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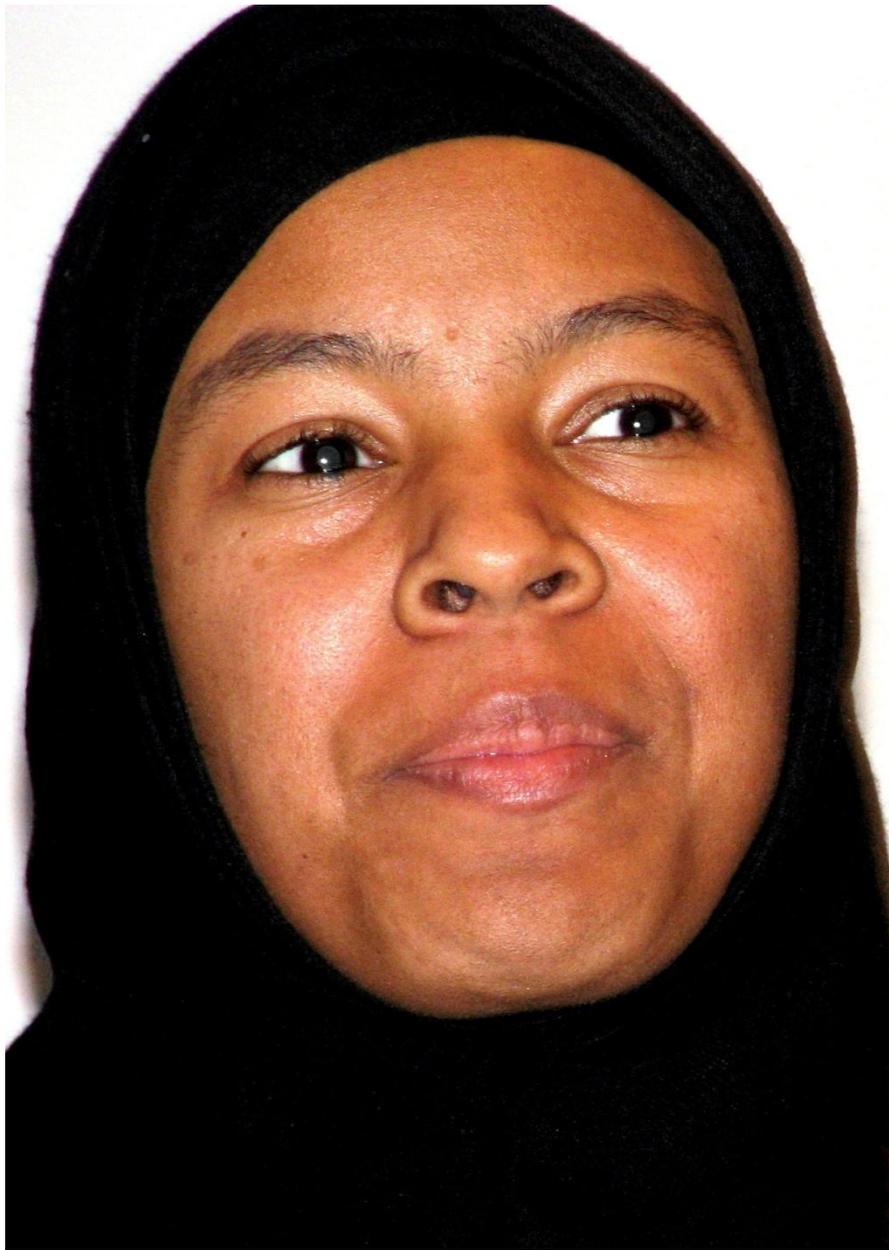
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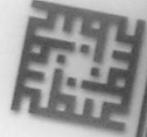
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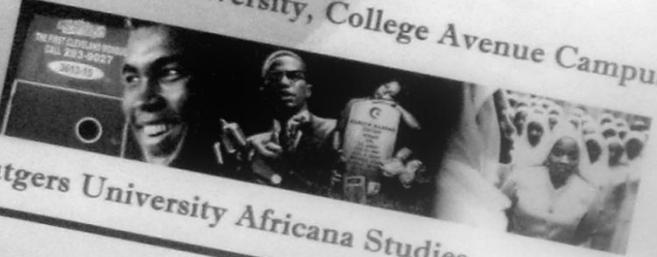
Islam in the African American Experience A Panel Discussion featuring:

