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MVC PRESENTS CIVIL RIGHTS AUTHOR AND SPEAKER FOR BLACK
HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Dr. Clenora Hudson-Weems to speak February 20 on MVC campus.

Marshall, Mo. (February 13, 2007)—Dr. Clenora Hudson-Weems, civil rights speaker and author, will speak at Missouri Valley College on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 in celebration of Black History Month.

Dr. Hudson-Weems will speak about the “trilogy” of the civil rights movement—the father (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.), mother (Rosa Parks), and child (Emmett Till) of the Civil Rights Movement.

The presentation will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Ferguson Center’s R. Wilson Brown room on the Missouri Valley College campus. The presentation is free and open to the public and no reservations are required. For more information, please contact Liz Heinz at blackhistorycelebration@hotmail.com or (660) 229-0562.

About Dr. Clenora Hudson-Weems:

Clenora Hudson-Weems, Professor of English, University of Missouri-Columbia, received a bachelor’s degree from LeMoyne College; master’s degree from Atlanta University; Ph. D. degree from University of Iowa; and a Certificate of French Studies from L’Université de Dijon, France.

She is the author of *The Definitive Emmett Till: Passion and Battle of a Woman for Truth and Intellectual Justice* (2006); *Africana Womanist Literary Theory* (2004); *Emmett Till: The Sacrificial Lamb of the Civil Rights Movement* (1994; 2006); *Africana Womanism: Reclaiming Ourselves* (1993); and co-author of *Toni Morrison*, with Wilfred D. Samuels (1990). She has book chapters/articles in *State of the Race—Creating Our 21st Century: Where Do We Go from Here?* (2004); *Out of the Revolution: The Development of Africana Studies*, and *A Historical & Bibliographical Guide to the African American Experience* (2000); *Sisterhood, Feminisms and Power* (1998) and *Call and Response: The Riverside Anthology of the African American Literary Tradition* (1997). She edited *Contemporary Africana Theory and Thought: A Guide to Africana Studies* (In Press) and was guest editor for a special issue “Africana Womanism”, for *The Western Journal of Black Studies* (Fall 2001).

The recipient of several awards, including National Endowment for the Humanities, Ford Foundation Fellowships, and CIC Internship, her current work is a movie script “Unearthing Emmett: Passion for Truth” (with Barry Morrow, Oscar Award-Winning co-writer for *Rain Man* and producer). Her novel, *Soul Mates*, is forthcoming; her latest passion is the plight of Black farmers and land owners.

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