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2015 Black History Month Opening Ceremony
January 30
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Refreshments
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Dart Auditorium

All events are FREE!
Dr. David Pilgrim
Founder and Curator of the Jim Crow Museum

Dr. David Pilgrim is a public speaker and one of this country’s leading experts on issues relating to multiculturalism, diversity, and race relations. He has been interviewed by National Public Radio, Time magazine, the British Broadcasting Corporation, and dozens of newspapers, including the New York Times, Washington Post, Boston Globe, Chicago Tribune, and the Los Angeles Times. Dr. Pilgrim is best known as the founder and curator of the Jim Crow Museum — a 5,000 piece collection of racist artifacts located at Ferris State University. The museum uses objects of intolerance to teach tolerance. Dr. Pilgrim’s writings, many found on the museum’s web site (www.ferris.edu/jimcrow), are used by scholars, students, and civil rights workers to better understand historical and contemporary expressions of racism. The web site has been linked to hundreds of sites and has resulted in Dr. Pilgrim being invited to deliver public lectures at many institutions, including Stanford University, Spring Arbor College, the University of Michigan, Smith College, and the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Pilgrim is an applied sociologist with a doctorate from The Ohio State University. He believes that racism can be objectively studied and creatively assailed.

Dr. Pilgrim challenges audiences to think deeply about diversity and race relations. Dr. Pilgrim is a Ferris State University Distinguished Teacher. Dr. Pilgrim has spent his adult life using objects of intolerance to teach tolerance. It works. His goal is to get people talking about diversity and race relations in meaningful ways-and, then, to go and do something positive.