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## Newark Black Film Festival Honors Legacy of NJCU Professor Lee Hagan

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The 2016 Newark Black Film Festival will screen *Lee Hagan: Connecting Generations*, a film about the life and legacy of the late Dr. Lee Hagan – a New Jersey City University (NJCU) professor, community activist, and namesake of NJCU's Lee Hagan Africana Studies Center. The screening will take place on Wednesday, August 3 at 7:30 p.m. at CityPlex 12, 360 Springfield Avenue in Newark, NJ. Admission is free and open to the public.



The film was selected as the winner in the Short Documentary Category of the 2016 Newark Black Film Festival Paul Robeson Awards competition. The prize-winning short documentary was co-directed by Dr. Antoinette Ellis-Williams, an NJCU professor of women's and gender studies, and Kerrie Young '11, an NJCU alumna who majored in media arts, and produced in collaboration with the NJCU Media Arts Department. Dr. Ellis-Williams is the past director of the Lee Hagan Africana Studies Center.

The documentary explores the life and legacy of Dr. Hagan, an NJCU professor and scholar who advanced the study of African-American history and culture, mentored students, and committed himself to community activism and to the Civil Rights movement.

For more information on Dr. Hagan visit [Lee Hagan Africana Studies Center](#).

The Newark Museum's Black Film Festival is the longest running black film festival in the United States. Since its inception in 1974, it has provided a public forum for hundreds of emerging writers, directors, producers, and performers with interest in African-American and African diaspora cinema. Film selected for screening reflect the full diversity of the black experience in America, both past and present.

The festival also features the Paul Robeson awards, a biennial competition which was most recently held in 2016. Films entered in the competition are judged in the categories of Long and Short Documentary, Long and Short Narrative, and Animation and Experimental. More than 35 films were entered in this year's competition.

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More information about the 2016 Newark Black Film Festival is available on line at [Newark Museum](#).

### **About New Jersey City University (NJCU)**

The mission at New Jersey City University (NJCU) is to provide a diverse population with an excellent education. The University is committed to the improvement of the educational, intellectual, cultural, socioeconomic, and physical environment of the surrounding urban region and beyond. Established in 1927 as a training school for teachers, today NJCU is among the most comprehensive universities in the state. Located in Jersey City, New Jersey, and minutes from New York City, NJCU's fully accredited Colleges of the Arts and Sciences, Education, and Professional Studies, and School of Business offer 43 undergraduate degree programs and 28 master's programs and 2 doctoral programs, including emerging and interdisciplinary fields. NJCU students engage in rigorous applied-learning experiences that include opportunities to study abroad, and cooperative education internships. NJCU operates two additional campus sites – NJCU School of Business at Harborside Plaza 2 in Jersey City's financial district and NJCU at Brookdale in Wall Township in Monmouth County.