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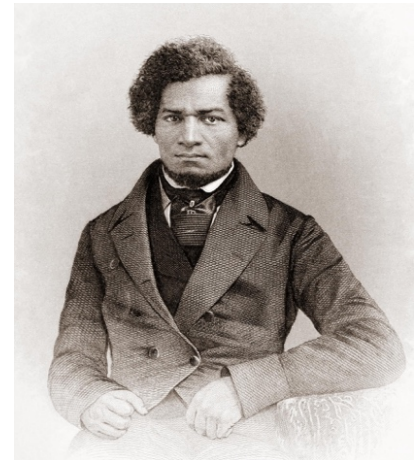
*Humanities Teaching Labs*

## FREDERICK DOUGLASS DAY

The **Inclusion Imperative Program** at UMBC’s Dresher Center for the Humanities invites you to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Frederick Douglass with public readings and a digital “transcribe-a-thon.”

**February 14<sup>th</sup>, Albin O. Kuhn Library**  
Readings and Birthday Cake  
Library Rotunda, 12:00 – 12:30 P.M.

Transcribe-a-thon  
Room 259, 12:30 – 2:00 P.M. (lunch served)



**Space is limited.**  
**To register for this event:**  
<http://bit.ly/DouglassDay>

Although Douglass was born into bondage, and never knew his birthdate, he chose to celebrate every year on February 14th. In a spirit of radical love, we will commemorate his birthday and Black History Month by joining a national event that will simultaneously transcribe portions of the Freedmen’s Bureau Papers.

The Frederick Douglass Day Transcribe-a-thon is the first **Humanities Teaching Lab** (HT Lab) of the Dresher Center’s new Inclusion Imperative Program, funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Faculty will learn how to use crowdsourced transcription projects in the classroom and receive a list of resources.

Laptops will be provided; however, personal laptops are permitted. If you will use your own laptop, please sign up on the Smithsonian Transcription Center’s website: <https://transcription.si.edu>

**Please contact Courtney Hobson (chobson1@umbc.edu), Dresher Center Coordinator, with questions.**

The Freedmen’s Bureau Transcription Project is presented by the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, the Smithsonian Transcription Center, and the Colored Conventions Project.

*Frederick Douglass Day at UMBC is sponsored by the Dresher Center for the Humanities, the Albin O. Kuhn Library & Gallery, the Department of History, and the Department of Africana Studies.*

Through the **Inclusion Imperative Program**, partners UMBC, Bowie State University, Coppin State University, and Howard University are cultivating a regional network of scholars, who are committed to diversity and inclusion in the humanities. Over the next four years, a variety of Inclusion Imperative Humanities Teaching Labs will introduce faculty and students to new media tools and methods for community-engaged humanities teaching and learning experiences.

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