

# For Immediate Release

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## **A Fund Raiser for Ethiopian and African American Projects**

On Friday, February 4, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. Sankofa Video, Books and Café, 2714 Georgia Avenue, N.W. the Los Angeles based Pan African Technical Association (PATA), with the support of the Woodson-Banneker-Jackson Bey Division 330 of the UNIA-ACL of Washington, D.C., will present a fund raising lecture and DVD screening, signing and sale to support Ethiopian and African American educational projects.

PATA works hand and hand with organizations such as the Seattle based Multimedia Resources and Training Institute (MMRTI) to present workshops and seminars to expose and introduce youth to careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Last year in February PATA and MMRTI presented AFRI-TEC a science and technology workshop at the Teen Center in Seattle and in August PATA held the Rocket Science Workshop also in Seattle.

The purpose of the fundraiser is to raise money so that PATA can continue to support its Ethiopian book drive projects and other educational projects. In October of last year PATA collected university level technical, science, math and engineering books and held a fundraiser in Seattle Washington which supported donation of books to Wolaita University in Ethiopia. These books were sent to Ethiopia on the delivery of the Ethiopian 737 airliner in November 2010. PATA is presently working with Ethiopian students in Toronto to send additional books to Ethiopia.

The highlight of the evening will be preview screening of clips from the newly released DVD, "3000 years of Ethiopian History from the Queen of Sheba to Haile Selassie. In the DVD, Yaw Davis walks you thru a journey of some of the highlights of 3000 years of the wonderful history and technical achievements of Ethiopia from the Queen of Sheba to its last Emperor, Haile Selassie. Yaw shows pictures of many of the Ethiopian Kings and Queens in their coronation attire, such as the ones of Emperor Menelik and Empress Taitu and many other pictures historical sites and Ethiopian culture. Additionally Yaw will give an overview of the Ethiopian book drives and other project of PATA.



Emperor Menelik and Empress Taitu

### **The Fundraiser will be held on:**

**Date:** Friday, February 4, 2011  
**Time:** 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.  
**Location:** Sankofa Video, Books & Cafe  
**Address:** 2714 Georgia Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20050

Yaw Davis, a resident of Los Angeles CA, is an engineering professional. He is also the 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant President General for the Marcus Garvey UNIA & ACL and one of the founding Directors of the PATA. PATA is organized to implement science and technology projects in the U.S., Caribbean and Africa. In 2006 he received the **Pioneer of the Year Award** from the National Society of Black Engineers. Yaw has traveled to over a dozen African countries and has lectured at universities here in the U.S. and in Africa and

has presented lectures on Ethiopia and various other African and African American topics in many other locales including Canada and the Netherlands.

For more information about this event call (240) 355-6962. For information about the Pan African Technical Association visit their website at [www.pataus.org](http://www.pataus.org)

The Pan African Technical Association (PATA), Woodson-Banneker-Jackson Bey Division 330 of the UNIA-ACL of Washington, D.C. thank you for your support and hope to see you on Friday, February 4, 6:00 P.M.