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LAA October 2021 Update

Livingston: A Governor, a College, and the Long Echoes of Slavery at Rutgers

A new historical marker on Rutgers–New Brunswick’s Livingston campus explains its namesake William Livingston’s deep involvement in slavery and his halting efforts to abolish slavery as New Jersey’s first governor.

In this virtual presentation, Robert Snyder LC’77, a professor emeritus of journalism and American studies at Rutgers–Newark, will talk with Jesse Bayker SGS’19, digital archivist for the Scarlet and Black Project at Rutgers–New Brunswick, who will discuss Livingston’s life.

Brooke A. Thomas, an African American history doctoral candidate at Rutgers–New Brunswick, will share the importance of Livingston College to Rutgers, why it was created, and how activism was one of its important contributions to Rutgers. Thomas is also a co-author of the chapter “We the People: Student Activism at Rutgers and Livingston College, 1960–1985” in *Scarlet and Black*, Volume 3.

Livingston College graduates Snyder and Debra O’Neal LC’87 will share their experiences of educational innovation and campus activism from the mid-1970s to the mid-1980s. The discussion will end with a question-and-answer forum.

This event is sponsored by the Rutgers University Alumni Association, the Livingston Alumni Association, and the Rutgers Alumni Association. [Register now.](#)

New RUAA President

Congratulations to Debra O’Neal LC ’87 on her election to president of the Rutgers University Alumni Association. [Read more.](#)

Livingston Alumni Among Rutgers African-American Alumni Alliance 2021 Hall of Famers

Congratulations to Vesta Godwin Clark LC ’81, Beverly Lynn LC ’75, Julius

W. Robinson Jr. LC '95, Dr. Claudia V. Schrader, LC '90, and Dr. Yetunde A. Odughesan-Omede LC '90 on their induction into the Rutgers African-American Alumni Alliance Hall of Fame! [More information](#)

Rutgers Grass Roots, Progressive Activists Files

Livingston Alumni Sue Kozel ('81) and Chris Berzinski ('80) created the Rutgers Grass Roots, Progressive Activists Files to help students and scholars explore the rich tradition of activism for social change in some movements at Rutgers University. Scarlet and Black Volume III, the prestigious third part of the series dedicated to the African American experience at Rutgers, incorporated over 15 documents, photos, and fliers from our collection in Chapter Ten, "Fight Racism, End Apartheid."

The Scarlet and Black Project web collection includes numerous photos, fliers, and other information from the divestiture movement. Click below to review just two examples, and enjoy looking at our amazing colleagues in the 70s and 80s.

<https://www.scarletandblackproject.com/archive/items/show/914>

<https://www.scarletandblackproject.com/archive/items/show/913>

The Rutgers Grass Roots - Progressive Activists Files, concentrating on 1979-1993, presents an important window on student leadership advocating low tuition, the South African divestment campaign of RU funds, opposition to the controversial reorganization of the New Brunswick Campus - Rutgers University, the creation of minimum wage payments for students, and issues regarding the priorities of Livingston College and Rutgers University. [More information](#).

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