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UWGB PROFESSOR TO HOST DISCUSSION ABOUT THE RHETORIC OF RACE IN SUPERHERO MEDIA

Green Bay, WI (February 9, 2014) Superman, Batman, and Spiderman are just a few of the superheroes most remember from their childhood, but have you ever heard of the Black Panther, John Stewart, or Luke Cage? Because there were few black writers in the comic book industry, there were even fewer black superheroes. Those black heroes that did exist were created by white comic book writers, who had a limited and often stereotypical understanding of black men.

On Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 7 p.m., University of Wisconsin-Green Bay [Assistant Professor Dr. Bryan Carr](#) will be hosting an interactive and engaging discussion on varied images of ethnic and racial groups in the media. Comic books, television, and movies will all be a part of the discussion. It is recommended that participants of the discussion attend a free showing of the documentary, "White Scripts and Black Supermen: Black Masculinities in Comic Books." The documentary by Dr. Jonathan Gayles explores the stereotypical depicting of black superheroes in comic books over the past 40 years.

"I don't want this to be a full blown lecture, I want it to be more of a discussion than a recap about the film. I want the film to be a starting point to not only discuss African American experience, but other minorities' experience in comics and movies as well. I really encourage people to see the film beforehand," says Dr. Carr.

There will be a free showing of the documentary at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay's Christie Theater. The 52 minute documentary will be shown on Tuesday, February 25 at 6 p.m.

Dr. Carr will be available after the discussion for any questions the media may have. Feel free to contact him prior to the event via email, or by phone.

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