A Tough Row to Hoe: Black Farmers and a History of Struggle in the South.

The African American Studies program and the Department of History at Mississippi State University are sponsoring a panel discussion featuring Dr. Pete Daniel, Dr. Mark Hersey, Shandrea Stallworth and Kymara Sneed. Dr. Jim Giesen, Associate Professor of History and Grisham Master Teacher, will moderate.

Tuesday, February 12th | 3:45 – 5:30; Colvard Student Union, Fowlkes Auditorium, 3rd Floor.

Black History Month Keynote Speaker: Kiese Laymon.

The African American Studies program presents Kiese Laymon. The celebrated author of Heavy: An American Memoir and How To Slowly Kill Yourself And Others in America will discuss his life and work.

Date and Location: Tuesday, February 19th | 6:00 – 7:30; Old Main Academic Center, Turner A. Wingo Auditorium.

Photographic Art Exhibition: “Imitation of Life.”

SAAS (Society of African American Studies) and the African American Studies program at Mississippi State University are sponsoring an art exhibition and reception.

Date and Location: Wednesday, February 20th | 7:00 – 9:00; Colvard Student Union, Exhibition in Second Floor Gallery and Reception in Second Floor Old Main Lounge.

Awards Luncheon.

As part of our celebration of Black History Month at Mississippi State University, the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion, Holmes Cultural Diversity Center and the African American Studies program will host a luncheon for the winners of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major for Change essay writing contest. Three high school students from Starkville, West Point and Columbus will be honored by Mississippi State University’s President, Dr. Mark Keenum at the event. The keynote address for the afternoon will be delivered by the contest’s first-place recipient.

Date and Location: Wednesday, February 27th | 11:30; Colvard Student Union, Second Floor Ballroom.