Seminar

DATE: Tuesday 17th March 2015
VENUE: Room: Wollotuka, University of Newcastle.
TIME: 11am – 12pm (Lunch will be provided)
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"World's Most Famous All-Coloured Revue" and the Case of Imagined Communities in Australia and New Zealand, 1955-56.

The Yuraki - History, Politics and Culture Node of the National Indigenous Research and Knowledge's Network (NIRAKN) in conjunction with the Wollotuka Institute and Purai – Global Indigenous and Diaspora Research Studies Centre proudly present a seminar delivered by Professor Ronald J. Stephens on his current transnational research on African American connections with Australia.

Yuraki - Awabakal word long ago, since, past – history.
Purai - Awabakal word world, earth, country.

Dr Ronald J. Stephens is Professor of African American Studies in the School of Interdisciplinary Studies at Purdue University. An authority on the African American resort community of Idlewild, Michigan, and local Garveyism in the United States, Stephens’ research interests focus on 20th century African American culture, identity, and history in rural and urban communities, as well as Black Nationalism in North America. He is the author of Idlewild: The Rise, Decline and Rebirth of a Unique African American Resort Town (University of Michigan Press, 2013); Idlewild: The Black Eden of Michigan (Arcadia Publishing, 2001), as well as co-author of African Americans of Denver (Arcadia Publishing 2008). His essays on Idlewild and other African American Studies topics have appeared in such journals as the Journal of Black Studies, the Black Scholar, and Race and Society. In addition to serving as a media consultant on Idlewild, he is co-curator of Welcome to Idlewild, a Michigan State University Museum traveling photographic exhibition (2003-present).

Professor Stephens is currently completing three book manuscripts, Robert Franklin Williams Speaks: A Documentary History, 1925 to 1996; Black Impresario Reaching for the Stars: The Story of Larry Steele and his Smart Affairs; and in honor of the late Garvey scholar Tony Martin, an edited book on Global Garveyism.