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Georgia Southern University hosts acclaimed scholar Na'im Akbar

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Georgia Southern University will host a lecture by psychologist, author and orator Dr. Na'im Akbar. Akbar's extensive work on African American mental life and functioning has become required reading for African American Studies programs throughout the world. His lecture will take place at the Performing Arts Center on March 25 beginning at 7 p.m. It is free of charge and open to the public.

Akbar's research surrounds the cultural basis of African Americans and African American psychology. His books "Breaking the Chains of Psychological Slavery," "The Community of Self," "Visions for Black Men," and "Know Thyself," have received national press and recognition, including an interview on the 'Oprah Winfrey Show."

'I'm excited about the opportunity to bring Dr. Na'im Akbar here to the Georgia Southern campus," says Consuela Ward Pender, director of the Multicultural Student Center. 'As an institution, we have a responsibility to expose students to a curriculum and co-curriculum that will foster civic leaders. This is a perfect opportunity bridge these two areas."

Hailed by *Essence Magazine* as a 'pioneer," Akbar has received international awards and recognitions for his work. Florida State University awarded Akbar the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Scholar Award. He has received honorary doctorates from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and Lincoln University.

This event is sponsored by the Campus Life Enrichment Committee (CLEC), the Multicultural Student Center, and the Educational Opportunity Program.

BusinessWeek economic journalist presents "What's Next for the Economy?" March 25 and 26

MARCH 3, 2008

Michael Mandel, award winning economic journalist, author, and chief economist at *BusinessWeek*, will make two regional appearances in southeast Georgia next week.

Tuesday, March 25, Mandel will present 'What's Next for the Economy?" at 6:30 p.m. at the Coastal Georgia Center, 305 Fahm Street in Savannah. His presentation is free of charge and open to the public.

He will speak at Georgia Southern University on the same topic the following day, Wednesday, March 26, in the College of Information Technology, room 1004, starting at 11 a.m. Again, his talk is

free of charge and open to the public. Mandel's appearance is sponsored by McGraw Hill Irwin, which publishes *BusinessWeek*.

Mandel, who received his PhD in economics from Harvard, was named 'Best Economic Journalist' by the World Leadership Forum in 2007. As the chief economist, Mandel formulates the coverage of economic policy for *BusinessWeek*. He has also written several books on economic policy. His latest, "Rational Exuberance," was released in 2004.

Mandel's presentation, "What's Next for the Economy," will explore the shape of the economy today and then forecast what economic trends may be seen in the future. This event is hosted by The School of Economic Development in the College of Business Administration.