

Tulane Conference Explores Black Women's Health

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Tulane University will host the Black Women's Health Conference 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Feb. 24 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 25 in the Josephine Louise Ballroom and Rogers Memorial Chapel. Registration, free and open to the public, begins at 10 a.m., Feb. 24 and 8 a.m., Feb. 25 at Rogers Memorial Chapel.

The conference seeks to increase knowledge of health issues that disproportionately affect black females, including diabetes, environmental toxins, infant mortality, heart disease, mental illness and HIV/AIDS. It will also feature an exhibit on sex crimes and discussion of media representations of black females.

Presenters include: Dr. Takeisha Charles Davis, director of the Center for Community Health and medical director and assistant state health officer for the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospital's Office of Public Health; Dr. Linda Raye Murray, president of the American Public Health Association; Joan Morgan, cultural critic and author; Dr. Kimberly Chandler, assistant professor of communication studies at Xavier University; Dr. Mia Harris, physician with the L.B. Landry Community Clinic; Dr. Carolyn Johnson, Usdin Family Professor in Community Health Sciences at Tulane; Dr. Maureen Lichtveld, professor and chair of Tulane's Department of Global Environmental Health Sciences; Deon Haywood, executive director of Women with a Vision; Kathryn Hall-Trujillo, founding director of the Birthing Project; Denese Shervington, founder and president of the Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies; and Chris Sylvain, host of *Health Issues 2010*.

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