

SOUL SOLDIERS: AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE VIETNAM ERA

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AT THE HEINZ HISTORY CENTER, PITTSBURGH, PA.

REGISTRATION FEES

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TERRANCE HAYES, born in Columbia, South Carolina, in 1971, is the author of “Wind in a Box” (2006), “Hip Logic” (2002) and “Muscular Music” (1999). His honors include a Whiting Writers Award, the Kate Tufts Discovery Award, a National Poetry Series Award, a Pushcart Prize, two best American poetry selections, and a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship. His poems have also appeared in “The New Yorker” and have been featured on NPR. He is a professor of creative writing at Carnegie Mellon University and lives in Pittsburgh, Pa., with his family.

YUSEF KOMUNYAKAA is the author of 12 volumes of poetry. They include “Taboo” (2004); “Pleasure Dome: New & Collected Poems, 1975-1999” (2001); “Talking Dirty to the Gods” (2000); “Thieves of Paradise” (1998), which was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award; “Neon Vernacular: New & Selected Poems, 1977-1989” (1994), which won a Pulitzer Prize and the Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award;

ABOUT PITTSBURGH

If you haven't seen Pittsburgh lately, you haven't seen Pittsburgh. Once the industrial hub for steel, iron and glass production, Pittsburgh, which celebrates its 250th anniversary in 2008, is now a center for technology, robotics, medicine and tourism. Today Pittsburgh's skies and its famous rivers are clean. This city of 350,000 people is known for its vibrant cultural scene, its architecture and its neighborhood charm. For more about Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania history, visit the History Center's exhibition, *Points in Time: Building a Life in Western Pennsylvania, 1750-Today*, and The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum, both located on the second floor.

ABOUT THE SENATOR JOHN HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

From the exploration of Lewis and Clark to the legendary gridiron match-ups of the Super Steelers, Pittsburgh's fascinating history is told through six stories of engaging exhibits at the History Center. An affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, the History Center is Pennsylvania's largest history museum.

Symposium attendees will not want to miss *Soul Soldiers:*

African Americans and the Vietnam Era presenting the dramatic story of African American service in the conflict, the impact of the war at home, and music as a voice of protest and revelation.

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A variety of hotels are available in the vicinity of the Heinz History Center. The



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