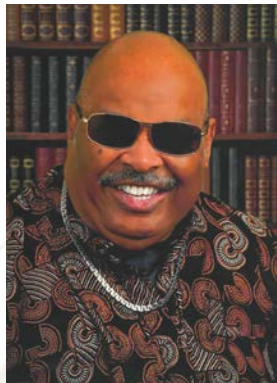


# Thriving While Black

Thursday, February 6, 2020

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

OU Inn, John W. Galbreath Room



Dr. jw Smith has taught a variety of courses at the university level over the last 30 years. Much of that tenure has been spent here, at Ohio University, as a professor of Speech Communication in the School of Communication Studies for the last 27 years. Dr. Smith is a member of the National Communication Association, Central States Communication Association, National Federation of the Blind, National Federation of the Blind of Ohio, and the National Association of Blind Educators. He feels that as a blind African American it is essential that we expand the term “diversity” and incorporate every effort necessary to create an environment that encourages openness and understanding. Dr. Smith recently released his memoir, “From the Back of the Bus to the Front of the Classroom: My Thirty-Year Journey as a Black and Blind Professor.”

Dr. Arthur C. Cromwell, Associate Professor in the School of Media Arts & Studies, came to Athens to pursue an MA, and later a Ph.D. at Ohio University after 20 years in various positions in public broadcasting. Most recently Dr. Cromwell has been developing Athens County documentary projects in conjunction with Alden Library’s Mahn Center, the Athens Historical Society, the Multi-Ethnic Genealogical Center in Chesterhill Ohio, and Ohio University’s College of Fine Arts. Dr. Cromwell has been accorded several awards including, but not limited to: a Proclamation from the Ohio State House of Representatives, Mary Abel (House District #78) for “Outstanding Achievement in the field of telecommunications;” Provost Grant from the Office of the Provost, Ohio University; Outstanding Achievement in the field of Public Radio, Howard University School of Fine Arts.



Dr. Eddith A. Dashiell, a Shelbyville, Tennessee native, joined the E. W. Scripps School of Journalism in 1992 after a seven-year career as a broadcast journalist. Dr. D. currently serves as the School of Journalism’s Assoc. Dir. for Undergraduate Studies. In 28 years at Ohio University, Dr. D. has held many administrative positions, such as Dir. of Studies of Journalism in the Honors Tutorial College, Assoc. Dean for Graduate Programs Scripps College of Communication, and Asst. Dean for Undergraduate Studies Scripps College of Communication to name a few. However, her first love is teaching and mentoring her students. Her awards include the 2005 Athens County Outstanding Woman of the Year; 1997-98 Ohio University Professor Award (student-based teaching award); 2013-14 L.J. Hortin Faculty Mentor Award-Scripps College of Communication, and, most recently, the 2019 Ohio University Chapman Clapp Outstanding Advisor Award.

\*Dr. Brittany Peterson will be moderating this event.

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