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## **Northwest Houston Academic Centre Newsletter- March 2010**

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## Prairie View A&M University Northwest Houston Academic Center Newsletter

### Northwest Campus Women's History Program—"Sisterhood of Writers"

**Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**  
the Northwest Houston Academic Center will honor Women's History Month with a look at the work of female author and filmmaker, Yasmin Shiraz. A "Sisterhood of Writers" is an opportunity to give recognition to new authors, filmmakers, and storytellers.

**Yasmin Shiraz, winner of the American Library Association YALSA award**, has written several fiction and non-fiction books for teens and adults. Her best seller *Retaliation* was a fictional account of girl bullying., her most recent endeavor "*Can She Be Saved?*" is a real life accounting of girl on girl violence told in film.

The Northwest Center will be screening the award winning documentary by Yasmin Shiraz, "*Can She Be Saved?*" The film documents real girl fights throughout the US and shows how this recent phenomenon has become entrenched in American culture through songs, music videos and films. *Can She Be Saved?* features 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls from Syracuse, NY who've been labeled aggressive by their teachers and guidance counselors. "This film gives girls who fight the opportunity to speak up and talk about their anger and their propensity toward violence," said Shiraz.. *Can She Be Saved?* aims to elevate the voices of teen girls who fight and the reasons behind their violence as well as explain how girl violence impacts academic excellence, self esteem and a



**Women's History Month Program  
"Sisterhood of Writers"  
Northwest Houston Academic Center  
16000 Steubner Airline Road, Suite 130  
Tuesday, March 30th at 6:00 p.m.**

girl's overall future.

<http://www.yasminshiraz.net/>

Yasmin is author of several books:

**Retaliation, The Blueprint for My Girls series, Exclusive, and Privacy.**

Women's History Month, now celebrated annually in the United States, grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, California in 1979. In 1981 Congress established Women's History Week and in 1987 it was expanded to Women's History Month. For more information please contact the NW Center at 713-790-7282.

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## Cancer Survivors Share Stories—Hoda Kotb and Valerie Mendoza Milan

Northwest Campus Office Coordinator, **Valerie Mendoza Milan** was able to meet and share her cancer survivor story with **Hoda Kotb**, also a breast cancer survivor.

The **Anderson Network at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center** welcomed Hoda Kotb, co-anchor for the fourth hour of **TODAY**, a **Dateline NBC** correspondent and host of the weekly syndicated series "**Your Total Health**," as the keynote speaker for **Anderson Network's 21st annual Living With, Through and Beyond Cancer** conference Sept. 10-12.

Valerie's story was highlighted in the first issue of FYI the Northwest Campus newsletter in 2009. The Anderson Network event took place as Valerie was celebrating her 7th year anniversary as a survivor.



Northwest Campus Office Coordinator, **Valerie Mendoza Milan** and television celebrity, **Dateline NBC Correspondent Hoda Kotb**

## Continuing Education and Institutional Relations Appointee



**Dr. Jimmy L. Adams, Jr.** has been appointed **Assistant Vice President for Continuing Education and Institutional Relations**. In his new role, Adams will be responsible for overseeing continuing education programs and lifelong learning activities. He will also direct the **Office of Institutional Relations**, which includes public relations, governmental affairs, equal opportunity and affirmative action and multicultural affairs.

One of his priorities will be to build partnerships both internally and externally. This task will allow him to find out the needs of the local community and workforce and then offer the appropriate programs.

"The continuing education office will support the university's mission of teaching, research and service," states Dr. Adams. "The goals of this program are to meet the demands for the community and university; to become a revenue generated entity; and ultimately be a national leader and first choice in continuing education and lifelong learning."

**Adam's served in the Lone Star College system for 10 years in several capacities - Dean of Workforce Training and Community Development, Career Technology Division and a professor of both business and visual communication.**

Prior to his post at Lone Star College, he owned and operated a small graphic design firm for nine years. He also worked in various capacities with several Houston companies including **Smith International, McEvoy-Wills, Cameron Iron Work, and Cooper Industries.**

For more information see **Prairie View A&M Spotlights**, February 5, 2010.

## National Library Week Book Sale to Benefit Haiti Libraries

The **John B. Coleman Library Distance Services and the Northwest Campus** are seeking gently used books (no more than 5 years old and preferably educational material), DVDs and videos for a **Book Sale** during **National Library Week on April 15, 2010.**

The Haiti earthquake has touched everyone around the world. "Libraries and other cultural institutions are critical resources for the recovery of people around the world in the aftermath of a humanitarian crisis."

**Please note:**

- All books donated will be used solely for the book sale
- No books will go into the John B. Coleman Library collection
- No books from the John B. Coleman Library will be sold

All proceeds will go to the **American Library Association Haiti Relief Fund: <http://www.ala.org/haiti>**

For more information or to donate books please contact the **Distance Services Librarian at 713-790-7282 or email: [ejbrumfield@pvamu.edu](mailto:ejbrumfield@pvamu.edu)**



**National Library Week  
April 11-17, 2010  
Honorary Chair  
Author Neil Gaiman**

## Prairie View Launches its Quality Enhancement Plan—iREAD

**Increasing Reading and Engagement for Academic Development (iREAD)** is an all campus reading program of one or more selected works on a common theme in order to enrich the University's commitment to a learner-centered environment.

