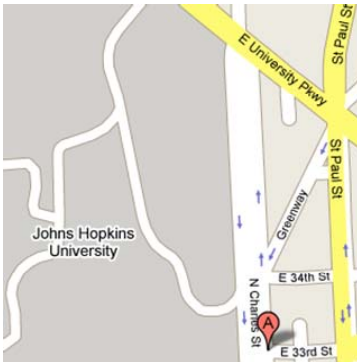


# Rap Sessions in Africana Studies

an intellectual exchange on the black experience

## Where Does Africa Fit in Black History?

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Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Charles Commons; Multi-Purpose Room; 6:30pm

The concept of Black History has been defined in very different ways, both throughout the Diaspora and across the past few centuries, and one of the main points of divergence is the relative importance given to the African past. For Arthur Schomburg and Carter G. Woodson, known respectively as the “Father of Black History” and the founder of Negro History Week, the history of Africans *in Africa* was considered an important component of both the academic study and public commemoration of Black History. A similar emphasis upon Africa is often still reflected in celebrations of Black History Month throughout the African Diaspora in Britain, France, the Caribbean, and some parts of South America and the United States; however, in recent years it may be contrasted with another perspective, in which Black History is regarded as synonymous with African-American history specifically and Africa is given much less emphasis. What are the reasons which account for this change? And what are its philosophical implications and practical effects for Americans of African descent? Do you consider Africa to be part of Black History? To discuss these issues, please attend the November 19<sup>th</sup> Rap Session.

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