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Genes, Guts and Grit: The Legacy of Three Extraordinary African American Women

Dr. Wilson is professor and chair of SJSU's African-American Studies Department. Her current research focuses on African-American women and the new black diversity in the African-American community. Her lecture will provide an overview of three women “She-ros” in American history: Lucy Terry Prince, Maria Stewart, and Henrietta Lacks, whose contributions add texture to the characteristic descriptions of the 18th, 19th, and 20th century American woman. Their pursuits of life, liberty, and happiness included extraordinary acts of courage, intellect, strength, and generosity.

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