The precarious history of African American studies at the University of Iowa: An examination of institutional indifference

When the University of Iowa instituted an academic focus on African American Studies in 1970 it placed itself among the U.S. colleges and universities that responded to a demand for institutional attention to the experiences of peoples hitherto excluded from most academic attention. The course of African American Studies at the University has been uneven and, at times perilously close to termination. The present program, reinvigorated since 2006, in some ways reflects this history and the tepid institutional support afforded the Program.

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