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**Deputy Director of National Museum of African American History and Culture  
To Speak at Montgomery College, Feb. 11**

*Kinshasha Holman Conwill to Speak on African American Culture in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

In honor of Black History Month and in celebration of Montgomery College's relationship with the Smithsonian Institution, Deputy Director of the National Museum of African American History and Culture Kinshasha Holman Conwill, will give a talk, "African American Culture in the 21st Century: Issues and Challenges," on February 11. Free and open to the public, the event will take place from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in Theatre One of the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Performing Arts Center

Before joining the National Museum of African American History and Culture, Conwill previously directed The Studio Museum in Harlem and held positions at the Museum of the American Indian and the Frank Lloyd Wright Hollyhock House. She regularly writes and lectures on art, culture, and museums and serves as a board member for many museum-based organizations. She has served on the board of the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, as a member of the Federal Advisory Committee on International Exhibitions, and as faculty for the Virginia Management Institute for Senior Museum Professionals.

Since 1998, Montgomery College and the Smithsonian Center for Education and Museum Studies have collaborated on the Smithsonian Faculty Fellowship internship program—the first of its kind between the Smithsonian Institution and a community college. The year-long seminar program helps faculty members gain new insight and ideas that can be integrated into one or more of their courses. It also encourages faculty to create assignments that require visits to the Smithsonian Institution for research and learning opportunities.

The visit by Kinshasha Holman Conwill is a collaboration of the Paul Peck Humanities Institute, the Rockville Campus Office of Student Development and the Black/African-American History Month Committee at Montgomery College.

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