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## Black Symposium\_Correspondence between Stephen Hughes and Rhody McCoy on Participating in Symposium on Black America

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January 8, 1969

Mr. Rhody McCoy  
2021 Bergen Street  
Brooklyn, New York 11233

Dear Mr. McCoy:

On behalf of the students of the University of Maine and of its Distinguished Lecture Series Committee, it is my honor to invite you to participate in a four-day symposium on black America to be held February 16 - 19, 1969.

The symposium will be a concentrated series of events aimed at awakening our 8,000 students to the reality of racism in this country and in this state and to inspire them to do something about it. As our program develops, it looks to be an exciting event both intellectually and emotionally.

We hope you would be able to spend one of the last three days of the symposium with us, and we would plan to arrange appearances for you before classes in Education, Sociology, Political Science, etc. and in the evening at dormitory meetings and other informal groups.

We have a large College of Education here at the University, and I feel that it is especially important to reach these students with the message of the symposium, so we would hope to schedule as many of your appearances as possible before the students of the school of Education.

I expect you may be in the middle of the Albany hearings at that time, but fortunately there are very good plane connections through Northeast Airlines into the Bangor International Airport which is only eight miles away.

We would be pleased to offer you your travelling expenses, overnight accommodations (which we would like to arrange in dormitories and fraternities to further the goals of the symposium), and a \$100 honorarium.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and hope that your response will be affirmative.

Sincerely,

Stephen T. Hughes

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January 15, 1969

Mr. Stephen T. Hughes  
University of Maine  
General Student Senate  
12 Lord Hall  
Orono, Maine 04473


Dear Mr. Hughes:

This letter will confirm your letter of January 8, 1969 and a telephone conversation to participate in the Symposium on Black America on February 17, 1969.

It would indeed be my privilege to attend all four days, but because of a previous engagement, I will only be able to participate on Monday of the above mentioned date.

Please keep me informed of any further developments.

Very truly yours,



RHODY A. McCOY  
Unit Administrator

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February 24, 1969

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Mr. Rhody A. McCoy, Administrator  
Ocean Hill-Brownsville School District  
249 Hopkinson Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11233

Dear Mr. McCoy:

January 15, 1969

May I thank you very sincerely on behalf of the Distinguished Lecture Series of the University of Maine for contributing so greatly to the success of our Symposium on Black America. We very much appreciated your bringing to our campus such an intimate knowledge of a social issue facing America's cities--the issue of community control of school systems. I believe it is safe to say you won a great deal of support for your views.

I am enclosing a check for \$242 to cover your expenses as well as a small honorarium. I meant to give you the check while you were here; but in the hectic rush, the matter slipped my mind.

This letter will confirm your letter of January 8, 1969 and Again, our sincere thanks for being with us. participate in the Symposium on Black America on February 17, 1969.

With best regards,

It would indeed be my privilege to attend all four days, but because of a previous engagement, I will only be able to participate on Monday of the above mentioned date.

Stephen T. Hughes

Please keep me informed of any further developments.

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Enclosure

Very truly yours,

*Rhody A. McCoy*

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Administrator of the  
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SPEAKS

MONDAY FEB. 17

8:00 p.m. 137 BENNETT Hall

TONIGHT !!

- continuing series on  
Black America -