

**The Gordon Parks Museum/Center for Culture and Diversity
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Diversity Workshop will feature speaker Carmaletta Williams

Fort Scott— The eighth annual Gordon Parks Celebration will present a workshop on diversity titled “How Do We Embrace Diversity?” on Friday, October 7th at 3:00 p.m. in the Ellis Family Fine Arts Center meeting rooms. Understanding, valuing, and using the differences in every person is the basis of embracing Diversity—in the workplace, in school and in our society. This free mini-workshop will provide some hands-on activities and group work to help understand why diversity matters. Workshop leader will be Dr. Carmaletta Williams.

Carmaletta Williams is the Executive Director for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Johnson County Community College. She is also a published writer, motivational speaker, editor, educator, and speaks on Diversity and African-American cultural Issues.

A prolific writer, she has published on the subjects of racial identification and African-American migration; Langston Hughes, an early 20th century black poet and writer, and the Harlem Renaissance; and noted black writer, folklorist and anthropologist Zora Neale Hurston. Since 1993, Williams has made more than 300 presentations before academic, professional and community groups.

At JCCC, Williams was awarded the college’s first-ever Diversity Award in 2005, five Distinguished Service Awards, the Burlington-Northern Santa Fe Faculty Teaching Award and the League for Innovations’ Innovation of the Year Award. She has been the recipient of more than 20 awards and honors including the Fulbright-Hays Fellowship for Study in Ghana in 1997 and the 1997 Kansas Professor of the Year Award, awarded by the Carnegie Foundation.

The Celebration schedule is available on the Center’s website www.gordonparkscenter.org. Tickets for Gordon Parks Celebration events are on sale at the Gordon Parks Museum on the FSCC campus and in downtown Fort Scott at The Country Cupboard. For more information contact the Center by phone at 223-2700, ext. 5850 or by email at gordonparkscenter@fortscott.edu or see the website.

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