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Northeastern University Libraries Event—African American Activism and Experience at Northeastern University, 1963-1978, a celebration

On Thursday, March 31, the University Libraries will host an event to celebrate the launch of its new online exhibit, *African American Activism and Experience at Northeastern University, 1963-1978*. The event will be held from 4-6pm in Snell Library, room 90, Northeastern University Campus, 360 Huntington Avenue.

The event will consist of a reception, a demonstration of the online exhibit, and a panel discussion moderated by Prof. Robert Hall and featuring speakers who were students or staff at Northeastern during the time period covered by the exhibit. The panel members will be Joseph D. Feaster, Jr. '72, Of Counsel at McKenzie & Associates, P.C.; Robert P. Gittens '75, Vice President of Public Affairs at NU; Robert J. Grier '80, Director of Operations, Student Center and Activities at NU; Keith Motley '78, Interim Chancellor of UMass Boston; Ella Robertson '77, Associate Dean and Director of Special Support Programs at NU; and Chuck Turner, Boston City Councilor, District 7, who served as the first director of NU's African American Institute.

The online exhibit is a collaboration between the Northeastern University Libraries' Archives and Special Collections Department and the Department of African American Studies, and it was funded by a grant from Northeastern's Office of Affirmative Action and Diversity. The exhibit focuses on African American activism at Northeastern in the 1960s and 1970s and allows online viewing of many photographs and scans of relevant documents from the Archives' collections. The exhibit has five sections: Beginnings, Civil Unrest, Community and Culture, Organizations, and Aftermath. Co-advisors for the project are Joan Krizack, University Archivist and Head, Special Collections Department, and Professor Robert Hall, Department of African American Studies. Current undergraduate students Kathreen Noel, Mark Santoski and Funnya Bezverkhny have been instrumental in the creation of the exhibit.

The public is welcome, but seating for the event is limited; please RSVP by March 24 to Archives at 617-373-2351 or archives@neu.edu. Please note if you would like special needs assistance.

The NU Libraries, NU Office of Affirmative Action and Diversity and NU Department of African American Studies are pleased to sponsor this event.