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LeMoyne-Owen College Celebrates Women's History Month

Everyone is invited to enjoy lunch and discuss the book The New Jim Crow

- WHO:** LeMoyne-Owen College's Center for African & African American Studies
- WHAT:** Women's History Month Table Top Book Club Discussion and Luncheon
- WHEN:** Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at 12 noon
- WHERE:** LeMoyne-Owen College Dorothy Harris Lounge in the Student Center, 807 Walker Ave., Memphis, TN 38126
- BACKGROUND:** LeMoyne-Owen College alumna Dr. Rosalyn Nichols will lead a discussion about *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander. Participants will share their views about the book over a complimentary lunch. Everyone who is interested in reading books relating to African and African American studies is invited to this free event. Book club membership is not required.
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The American Missionary Association founded LeMoyne-Owen College in 1862 to educate freedmen and runaway slaves at the Union Army's Camp Shiloh in Shiloh, Tennessee. The school relocated to Memphis a year later, but was destroyed during race riots in 1866. Lincoln Chapel, as the school was then known, was rebuilt and reopened in 1867 with 150 students and six teachers. Lincoln Chapel was renamed LeMoyne Normal and Commercial School in honor of benefactor, physician and abolitionist Dr. Francis Julian LeMoyne and relocated to its current site at 807 Walker Ave in 1914. After more than 50 years of steady growth, LeMoyne merged with Owen College in 1968. Today, LeMoyne-Owen College has a student body of more than 1,000 students and offers 4-year degrees in five disciplines: Business and Economic Development; Education; Fine Arts and Humanities; Natural and Mathematical Sciences; and, Social and Behavioral and Sciences.