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MSRC Promotes New Scholarly Research Tool for Black History Month
Howard University’s Moorland-Spingarn Research Center will present the new African American National Biography to the scholarly community and the public at the Center’s annual FOCUS program for African American History Month at the University on Friday, February 29, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. The new eight-volume publication, co-edited by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham of Harvard University, was published earlier this month by Oxford University Press. Professor Higginbotham will make a presentation at the program about the books and discuss the significance of their publication.

African American National Biography contains over 4,000 entries written by scholars and experts about the lives and accomplishments of both famous and little-known African Americans. In addition to several comprehensive indices, a bibliography of additional readings and a directory of the contributors, it also includes over 1,000 photographs and images. African American National Biography serves as a source link to the well-known Dictionary of American Negro Biography, published in 1983, and continues the scholarly tradition of Logan’s and Winston’s earlier research tool.

For additional information on the FOCUS program, contact Rosa L. Anthony or Jean Currie Church at the MSRC. A complete set of African American National Biography will be available for review at the program.

ABOUT MSRC
The Moorland-Spingarn Research Center is one of the world’s most comprehensive repositories for the documentation of the history and culture of people of African descent. Its collections include over 250,000 bound volumes and 7000 linear feet of manuscripts, as well as bound journals, newspapers on microfilm, rare books, theses and dissertations and photographs and images.

ABOUT THE FOCUS SERIES
FOCUS programs feature issues of importance to the Black experience and the Black community and highlight the resources at the MSRC which document these people and issues. The series was inaugurated in 1993.