



# CAT TRACKS



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## AUTHOR JAMES MCBRIDE TO SPEAK AT EAST GEORGIA COLLEGE



Popular author James McBride will speak at East Georgia College on Tuesday, March 28, at 11 a.m. in the Luck Flanders Gambrell Center auditorium. Mr. McBride's visit is sponsored by the Vision Series, a privately-funded initiative that seeks to bring programs of intellectual and cultural enrichment to the college and its constituency.

James McBride is a true Renaissance

man. An award-winning writer, composer and saxophonist, his landmark memoir, *The Color of Water*, is an American classic, read in colleges and high schools across America. A *New York Times* bestseller for two years, the book is a stirring account of his mother, a white Jewish woman from Poland who raised twelve black children in New York City and sent each to college. It has been translated into more than seventeen languages, sold more than 1.8 million copies worldwide, and is a perennial favorite of book clubs and "One Book, One Community" events, including New York (2003) and Philadelphia (2004).

His second book, *Miracle at St. Anna*, the story of a black American soldier who befriends an Italian boy during W.W. II, was dubbed a "searingly, soaringly beautiful novel" by *The Baltimore Sun*. His latest efforts include a new jazz CD called *The Process* and an upcoming novel.

McBride is a former staff writer for *The Boston Globe*, *People Magazine* and *The Washington Post*. His work has appeared in numerous publications, including *The New York Times* and *Rolling Stone*. He is the recipient of the

1997 Anisfield Wolf Book Award as well as several awards for his work as a composer in musical theatre, including the American Arts and Letters Richard Rodgers Award, the ASCAP Richard Rodgers Horizons Award, and the American Music Theatre Festival's Stephen Sondheim Award. In 2003, he was selected by President Bush to serve on the National Council for the Arts. He has written songs for Anita Baker, Grover Washington, Jr., Gary Burton, Silver Burdett Music Textbooks, and for the PBS television character "Barney." McBride studied composition at The Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio. He holds a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University and honorary doctorates in humane letters from Whitman College and the College of New Jersey.

## OUT AND ABOUT

- Mar 3, David Steptoe attended the USG Facilities' Officers' Quarterly meeting.
- Mar 9, Artica Gaston attended PeopleSoft Query Training in Athens, GA
- Mar 9, Becky Foskey attended HRMS (Human Resource Microsystems) and PeopleSoft Query training at the Office of Information and Instructional Technology in Athens, GA.
- Mar 10, Adi Galloway attended a planning session for a CBO meeting, to be held Apr 13-14, in Milledgeville, GA.
- Mar 20, Dr. Tim Goodman attended the University System of Georgia's Institutional Distance Education Administrators Meeting in Peachtree City, GA.
- Mar 23, Dr. Tim Goodman attended the Regents Administrative Committee for Student Affairs at Columbus State University in Columbus, GA.
- Mar 29, Dr. Tori Kearns will attend the Georgia AHEAD (Association of Higher Education Access and Disability) Conference in Decatur, GA.
- Mar 22, Anh Tran Mynard attended the 40<sup>th</sup> Spring

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Topology & Dynamics Conference in Greensboro, NC.

- Apr 20, Michelle Goff will attend the GASFA One Day Conference and the State Government Information Conference at the GA Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, GA.
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**EGC**

## **THE NEW STUDENT SERVICES CENTER "ONE-STOP SHOP FOR STUDENTS"**

The renovation and expansion of the EGC Student Center continues to move forward. The expansion will enlarge the current facility from 11,000 square feet to nearly 35,000 square feet. Housed in the new complex will be Admissions, Student Records, Registrar, Financial Aid, the Business Office, Counseling and Disability Services, as



well as Student Government Association and Student Activities Offices. An incredible new Student Recreation Section, College Café, and Bookstore will be included in the new Student Services Center. The new center will include a more user-friendly Richard L. Brown Room to seat 200 guests at banquets and large campus functions. Two new classrooms and a computer lab, along with a Student Art Gallery, and Executive Dining Room will be part of the facility. Students will have a larger lobby which will house a Cyber Café and a beautiful outdoor plaza. Construction is expected to be completed by mid summer of 2007.

## **RETURN TO THE 50s AT EAST GEORGIA COLLEGE**



On Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> The East Georgia College "Bobcat" Choral Ensemble will present *The 50's Love Revue* in the Luck Flanders Gambrell Auditorium. Performances will be at 11 am & 7 pm., tickets for the 7 pm performance are \$10 and will benefit the East Georgia College Foundation. The Gambrell Center will feature 50s décor and everyone is encouraged to dress 50s style.

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

3/25 Dr. Bob Brown

3/25 Susan Gray

3/26 Dr. Willie D. Gunn (Emeritus)

3/26 Peggy Sammons (Emeritus)

3/27 William Donaldson (Emeritus)

3/31 Dr. Glenn Stracher