

**Dispelling Stereotypes, Embracing Differences: Creating Change Agents in Our
Quest for a More Inclusive Campus Environment**

**The Dr. Shirley S. Seaton Cultural Awareness Series
2006/2007**

September 27, 2006

Dolan Center for Science and Technology, Donahue Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Jeff Johnson “Cousin Jeff”

Jeff Johnson is host of BET’s “The Cousin Jeff Chronicles” and director of African American Outreach for the People for the American Way in Washington, DC. He is a social and political activist and promotes civic engagement among the hip-hop generation. Johnson often works with youth on issues related to citizenship and voting and helps youth to understand the socio-political issues that affect them. Of special interest to Johnson is creating intergenerational dialogue between civil rights leaders and the hip-hop generation.

October 17, 2006

D.J. Lombardo Student Center, Jardine Room, 7 p.m.

Veronica Dahlberg

Veronica Dahlberg is director of HOLA, a Latino organization based in Painesville, Ohio that serves the Latino community and raises awareness of Latino issues. Dahlberg will reflect on the national debate on immigration issues and discuss local reaction to this debate. She is secretary of the Latino Business Association of Northeast Ohio and serves on the Board of Directors of the Painesville Chamber of Commerce. Dahlberg has been an advocate for Latinos for some 16 years.

November 16, 2006

Dolan Center for Science and Technology, Donahue Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Ada Deer

A nationally recognized social worker, community organizer, activist, and political leader, Ada Deer is a champion of Indian rights. She was the first woman to head the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. In addition, she successfully led the campaign to restore federal recognition of the Menominee Tribe and was the first woman to chair the Menominee Tribe. She currently serves as director of the American Indians Studies Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, which provides leadership to other university departments and programs in the pursuit of American Indian course development and scholarship.

January 31, 2007

Dolan Center for Science and Technology, Donahue Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Helen Zia

Award-winning journalist and scholar, Helen Zia has covered Asian American communities and social and political movements for decades. A second generation Chinese American, Zia has been outspoken on issues ranging from civil rights and peace to women's rights and countering hate violence and homophobia. Zia was named one of the most influential Asian Americans of the decade by *A. Magazine*. She is the author of *Asian American Dreams: The Emergence of an American People* and co-author of *My Country Versus Me*, which tells the story of a Los Alamos scientist falsely accused of being a spy for China.

February 2 – February 11, 2007

Grasselli Library (Lobby), during library hours

African-American Inventors and Inventions Exhibit

“Reflections in Black Museum, Inc.: African-American History on Wheels” presents *African-American Inventors and Inventions Exhibit*. This unique exhibit features unusual inventions and commonplace items created by African Americans. It highlights the significant contributions African Americans have made to U.S. society.

February 6, 2007

Dolan Center for Science and Technology, Donahue Auditorium, 7 p.m.

damali ayo

damali ayo is a conceptual artist, writer, and performer whose various works offer a unique perspective on race and racism in the United States. Her serial work “How to Rent a Negro,” has been acclaimed as “one of the most trenchant and amusing commentaries on contemporary race relations.” The “rent-a-negro” website entices viewers into a service that allows them to rent a “pleasing and friendly” African American for social and business occasions. The project is a biting exploration of race relations and the commodification of racial difference.

March 21, 2007

Dolan Center for Science and Technology, Donahue Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Ed Gordon

Emmy Award-winning journalist Ed Gordon is known for his hard hitting and direct interviews with newsmakers from the world of politics, entertainment, and sports. Gordon is a contributing correspondent for *60 Minutes* and is host of *News and Notes with Ed Gordon*, a daily interview/information program on NPR. He formerly served as host of *BET Tonight* and anchor of *BET News* and as a contributor to NBC's *Today Show* and *Dateline*.