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Cherry Hill Publisher to Present Seminar at the University of Liberia

Cherry Hill, NJ (PRWEB)(27 Feb 2007) Carolyn C. Williams, Publisher and Executive Editor of Africana Homestead Legacy Publishers, will visit the University of Liberia in Monrovia, Liberia to present a two-day seminar on publishing in the information age. Traveling via Brussels, Belgium and Dakar, Senegal, she will depart from JFK airport in New York City on March 15, 2007 and return to Cherry Hill on March 23, 2007. Ms. Williams is traveling to Liberia as a business partner to the International Programs Office (IPO) at North Carolina Central University (NCCU), in Durham.

The IPO at NCCU received a grant from the Special Programs Office Corporation of the United Negro College Fund, supported by funds from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The grant, titled The Institute for Democracy and Development (IDD) in War-Torn Liberia, provides for the creation of the IDD center at the University of Liberia and runs from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

As part of the projects at the University of Liberia's new IDD center, Carolyn Williams will lecture on Monday March 19 and Tuesday, March 20 to faculty, students, administrators, and their invited guests. On a long-term basis, the publisher will also produce the IDD's journal, Liberia International Journal for Democracy and Development, and other publications that the academic and independent scholars write.

As part of a philanthropic effort by her publishing house, Ms. Williams is donating two computer workstations loaded with desktop publishing and graphics software for the desktop publishing and graphics lab in the multimedia center of the IDD. She will expand this effort by securing donations of other technology equipment (additional printers, plotters, laptops, digital cameras, scanners, etc.) from individual, organizations, or business and corporate donors who share her vision. One or more plaques will note the contributions of those who help Liberia. AHLP will produce a video to document developments at the center.

Since AHLP has also garnered business with other Liberian academic institutions and the Ministry of Education, Ms. Williams will meet with various academic and government officials to discuss her company's provision of nonfiction and fiction books for use in the classroom (higher education, secondary, and later primary). This includes AHLP's current sale of *The African Interior Mission*, a novel by C. William Allen, Ph.D., to Catholic and United Methodist universities and the University of Liberia. (Available at Amazon.com, ISBN-13: 978-0965330855, ISBN-10: 0965330850, retail US \$20, sale price US \$13.60.)

A native of Liberia, Dr. Allen was educated in the U.S. and taught at U.S. colleges and universities. After Charles Taylor was deposed as Liberia's president, Allen returned to serve in the transitional government as Minister of Information and Tourism. He now serves in the Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf administration, as Director-General of the Civil Service Agency.

The Ministry of Education has also adopted C. William Allen's book as a text for the country's secondary schools and will license reprint rights to produce 10,000 copies. Later this year, the Ministry will adopt other published and forthcoming books written by Liberian authors that are part of AHLP's catalog. A grant from the European Union will fund the ministry's textbook procurement program.

Africana Homestead Legacy Publishers, under the helm of Carolyn C. Williams, has developed exciting and successful relationships with West African scholars, especially in Liberia. Its emergence as an influential publishing house is garnering projects in other countries, including Nigeria. Starting In April 2007, Ms. Williams will be available to discuss her work at the University of Liberia and her observations of Liberia's citizens as they strive to rebuild from a devastating civil war. Interested parties may use the contact information below to schedule an event or interview.

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