



"Founders of Black History Month"

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95th Convention Raleigh, NC

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95th Annual ASALH Convention to Be Held *Honoring the History of Black Economic Empowerment*

Washington, DC – (June 16, 2010) More than one thousand members of ASALH, the premier guardian of African American history will convene in Raleigh, North Carolina for their 95th Annual Convention September 29th - October 3rd at the Raleigh Convention Center. **ASALH, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History** has a deliberate agenda set to explore the 2010 National Black History theme; *"The History of Black Economic Empowerment"* that celebrates the centennial of the National Urban League.

Started in 1915 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the Father of Black History, ASALH has maintained relentless conservation and preservation of African American history and culture through programmatic, educational and research initiatives; the organization sets the annual theme for Black History Month. This year marks the 84th Anniversary of Negro History Week (1926), and the 34th Anniversary of Black History Month (1976). The White House issues an annual proclamation that includes the ASALH National Black History Theme.

The Convention provides offerings from prominent scholars and students from all disciplines; more than 100 panels will be featured on leading and progressive projects. Renowned experts will facilitate numerous sessions during the Convention providing echoes and reflections of voices past while recognizing the historic and present day accomplishments of African American trailblazers. They will delve into topics that include the history of Black entrepreneurship and a wide array of activities are planned that will satisfy the social palate and introduce visitors to the history, culture and cuisine of the City of Oaks, Raleigh.

Sylvia Cyrus, Executive Director of ASALH stated, "We are working tirelessly to ensure that the elements of the Convention are successful and will surpass our own expectations. This is our largest meeting of the year and because we value the loyal partnership of our members and support from the community, we will leave no stones unturned."

Registration is currently underway for the Convention and sponsorship opportunities are available that will provide assistance in operational funding for this 501©3 organization. Volunteers are asked to sign up to partner with ASALH for the Convention for numerous positions throughout the Convention Center and the Raleigh Marriott City Center, the host hotel. Click on <http://www.asalh.org/95thconvention.html> for more information and register online.

ASALH is excited about the 95th Annual Convention and continuously honors opportunity to lift up the annals of African American perspectives and history.