The target population is faculty, staff and students. The objective—to infuse the entire campus with opportunities

for intellectual growth through a common reading experience.

The expected outcome is that students who participate in the **iREAD** experience will demonstrate an increase in academic skills, academically-related habits and academic self concept. For more information go to:

**<http://sacs.pantherconnect.com/pages/qep.html>**

## BCALA Conference August 4-8, 2010



The **Black Caucus of the American Library Association 7th Annual Conference, Culture Keeper VII** will be held in **Birmingham, Alabama on August 4-8, 2010.**

**Dr. Rosie Albritton, Director, Library Services, Dr. Donald Collins, Associate Professor College of Education, Dr. Nancy Greer Williams, Dean University of Arkansas, Debbie Jones, Clinical Assistant Professor, College of Nursing and Elizabeth Jean**

**Brumfield, Distance Services Librarian** will present a panel discussing the challenges minority students face in doctoral programs.

The session entitled: **Failing at Success** is based on research of African American students and the high attrition rates in doctoral programs.

**Elizabeth Brumfield** will also present a session entitled: **An Exploratory Study of Historically Black Colleges and Universities Library Technology.**



## Event Pictures



**Dr. Michael McFraizer and Mayor Frank Jackson** represented **Prairie View A&M University** at the **Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce Diamond and Ice Gala Fundraiser**.

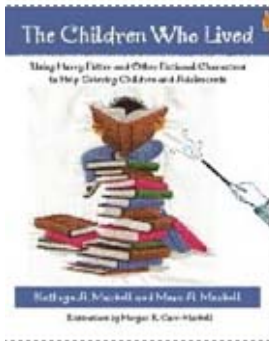
The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1974 to serve the greater northwest area of Harris County, the area where the Northwest Campus is located. Visionary citizens chartered the Chamber and today it has grown to over 750 members serving an area of approximately 500,000 residents.



Over 150 students attend **“Conversation with the Dean”** sponsored by the Prairie View A&M University Northwest Academic Center and the College of Education.

(Picture—Courtesy of Corliss Booker)

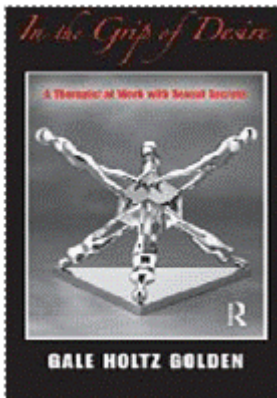
## New Books at NW Campus from Taylor and Francis Publishers



### ***The Children Who Lived: Using Harry Potter and Other Fictional Characters to Help Grieving Children and Adolescents***

**Authors: Kathryn A Markell, Marc A Markell**

Harry Potter's encounters with grief, as well as the grief experiences of other fictional characters, can be used by educators, counselors, and parents to help children and adolescents deal with their own loss issues. *The Children Who Lived* is a unique approach toward grief and loss in children. Included in the text, and the companion CD, are a number of activities, discussion questions, and games that could be used with grieving children and adolescents, based on the fictional characters of the Harry Potter books.



### ***In the Grip of Desire: A Therapist at Work with Sexual Secrets***

**Author: Gale Holtz Golden**

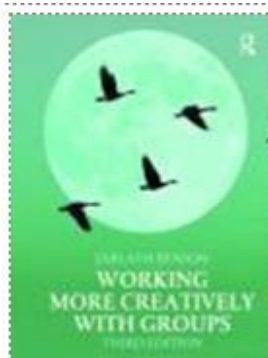
Written in a first-person, narrative style, *In the Grip of Desire* gives both the professional and lay reader the rare opportunity to experience the sequestered world of the therapist as she works with people who have sexual secrets and behaviors. Referencing the academic literature and research, using rich case material, and a broad use of literary references, the book unpretentiously demonstrates the basic concepts and issues in treating compelling and legal sexual behaviors. The book also offers a uniquely jargon-free, human view of the subject. Golden compassionately and non-judgmentally speaks to the universality of the experience of sexual obsessions and compelling sexual behaviors and their impact on relationships, families, and society.



### ***The Art and Science of Dance Movement Therapy***

**Editors: Sharon Chaiklin, Hilda Wengrower**

*The Art and Science of Dance/Movement Therapy* offers both a broad understanding and an in-depth view of how and where dance therapy can be used to produce change. The chapters go beyond the basics that characterize much of the literature on dance/movement therapy, and each of the topics covered offers a theoretical perspective followed by case studies that emphasize the techniques used in the varied settings. Several different theoretical points of view are presented in the chapters, illuminating the different paths through which dance can be approached in therapy.



