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Tougaloo College Annual Humanities Festival March 26-April 1

Tougaloo, MS – With the theme, “Finding Common Ground: Developing a Multicultural World View,” highlights of the 2007 Humanities Festival (March 26-April 1, 2007) include Wednesday’s Convocation (3/28/2007 @10:00 a.m.) “Learning About Interfaith Dialogue from Gandhi and King.” Dr. John Thatamanil from Vanderbilt University will provide the lecture, which will be followed by a panel discussion. On Friday, at 10:00 a.m., there will be a presentation of the Department of Mass Communication’s documentary on “Tougaloo’s International Faculty,” followed by a celebration of international food from noon to 1:30 p.m. The Drama Program will present their production of Ntozake Shange’s choreopoem, “for Colored Girls who have Considered Suicide/When The Rainbow is Enuf,” at 7:00 p.m. in Ballard Hall on Friday and Saturday (March 30 and 31). The festival will close on Sunday with the Tougaloo College Concert Choir’s farewell performance preceding their departure for the choir’s first European tour. They will perform in Woodworth Chapel Sunday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m.

The Festival is presented annually by the Humanities Division of Tougaloo College as a way of celebrating the uplifting spirit of the arts in everyday life. Dr. Andrea Montgomery, Dean for Humanities, says, “We often forget the importance of the arts in our lives. This festival is one way we can remind ourselves.”

For a full listing of events, please visit www.tougaloo.edu or call 601-977-7749.

Founded in 1869, Tougaloo College is a private, historically black, coeducational, four-year liberal arts institution, located in Madison County, on the northern edge of Jackson, Mississippi. Known nationally as “The Cradle of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi,” the College is led by its first female president, Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan. The 13th president of Tougaloo College, Dr. Hogan is a 1973 graduate of the College and a native Mississippian. Under her visionary leadership, the College boasts a student retention rate of 78% and ranks as one the top five historically black colleges and universities whose graduates earn their PhDs in the sciences. More than half (66%) of its graduates enter graduate and professional schools immediately after graduation. Today, Tougaloo College is the leading producer of African American health professionals, including over 40% of the physicians and dentists, practicing in the state of Mississippi. It has produced more than one-third of the state’s African American attorneys and educators, including teachers, principals, and school superintendents.