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## **Auburn Faculty to Speak at Cultural Crossroads**

Three Auburn faculty members will present talks at the eighth annual Cultural Crossroads, an Alabama history symposium, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on January 31, 2009 at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts.

Auburn professors Angela Lakwete and Patience Essah of History and Gary Mullen of Entomology will join Auburn University Montgomery English professor Nancy Anderson; author Jeffrey Benton and Alabama Historical Commission architectural historian Robert Gamble; and Dr. Betsy Sheldon and Paula Weiss. Entitled "Settling In," the program will focus on the settlement and early development period of Alabama, 1820s-1840s.

Cultural Crossroads is sponsored by Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery, the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts and the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University. Major funding is provided by the Alabama Humanities Foundation, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Registration: Members of Landmarks Foundation and the Montgomery Museum, \$30; the general public, \$35; and students and faculty members, \$20. Registration fee includes refreshments and lunch. For information and further details, please contact the Landmarks Foundation at 334-240-4518, 334-240-4500 or 1-888-240-1850, the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center at 334-844-4946 or the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts at 334-240-4333.

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