

African & African American Studies Visiting Artist-Visiting Scholar Program



The Department of African & African American Studies (AAAS) is Duke's center for interdisciplinary teaching and scholarship on Africa and people of African descent around the world, especially the Black Atlantic. A department ranked in the top ten nationally, AAAS offers a program of study through which students become original thinkers, independent researchers, and collaborative problem solvers. Led by Dr. Mark Anthony Neal, a James B. Duke distinguished professor, the department's faculty includes anthropologists, art historians, political scientists, historians, sociologists, geneticists, and scholars of the performing arts and literature whose work engages questions of race, class, gender, sexuality, politics and the law to study the conditions and experiences of Africans and communities of the African diaspora.

AAAS is seeking to establish a Visiting Artist-Visiting Scholar Program

through which renowned musicians, visual artists, poets, literary scholars, and distinguished academics spend up to two years at Duke contributing to the department's intellectual and research endeavors. During their residency, visitors will participate in a broad range of activities such as:

- Teaching students
- Presenting guest lectures in courses or faculty seminars
- Engaging in collaborative research or artistic productions with students and faculty
- Delivering public lectures or performances

Giving Opportunities

This program is an opportunity for you to help expand the intellectual networks of Duke students and faculty and foster unique artistic and scholarly collaborations with leading experts on the history, culture, and lived experiences of people of African descent. In addition to broadening the department's interdisciplinary engagements and deepening its interdisciplinary teachings, your investment in the Visiting Artist-Visiting Scholar Program will enhance AAAS' global reputation as an innovative department of scholarly excellence.

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