



DR. REGINALD WILSON TO OPEN BLACK HISTORY MONTH OBSERVANCE

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Dr. Reginald Wilson, senior scholar of the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C., will speak at a luncheon at 12 noon Wednesday, February 6, in the University Center, opening the USI Black History Month observance. He also will speak at 3 p.m.

His visit, sponsored by the USI Mentoring Committee and the USI Foundation, will be the first in a series of programs scheduled for the Black History Month observance, all of which are open to students, faculty and staff members, and the public. The luncheon fee is \$5; reservations should be made with Annie Krug, Special Events coordinator, 812/465-1654.

Dr. Wilson cites belief, hard work, and commitment as the simple but important ingredients to successful minority education programs. He says there are a variety of successful programs with common elements, the most significant of which is an assumption that all students can achieve excellence. Successful minority education must be buttressed by a clearly demonstrated commitment on the part of college leaders and allocation of sufficient resources, Dr. Wilson says. He notes student-faculty contact, encouraging student cooperation, and devoting time where needed to help students learn are the important ingredients in the classroom.

Dr. Wilson joined the American Council on Education as director of the Office of Minority Concerns in October 1981 and became senior scholar in 1988. He previously was president of Wayne County Community College in Detroit for 10 years, where he also had held positions as dean, director of Test Development and Research, and director of Black Studies and Upward Bound programs. He also has been a psychologist in Detroit public schools.

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Dr. Wilson has taught graduate courses in psychology and black studies at Wayne State, the University of Detroit, Oakland University, and the University of Michigan. He is co-author of *Human Development in the Urban Community*, editor of *Race and Equity in Higher Education*, and author of *Civil Liberties and the U.S.* He serves on the Editorial Board of *The American Journal of Education* and *The Urban Review*.

Dr. Wilson received his Ph.D. in clinical and educational psychology from Wayne State. He is licensed as a psychologist in Michigan and in Washington, D.C., and does volunteer work with the homeless. He was honored as Distinguished Alumnus of Wayne State in 1980 and is a recipient of the Anthony Wayne Award and the Distinguished Service Medal of the City of Detroit.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS

A series of roundtable discussions on Black issues will be a feature of the Black History Month observance, according to Royce A. Sutton, minority advisor in University Division and observance coordinator.

The discussion group will meet at 12 noon each Thursday. Topics will include: "The Black Political Agenda," February 7, UC353; "The State of Black Health Care," February 14, UC353; "The Black Woman of the '90s," February 21, UC351; and "Economic Empowerment in the Black Community," February 28, UC351.

Sutton said other programs will include an African-American Art Exhibit from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 12, in UC350-51; a student leader luncheon with Dr. David L. Rice, USI president, on Wednesday, February 13; USI and UE students meeting in a Black History Quiz Bowl, 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 19, in Forum III; movie night, 7 p.m. Friday, February 22, in Forum I, featuring *Glory* and *Mo Better Blues*; and Gospel Music Night at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 28, in Forum I.

Sutton said students, faculty and staff members, and the public are encouraged to join in the Thursday roundtables and are invited to attend all programs. For information, contact Sutton at 812/465-1606 or Kandace Hinton, director of USI's Gateway Project, 812/424-2926.