

The Ida B. Wells Lecture Series



The Ida B. Wells Lecture is an annual program designed to highlight the relationships between the mass media and the African-American community. The emphasis is on critical areas of African-American participation in mass media. By bringing these issues to light and up for public discussion, the hope is that we can become more critical, analytical and demanding in our use of and relationships with the mass media.

Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett, a pioneer African-American journalist, publisher and civil rights activist, epitomizes the journalistic ideals and the level of consciousness that the Department of Communication's faculty and staff strive to develop in our students.

Her determination to achieve her goals in the face of adversity, coupled with her professionalism and influence on the growth of the African-American press are the factors that made us dedicate the lecture series to her memory.

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BLACK WOMEN IN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

The Ida B. Wells

Lecture Series

Speaker Kirsten Barnes commemorates
Mary Ann Shadd Cary,
North America's first African-American
female newspaper publisher and lawyer

Tuesday, February 23, 2012 | 11 a.m.
John L. Buskey Lecture Hall
A Lecture Series Presented by the Department of Communications

Guest Speaker

During her graduate research at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Barnes became fascinated with the legacy of Mary Ann Shadd Cary (pictured at right). Born in Wilmington, Delaware, on October 9, 1823, Cary became North America's first African-American female newspaper publisher and lawyer, and the first black female to vote in a national election.



Barnes, a 1996 print journalism graduate, is our first Wells Lecturer who is also an alumna of the ASU Department of Communications. Since earning her bachelor's degree, Barnes has worked as a reporter and copy editor at the *Union-Recorder* (Milledgeville, Ga.), *Columbus Ledger-Enquirer* (Columbus, Ga.), *Times-Herald* (Newnan, Ga.), *Dayton Daily News* (Dayton, Ohio), and *Montgomery Advertiser* (Montgomery, Ala.) In addition, she has worked as an assistant metro editor at the *Montgomery Advertiser*, managing editor of the *Courier Eco-Latino* (Columbus, Ga.), and as Communications Director for the successful re-election campaign of U.S. Congressman Sanford Bishop, D-Ga.

Currently, Barnes is Coordinator of Student Media at ASU and the editor and publisher of her own monthly news magazine, *The Black Belt Connection*, launched in October 2010. She also is a member of the Society of Professional Journalists, National Association of Black Journalists and the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals.

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North Americas First African American
Woman Newspaper Publisher
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