



## **MEDIA ADVISORY: Landmark Conference About The Black Experience In Northern New England Runs June 23-24 At UNH**

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**WHAT:** Black New England: Life, History, and Community in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont

**WHEN:** June 23-24, 2006

**WHERE:** University of New Hampshire, Durham campus

**BACKGROUND:** For the first time, the region will welcome scholars and researchers to a conference dedicated to the black experience in the region. Sponsored by The Center for New England Culture at UNH, the conference will gather community members, teachers, scholars, researchers, and members of local organizations to share their work and insights. Panel presentations will cover contemporary civil rights issues, genealogy and family history, race and place, and preservation efforts. James O. Horton, Benjamin Banneker Professor of American Studies and History at George Washington University, will present the keynote address, "Race and Slavery in New England from the American Revolution to Abolition."

"Black New England promises to be a landmark event in increasing awareness and sharing information about African American life and history in the region," says David Watters, director of the Center for New England Culture at UNH, professor of English, and co-editor of The Encyclopedia of New England.

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**EDITORS AND REPORTERS:** You are welcome to attend any of the sessions and events of the conference. A complete schedule is available at [http://www.unh.edu/news/cj\\_nr/2006/june/lw\\_060607cnec.cfm?type=n](http://www.unh.edu/news/cj_nr/2006/june/lw_060607cnec.cfm?type=n).