

## Stockton's Art Gallery to Celebrate Black History Month

Civil War Photography Exhibition Recognizes African American Soldiers

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** To celebrate Black History Month, the Visual Arts faculty and the School of Arts and Humanities at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will sponsor a photography exhibition and artist lecture to commemorate the contributions of African American soldiers during the Civil War. The exhibition and lecture will feature photographer William Earl Williams.

The photography exhibition "Unsung Heroes: African American Soldiers in the Civil War" will run from January 19, 2010 through February 19, 2010 in the Stockton College Art Gallery in H113 on the Galloway Township campus. Artist William E. Williams will present his slide lecture "The African American Soldiers and the Civil War Experience: Photographs Celebrating Unsung Heroes and Places" on Wednesday, February 3, 20I2Da.00Td [, 20I2Td ()Tc -2.009 Tc-2.00e331 t22 0 -t.wOver 6 notes will be on display at Stockton's Art Gallery for a month. The in

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Williams said, "Too often the historical and artistic legacy of black accomplishments is ignored. As an artist the memory of these soldiers has inspired my artistic imagination. The ground they fought on is sacred and an inspiration for all Americans. These sites dispel the myth that blacks were given their citizenship and rights after the Civil War without having fought for and earned them."

William E. Williams is a professor of fine arts and curator of photography at Haverford College in Pennsylvania. Williams received his MFA in photography from Yale University School of Art. Williams' prestigious accomplishments include the following: awarded a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship for 2003-2004; participant in the Light WorkowncloJo3