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*Commencement
Convocation*

Saturday, May 19, 2012

at 4:00 p.m.

138 Mountfort Street

Brookline, MA 02446



Program of Events

Welcome

Allison Blakely, Professor of History, George and Joyce Wein Professor of African American Studies, Director of Graduate Studies

Presentation of African American Studies Program Alumni and Friends Essay Prize

Selection Committee:

Mary Anne Boelcskevy, Senior Lecturer in African American Studies and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Boston University

John K. Thornton, Professor of African American Studies and History, Boston University

Award Presentations: **Mary Anne Boelcskev**y, Senior Lecturer in African American Studies and Director of Undergraduate Studies

Olivia Evelyn Wilson, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University

Shayna Nestor, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Boston University

Music

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Saxophonist, **J.E. Maxwell Magee**, MDiv. Candidate, School of Theology

Introduction of Convocation speaker

Ruha Benjamin, Assistant Professor of Sociology and African American Studies

Convocation Address

Allison Blakely, Professor of History, George and Joyce Wein Professor of African American Studies, and Director of Graduate Studies

Presentation of Diploma

Sarata Toriola, Master of Arts in African American Studies

Please join us after the ceremony for food and drink in celebration of our graduate.

African American Studies Program Graduate

Sarata Toriola, Master of Arts in African American Studies

Defended Major Paper: “Mulattos are Everywhere:
Multiracial Films in the Post Race Era”

African American Studies Program Alumni and Friends Essay Prize Awardees

Olivia Evelyn Wilson, College of Arts and Sciences

Essay: “The City and the Voice of Jazz: an Integration of Art Forms”

Shayna Nestor, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Essay: “Ugly America: The Grotesque in the Works of Kara Walker”