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GREAT-GREAT GRANDSON OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS TO SPEAK AT MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE IN HONOR OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOUGLASS' BIRTH.

*The Center for Black Literature to Present Douglass Relative Lloyd Weaver
and Best-Selling Author Herb Boyd to Discuss the Douglass Legacy in the
Era of Trump: February 26, 2018 at 6:30 pm (Brooklyn).*

Brooklyn, New York -- In honor of the bicentennial birthday of **Frederick Douglass**, the **Center for Black Literature at Medgar Evers College (CBL)**, in conjunction with **AKILA WORKSONGS**, presents a Black History Month program featuring a talk with **Lloyd Weaver**, the great-great-grandson of Frederick Douglass. "A Celebration of the Frederick Douglass Bicentennial" will take place **Monday, February 26, 2018, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm** at Medgar Evers College at the Edison O. Jackson Auditorium (located at 1638 Bedford Avenue in the Crown Heights neighborhood of Central Brooklyn). CBL's Black History Month program is a part of the *Community Conversations on Race, Resistance and Activism*, a strand of the **2018 National Black Writers Conference (NBWC2018)**. NBWC2018 will also be held at the college March 22–25.

The event is free and open to the public. To RSVP and learn more about the featured guests and presenters, visit www.frederickdouglass200mec.eventbrite.com. This event is also posted on Facebook and Twitter. Media and general inquiries are directed to the AKILA WORKSONGS office at (718) 756-8501 or via email at pr@akilaworksongs.com. For information about NBWC2018 or to get directions to the college, visit www.centerforblackliterature.org.

ABOUT THE CBL BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM

Lloyd Weaver will share keen insights on the personal and political life of Douglass and on the implications on his legacy today. Weaver will also share insights on Anna Murray Douglass, abolitionist and first wife of Frederick Douglass—insights not previously known. She was very instrumental in facilitating Douglass' escape from slavery and his rise to prominence as an esteemed writer, orator, and abolitionist. The program will also feature award-winning author and journalist **Herb Boyd**. Boyd will provide a framework for the importance of the Douglass legacy in the age of Trump. The discussion with Mr. Weaver will be moderated by **Dr. Brenda M. Greene**, Executive Director of the Center for Black Literature.

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