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Event:

Kwanzaa Celebration

Speaker:

Dr. Maulana Karenga

Professor and Chair, Department of Black Studies

California State University, Long Beach

He is the educator and author who 30 years ago, created Kwanzaa, the African-American and Pan

African cultural holiday celebrating family,

community and culture

Topic:

"The Principles and Practice of Kwanzaa:

Harvesting and Sharing the Good."

Date:

Dec. 2 (Wednesday)

Time:

7:00 p.m.

Location:

Main Lounge, Memorial Student Center,

104 E. University St., Bloomington

Sponsored by:

IWU Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs

and The Black Student Union

Background:

Karenga chairs the President's Task Force on Multicultural Education and Campus Diversity at California State University. He also serves as director of the Kawaida Institute of Pan-African Studies, Los Angeles, and is the national chairman of The Organization Us, a cultural and social change group. He has played a vanguard role in shaping the Black Arts Movement, Black Studies, the Black Power Movement, Black Student Union Movement, Afrocentricity, the independent Black school movement, and Black theological and

ethical discourse.

Editor's Note:

• Open to the public, free of charge

• Photos cannot be taken after the first three

minutes of Dr. Karenga's speech