## The Tuttle Lecture

The Department of American Studies and friends and family of Bill Tuttle established the annual Tuttle Lecture in 2008 to honor Bill for his 40 years of academic excellence in research and teaching, as well as his service to the university, the Lawrence community, and the nation. The Tuttle Lecture focuses on Bill's primary teaching, research, and civic concerns: African American history and culture and recent American society and politics. The Tuttle Lecture provides an open forum for distinguished lecturers to talk frankly about American culture and society, speaking truth to power.

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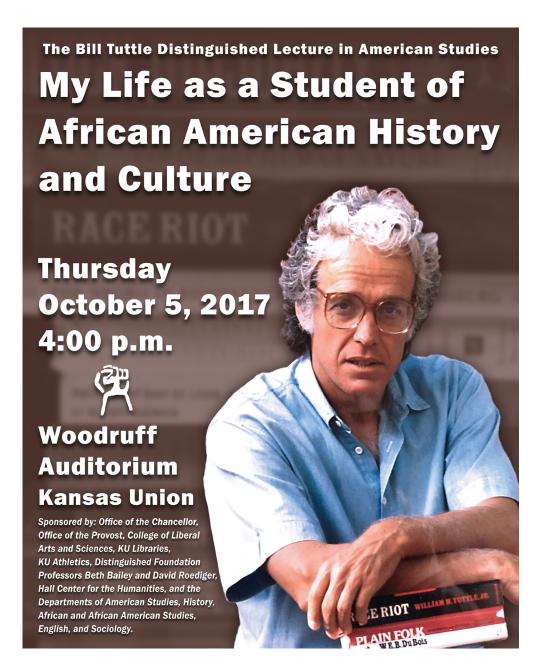
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# The Bill Tuttle Distinguished Lecture in American Studies

## **Program**

Welcome: David Roediger, Foundation Distinguished Professor of American

Studies and History, KU

Introduction: Zanice Bond, Assistant Professor of English, Tuskegee University

Lecture: Bill Tuttle, Professor Emeritus, American Studies, KU

# "My Life as a Student of African American History and Culture"

Fighting the Power: Honoring the Work of Bill Tuttle

In conjunction with the 10th Anniversary Bill Tuttle Lecture, the Department of American Studies invites you to join us for a day of conversation about the work and legacy of Professor Bill Tuttle. Panelists feature visiting scholars, former colleagues and students of Bill's who will speak on the many aspects of his impact as a scholar, mentor and community activist.

Friday, October 6, 2017, 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The Forum at Marvin Hall, University of Kansas

Coffee and Introductions: 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Morning Panel: 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Bill Tuttle as Scholar, Mentor and Community Activist

Beth Bailey, University of Kansas Zanice Bond, Tuskegee University Clarence Lang, University of Kansas

Rusty Monhollon, State of Missouri Department of Higher Education

Moderated by Dennis Domer, University of Kansas

Afternoon Panel: 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Studying Racial Violence: Building on the Lessons of Race Riot

Brent Campney, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Dominic Capeci, Missouri State University

Karen Sieber, Loyola University

Moderated by Shawn Alexander, University of Kansas

## **Bill Tuttle**

As a distinguished teacher, mentor, and scholar, Professor Emeritus Bill Tuttle guided generations of KU students. Bill taught in American studies, history, and African and African-American studies, offering the first courses at KU in African American history and post-World War II American history. His teaching awards include the W. T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence, the H.O.P.E. Teaching Award from the Class of 2001, and the Chancellor's Club Career Teaching Award. He taught KU's first African American History course, and his class on Recent America was legendary for attracting the very best seniors on campus. In 2007, he taught at Radboud University in Nijmegen, The Netherlands, holding the John Adams Distinguished Fulbright Chair. He has also lectured in Cuba and Japan.

Bill Tuttle has written seminal work in African American history, labor history, the history of childhood, and recent American history; his writings have influenced scholars and students around the world. As a pioneer in history from the bottom up, he produced the classic books *Race Riot: Chicago in the Red Summer of 1919, "Daddy's Gone to War": The Second World War in the Lives of America's Children,* and the co-edited *Plain Folk: The Life Stories of Undistinguished Americans.* Through seven editions in the co-authored *A People and a Nation*, Bill reached millions of students. His scholarly articles have been frequently reprinted and widely cited. He is an elected Fellow of the Society of American Historians, and he has received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the NEH, the American Council of Learned Societies, and from Johns Hopkins, Harvard, and Stanford Universities. In 2004 KU honored him with the Balfour S. Jeffrey/Higuchi Award, for Research Achievement in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

In Lawrence, Bill Tuttle co-chaired the Second Century Fund to restore historic St. Luke AME Church. He is a longtime member of both the NAACP and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. For his community service, Bill was recognized with the Steeples Service to Kansans Award in 2006.

Bill and his wife Kathy are members of the Old West Lawrence Association, and they have made their historic home a center of community life. All four of their children are proud KU graduates.