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Diallo, High Priest of Bonda

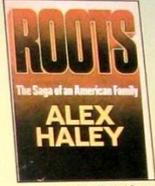


Photo of Job Diallo and William Anash Sesaracoo from the 1750 Gentleman's Magazine article about his life and another Fulani's life in England.



The 1734 book *Some Memoirs of the Life of Job* by Thomas Blount. *The Fortunate Slave*, by Douglas Grant 1968.

Kunta Kinte



Early in the spring of 1789, the village of Juffru, four miles from the coast of The Gambia, West Africa, a small island was built by Gambia and Kunta Kinte. From birth Kinte was strong young boy, he was as black as the wax, black and dipping with Kinte's blood, and he was knowing. The two entailed slaves, old Nye Kinte said that Kinte's grandfather Kinte, saw that it was a boy and laughed with joy. According to the traditions, a boy brothers passed the special blessings of Allah not only upon the parents but also upon the parents' families, and there was the spiritual knowledge that the name of Kinte would thus be highly distinguished and perpetuated.

Page from Alex Haley's book "Roots"

Endowed, Kunta Kinte arrived in Annapolis, Maryland in 1787. Alex Haley in the first chapter of his book, *Roots: The Saga of an American Family* states Kinte was born in the early spring of 1750 to Demba and Binta Kinte in the village of Juffru, up river from the coast of Gambia. Kinte had a brother named Lamin, Lamin and a baby brother named MANK. Kinte got his name from his grandfather's middle name.



Photo courtesy of Alex Haley Museum and CSAM

A photo of Kunta Kinte's grandson Chikson George Range used the middle name in the Alex Haley home in Henning, Tennessee.

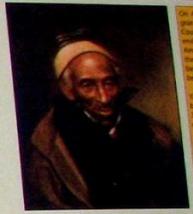
In his book, Alex Haley describes very vividly the bartering of Kinte: "The thin blue smoke wafted out of the pipe and pleasure" as well as about the village from Kadi Demba called the people to prayer "the usual wailing of Kadi Demba, the village almona began, calling men to the first of the five daily prayers that had been offered up to Allah for as long as anyone living could remember."

In chapter 13 and 14 Alex writes about Kunta Kinte being captured and beaten with clubs. He remembered as he lay on a plank, an Arabic speaking slave who was crying out to his family members, but most of all he heard the Mandinka crying and the loud wailing on the ship he encountered the British and the Dutch. Among one of the things, Kunta is best remembered for in the book is his regular offering of prayers during his captivity.



A plaque honoring Kunta Kinte's arrival at Annapolis, MD. Photo courtesy of CSAM

Yarrow Marmood



On April 15, 1887, Yarrow Marmood returned and joined his brother the veteran Sheriff of Montgomery County at the Washington, DC area. Yarrow was employed and brought from London, Africa before the American Revolution. Yarrow Marmood stated that the Negro Yarrow was given his American baptism having never being the same able to credit to his own because a brother to the County of Pennsylvania.

Yarrow Marmood had established a thriving housing business and earned real estate on what is now 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 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The panelists with Africana Studies faculty members



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Dr. Diouf signing her book.

people industrious, and we have reason to think ourselves that
we shall gradually become useful to our friends.

Reproduction of the letter sent as reply by President George Washington to the Sultan of Morocco in 1789.



(Above) The first page of the Arabic text of the U.S. Treaty with Morocco;

(Left) The last page of the ratification of the Moroccan Treaty bearing the signatures of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson

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