### ***Working More Creatively With Groups***

**Author: Jarlath Benson**

In *Working More Creatively with Groups*, Jarlath Benson presents the essential knowledge required to set up and work with a group. He looks at how to plan and lead a group successfully and how to intervene skillfully. As well as covering the different stages in the life of a group, the book emphasizes the various levels of group experience and gives suggestions for working imaginatively with them.

For additional information please consult the publisher at:

<http://www.taylorandfrancis.com/>





## Faculty/Students/Staff Announcements (continued)



**Susan Taylor**, former editor of **Essence Magazine**, author of **In the Spirit**, licensed cosmetologist and entrepreneur, was the guest speaker for the **S.P.I.T. Lecture on March 9, 2010.**

Ms. Taylor became the first black woman to receive the Henry Johnson Fisher Award from the Magazine

Publishers of America. She was called by the American Library Association as “the most influential black

woman in journalism” in 1994. She holds an Honorary doctorate of Humane Letters, Lincoln University, In 2006 she founded the National Cares Mentoring Movement. The organization is a coalition of advocacy groups, including the National Urban League, 100 Black Men in America and the Y.W.C.A.

The S.P.I.T. (Students Participating In Transcendent Knowledge) is a modern day twist to the traditional college lecture series programs.

**For more information please contact the Division of Special Affairs, Prairie View A&M University, 936-261-3566 or**

**<http://www.pvamu.edu/saprograms>**

# The Conversation

Book Review and Discussion

Open to all student, faculty and staff

**Hosted by:**  
Chelsee Hill - Miss PVAMU  
&  
Kyle Maronie - Mr. PVAMU

Free book giveaways!

Friday, March 5, 2010  
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
MSC Student Lounge, 2nd Floor

Sponsored by: The Women's Council for Leadership & Service;  
The Men's Council for Leadership & Service & Campus Activities Board

For Special Assistance Contact Ex. 3585

## HILL HARPER

New York Times Bestselling Author of  
*Letters to a Young Brother* and *Letters to a Young Sister*



How Black Men and Women Can Build Loving, Trusting Relationships





**The Women's Council for Leadership and Service and the Men's Council for Leadership and Service and Campus Activities Board presented “The Conversation”, by Hill Harper, book review and discussion, March 5, 2010.**

Hill Harper, son of two doctors, his father was a psychiatrist and his mother an anesthesiologist received a Master in Public Administration and a JD in Law from Harvard. However, he is best known as an actor on the crime series CSI, New York.

Harper is the author of three books, two are American Library Association award winners:

- **“Letters to a Young Brother,”** an inspirational and encouraging book of advice from Harper and other influential men including Barak Obama
- **“Letters to a Young Sister: Define your Destiny,”** this book features quotes from successful women and poses thought provoking questions to readers.
- **“The Conversation,”** his most recent book.

**For more information please contact the above campus departments.**



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## Important Dates for Graduate Students

**March 15 - 20, Monday – Saturday**

- Spring Break

**March 26, Friday**

- Graduation Application Deadline for SUMMER 2010 AND FALL 2010

**March 31, Wednesday**

- Founders Day/Honors Convocation

**April 5, Monday**

- Withdrawal from Course(s) with academic record ("W") Ends

**April 2-3, Friday-Saturday**

- Good Friday/Easter (Student Holiday)

**April 13, Tuesday**

- Priority Registration Begins for Summer/Fall

**May 4, Tuesday**

- Course Review Day Last Class Day for Spring Semester
- Last Day to Withdraw from the University (From All Courses) for the Spring 2010 Semester

**May 7 – 12, Friday-Wednesday**

- Final Examination Period

**May 12, Wednesday**

- Final Grades due for Graduating Candidates

**May 15, Saturday**

- Commencement

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## ProQuest Webinar Training

ProQuest, one of the leading academic database suppliers provides online training for their subscribers. The John B. Coleman Library will provide the following webinars trainings at the NW Center Computer Lab:

- **Ancestry Library Edition**—Ancestry Library Edition makes family research easy for beginners while still providing in-depth tools for even the most advanced genealogists. One of the most important genealogical collections available today, Ancestry Library Edition (ALE) contains thousands of databases and billions of names. It has unparalleled coverage of the United States and the United Kingdom, including census, vital, church, court, and immigration records, as well as record collections from Canada and other areas..

**Date: March 31, 2010                      2:00 p.m. --3:00 p.m.**

- **ProQuest Research Library**—Designed to cover the top 150 core academic subject reference areas; includes a core list of periodicals plus 15 supplemental subject-specific modules.

**Date: April 6, 2010                      1:00-2:15 p.m.**

- **ProQuest Central**—The prime resource for researchers with over 12,000 titles - over 9,000 in full-text - covering business and economics, health and medical, news and world affairs, technology, social sciences and more. Designed to be the single-most used database in the library and beyond, ProQuest Central provides access to over 600 full-text newspapers, nearly 30,000 full text dissertations and nearly 9,000 global business market reports.

**Date: April 14, 2010                      12:00-1:00 p.m.**

All Prairie View students and faculty are invited to attend. Please contact Elizabeth Jean Brumfield to register for these and future ProQuest webinars: 713-790-7282

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