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U.S. Embassy and University of Botswana commemorate African American History Month

United States Ambassador Stephen Nolan and University of Botswana Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Professor Frank Youngman will launch a week long film festival that also marks the beginning of the commemoration of Black History Month on Monday, February 7, at 17:30 at the University of Botswana Library.

President Barack Obama said, "African American history is an essential thread of the American narrative that traces the Nation's enduring struggle to perfect itself. Each February, African American History Month is recognized as a moment to reflect upon how far we have come as a Nation, and what challenges remain."

This year, the United States Embassy is proud to join the University of Botswana Library in hosting a film festival to celebrate Black History Month. The festival, which includes evening film screenings in the UB Library Auditorium February 8 – 10, will include panel discussions led by UB English Lecturer, Dr Maude Dikobe. Members of the public are most welcome to film screenings which start at 6pm.

The Embassy will also conduct film screenings and outreach activities in government secondary schools during Black History Month.

Members of the Press are encouraged to cover the opening night on Monday, February 7 and subsequent screenings and post screening discussions.

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