performs with the SAC Jazz Ensemble at Black History Month Opening Ceremonies.

Annual Black History Month Essay Contest
Entries due Friday, Feb. 18, 4 p.m. Awards include one \$400, two \$350 and three \$300 scholarships, which come thanks to the generosity of Tomas Campos and SAC Student Financial Aid. Winners will be announced at the Feb. 22 African-American Read-In. Contact: Janice Clayton, English, 733-2512.

Thursday, Feb. 17

Panel Discussion: The Color of Education: Bridging the Gap between K-12 and Higher Education. 10:50 a.m. to 12:05 p.m., VATC Room 120. Admission: Free. Contact: Wanda Lee Smith, Government, 733-2550.

Friday, Feb. 18

Northeast Campus
Local Poet, Attorney Linda Moye will give an informal reading of her poetry through English and Sociology classes. 10 a.m. to noon (limited seating space). Visit www.lindamoye.com for information about the speaker. Admission: Free. Contact: Dr. Gloria Jones, 590-5425.

Tuesday, Feb. 22

African-American Read-In. 10:50 a.m., Loftin Center Fiesta Room. Also, Black History Month Essay Contest winners will be announced here. Admission: Free. Contact: Janice Clayton, 733-2512.

Friday, Feb. 25

Super Soul Karaoke (including Motown Hits). 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Fiesta Room, Loftin Center. Admission: Free. Contact: Judy Clark, Student Life, 733-2641.

For more information about Black History Month activities at San Antonio College, contact Carolyn Foster at 733-2806.

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NPR Selected Shorts



On Friday, February 25, *Selected Shorts: A Live NPR Broadcast* comes to SAC's McAllister Auditorium, 8 p.m. Hear **Barbara Barrie** ("Once and Again,"

"Suddenly Susan"), **Thomas Gibson** (Greg on "Dharma & Greg"), and **Isaiah Sheffer** (*Selected Shorts* host) read stories by Allan Guranganus, Nicholson Baker and T. Coraghessan Boyle. Admission: \$20 for Texas Public Radio members and \$25 for non-members (proceeds benefit Texas Public Radio). Event is co-sponsored by SAC. For information and tickets, contact TPR at 1-800-622-8977 or www.tpr.org.

Broadcast Conference and Career Fair

On Friday, Feb. 25, the Texas Association of Broadcast Educators (TABE) will hold its Spring Conference from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Longwith Radio-TV-Film Hall. Registration is required.

The same day, the Texas Association of Broadcasters (TAB) will hold a Career Fair with stations from San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, Houston, Corpus Christi, Waco, Abilene and more, as well as a New-Tek demonstration of high-tech 3-D animation systems. The fair is free and open to the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Longwith Radio-TV-Film (RTF) Hall.

For more information about either event, contact RTF instructor Fred Weiss at 733-2798 or fweiss@accd.edu.

Saturn Night Live II - Saturday, February 19, 7 to 10 p.m. (weather permitting)

With Saturn being closer to Earth than it has been in more than a year, Scobee Planetarium and the San Antonio Astronomical Association present a free special observing session to see Saturn's rings and other astronomical objects through a variety of telescopes set in SAC parking lot 21.



Contact: 733-2910 or visit www.accd.edu/sac/ce/scobee/SpecialEvents.htm

IMPORTANT: Observing will take place outside, and the Planetarium will be closed that night. If weather is cloudy or rainy, the event will be cancelled.



SAC Excellence ★

Congratulations to **Delia Castellano**, Instructional Technologies Office Supervisor, for being named February Employee of the Month for San Antonio College.



Debra Schafter, Assistant Professor in the Visual Arts and Technology Department, published the

article, "The Perceptual Transformation of Matter in Czech Photography and Cubist Architecture," in the January 2005 issue of *Centropa*, a journal of Central European architecture and related arts (MIT Press).

Math Professor **Gerald Busald** was quoted in recent news stories in the *Houston Chronicle* (a column by Jeffrey Gilbert), the *San Antonio Express-News* (a column by Ken Rodriguez), and WOAI-TV about a recent Texas Tech University study of Texas lottery players. Busald's statistics students studied the report, which notes that Texans who earn the least and have the least education spend the most on the Texas Lottery.

Fridays at Scobee

6 p.m. *The Rocket Trip**
(special program for children ages 4 and up)
7:15 p.m. *Wonders of the Night Sky**
(no one under age 6 admitted)
8:30 p.m. *The New Solar System**
(no one under age 6 admitted)
9:30 p.m. Observatory opens for free telescopic views, weather permitting.

* For ticket prices and information, contact 733-2910 or visit www.accd.edu/sac/ce/scobee/MainMenu.htm.