



Black Graduate Student Association presents

Pimping Butterflies: Notes on the Matter of Black Lives and Restorative Justice

James Braxton Peterson, PhD

James Braxton Peterson is the Director of Africana Studies and Associate Professor of English at Lehigh University. His first book The Hip Hop Underground and African American Culture was released in September 2014 on Palgrave Macmillan press. Peterson is the host of the WHYY's "The Remix" a weekly podcast that critically engages issues at the intersection of race, politics and popular culture. He is also a regular blogger for the Huffington Post, a Contributor to TheGrio.com, and he has written opinion pieces for OkayAfrica.com, BET.com and The Daily Beast. He is currently an MSNBC contributor and has appeared on MSNBC, BBC, Al-Jazeera, CNN, HLN, Fox News, and other networks as an expert on race, politics, and popular culture.



Kevin Shird

Kevin Shird, Co-founder and President of the Do Right Foundation, national youth advocate and author of Lessons of Redemption will share his journey from Baltimore drug dealer, 12 years of state and federal prison for drug trafficking, to his rebirth where he dedicated his life to substance abuse prevention for children of addicted parents. Shird offers insight on the potential of restorative justice as well as his success in preventing inner city youth from being absorbed by the system.



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12:00pm–1:15pm Sheldon Hall W1214

615 N. Wolfe Street, Baltimore, MD 21205

*Lunch provided afterward from 1:15pm-3:00pm by
Sully's BBQ and Seafood Restaurant at the Wall of Wonder*



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