Grounded History: A Keynote Address to the 14th Annual Massachusetts Statewide Undergraduate Research Conference

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**Evening Extravaganza, Thursday, May 1, 2008**
Amherst Room, 10th Floor, Lincoln Campus Center at University of Massachusetts Amherst

6:00 PM: Registration
6:30 PM: Dinner
7:30 PM: Commonwealth College Alumnus Eric Sherman of the Phantom Gourmet
8:00 PM: Student Performances
9:00 PM: Giveaways / Closing Remarks

**Conference, Friday, May 2, 2008**
Lincoln Campus Center at University of Massachusetts Amherst

8:00 AM: Registration, First Floor
9:00 AM: Welcome, Auditorium
9:30 AM: Keynote Speaker - Raymond Bradley, Auditorium
10:10 AM: Morning Poster and Oral Sessions (A)
11:50 AM: Keynote Speaker - Amilcar Shabazz, Auditorium
12:20 PM: Lunch
1:30 PM: Afternoon Poster and Oral Session (B)
3:10 PM: Afternoon Poster and Oral Session (C)
4:50 PM: Closing Remarks, Auditorium

**Keynote Speakers**

**Raymond Bradley**
Raymond Bradley is a Distinguished Professor in the Department of Geosciences at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. His interests are in climate variability across a wide range of time scales. He is particularly interested in how present day climate differs from climates in the past, and what may have caused climates to change. Professor Bradley has written or edited eleven books on climatic change and paleoclimatology, including *Paleoclimatology: Reconstructing Climates of the Quaternary*, and authored over 120 articles on these topics. His research group is supported by grants from NSF, NOAA, and the Department of Energy. Professor Bradley has received numerous awards and recently was named Doctor of Science honoris causa, at Lancaster University, U.K.

**Amilcar Shabazz**
Dr. Amilcar Shabazz is professor and chair of the W. E. B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and teaches in the area of historical studies with an emphasis on the political economy of social and cultural movements, education, and public history. His book, *Advancing Democracy: African Americans and the Struggle for Access and Equity in Higher Education in Texas* (University of North Carolina Press, 2004), received numerous honors including the T.R. Fehrenbach Book Award and being ranked a top ten nonfiction book by Essence Magazine. His newest book, co-edited with Celia R. Daileader and Rhoda E. Johnson, is *Women & Others: Race, Gender, and Empire* (Palgrave Macmillan Press, 2007). Shabazz has also published *The Forty Acres Documents*, a sourcebook on reparations, along with journal articles, book chapters, reviews and writings in publications as diverse as *The Source Magazine of Hip-Hop Music, Culture & Politics*. An international scholar, he is a Fulbright Senior Specialist and has done work in Brazil, Ghana, Japan, Cuba, Mali, France, Nicaragua, and Jamaica. Presently, he is completing an historical biography entitled "Master of the Blast: Carter Wesley and the Struggle for National Liberation."
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