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School of Interdisciplinary Studies African American Studies

CELEBRATING THE **CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF ROBERT F. WILLIAMS**

October 22-23, 2025 | Black Cultural Center (BCC)

We honor Robert F. Williams on the centennial anniversary of his birth. A World War II and Korean War veteran, civil rights leader, and true patriot, whose courage and vision defended the constitutional rights of African Americans and strengthened democracy in America.

DAY 1 - OCT 22

All video viewing will occur in the formal lounge on the first floor.



10:30 - 11:15

Robert F. Williams: Crusader for Justice, 1962



11:30 - 12:20

Robert F. Williams in China -Aukram Burton



12:30 - 12:45

Welcoming



12:45- 1:20

Poetry Readings -Dr. Daniel Morris

- -Juanita Crider
- -Armani Bearden
- -Myla Cantrell



3:00 - 4:15

Let it Burn: The Coming Destruction of the USA



4:30 - 6:00

Negroes with Guns

DAY 2 - OCT 23

Panel book discussions held in MP 3, on the second floor.

12:00 - 1:15 **NEGROES WITH GUNS**

J. Carrington Warren Jala Cheryl Lee Birtha Steven Tyrone Hall II

1:30 - 2:45

ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS SPEAKS

Clarreese L. Greene Ovie "Richard" Agezeh **Syan Timothy Lopez**

3:00 - 5:00

REFLECTIONS ON THE LEGACY OF ROBERT F. WILLIAMS

Akinvele Umoja and Gloria House

"The Memoirs of Robert and Mabel Williams"

Bill V. Mullen

"Robert Williams and the Black Antifascist Tradition"

Miron Javionne Clay-Gilmore

"Blood to the Horse's Brow and Woe to Those who Cannot Swim"

Judson L. Jeffries

"Robert F. Williams and the Black Panther Party"

Ronald J. Stephens

"The Power of Strategic Communication: Rob and Mabel's Transnational Crusade for Justice"

Errol A. Henderson

"Progressive Black Nationalism: The Serpentine Politics of RFW"

5:30 - 7:30

RECEPTION

FIRST FLOOR IN THE FORMAL LOUNGE

Join us for 2 days of In-Person /Virtual Presentations @ https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/my/ris67

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