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Department of Afro-American Studies at UMass
Amherst are honored to present**



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Kwame Dawes

Poet, Scholar, Activist, University of South Carolina

**“Reggae and History:
How Reggae Shaped the Way
We Understand History”**

**Tuesday, February 24, 7:30 p.m.
Augusta Savage Gallery, New Africa House,
UMass Amherst**

Nikky Finney, award-winning poet, sister South Carolinian, and Graze Hazard Conkling Writer-in-Residence at Smith College will introduce Professor Dawes, whose talk will take place amid a current exhibit of the work of distinguished painter, visual artist, and former UMass faculty member Nelson Stevens.

Dr. Dawes is Louise Frye Scudder Professor of Liberal Arts and Distinguished Poet in Residence at the University of South Carolina, where he also directs the University Art Institute and the South Carolina Poetry Initiative. He has long practiced the art of poetry and the art of activism.