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AFAM Leaders, Authors Top Black History Month Speakers at Xavier

New Orleans LA - Dr. Marc Lamont Hill, known as one of the leading intellectual voices in the country, and Shaun King, a mentor and motivational speaker addressing controversial issues such as social justice, police brutality and race relations, and Stevona Elm Rogers, an author and activist, are all set to speak at Xavier University of Louisiana during Black History Month.

"If there has ever been a time for solidarity in this country, the time is now," said Amber Davis-Prince, director of campus activities and organizer. "All three speakers genuinely care about the plight of America and specifically African Americans and understand the importance of education and social justice which is crucial to our students' success in the near future."

Hill will speak Feb. 2, King on Feb. 16, and Rogers on Feb. 22. Each will speak at 6:00 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom, located on the 3rd Floor at 1 Drexel Drive in New Orleans. All three events are free and open to the public.

Hill is a distinguished Professor of African American Studies at Morehouse College as well as an accomplished author who currently hosts BET News and VH1 Live. He is a founding board member of My5th, a non-profit organization located in his hometown of Philadelphia that is devoted to educating youth about their legal rights and responsibilities. Hill also works closely with the ACLU Drug Reform Project, focusing on drug informant policy. Over the past few years, he has actively worked on campaigns to end the death penalty and to release numerous political prisoners.

King, a pastor, motivational speaker and inventor raised \$1.5 million to send tents to Haiti after the 2010 Haiti earthquake. The New York Daily News Senior Justice Writer was successful because he founded aHomeinHaiti.org and used Twitter and eBay to raise the money. Desperate Housewives star Eva Longoria was a spokesperson for the campaign. This inspired him to launch TwitChange.com, a charity auction site. TwitChange held Twitter charity auctions on eBay where celebrities offered to retweet winning bidders' tweets in exchange for support of a particular charity. One campaign raised funds to build an orphanage in Bonneau, Haiti. In 2010, TwitChange won the Mashable Award for "Most Creative Social Good Campaign."

Rogers also known as "Stevie" was raised in inner city Birmingham, Ala, She graduated from the University of Alabama in 2007 and is an alum of Teach for America Greater New Orleans-Louisiana Delta. Currently she serves on staff as a Manager of Teacher Leadership Development. As an educator, advocate, and activist she continues to challenge Black youth to strive for excellence and liberation of themselves and others.

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About Xavier University of Louisiana

Xavier University of Louisiana founded by Saint Katherine Drexel and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in 1925 is the only historically Black and Catholic university in the Western Hemisphere. It is a private, liberal-arts based, co-educational institution offering 40 undergraduate majors, five master's degree programs, and a doctor of pharmacy program.

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