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BLACK HISTORY MONTH ACTIVITIES CONTINUE

CHARLESTON, IL.--As part of Eastern Illinois University's continuing celebration of Black History Month, a genealogy workshop, "Tracing Your Family Roots," will be offered free to the public at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, in the University Union Rathskeller.

Johnetta Jones, Eastern's director of Minority Affairs and Afro-American Studies, said the response to the first week of activities for Black History Month has been "tremendous" and anticipates the genealogy workshop will continue the momentum.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Tony Burroughs, vice president of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Association in Chicago, is the instructor. Currently he teaches a course on genealogy at Chicago State University.

In searching for his roots, Burroughs has been able to trace his family back 200 years through six family lines.

The workshop is co-sponsored by Eastern's Minority Affairs Office and Afro-American Studies.

Events observing Black History Month have been scheduled through March. For additional information, contact Jones at 581-6690.