

## MISSION

The Black Men's Group (BMG) serves as an educational and social support group geared towards building well rounded, respectful and informed men at Tufts. In the pursuit of overall excellence, the principles of the Black Men's Group are:

- Academic achievement
- Community Involvement
- Peer Mentorship

Through facilitated meetings, the Black Men's Group meets weekly to discuss topics that promote the practice of scholarship, brotherhood and leadership and works with the Black Women's Collective, Pan-African Alliance and The Africana Center to provide programs that promote a sense of integrity, pride and honor for the Black community.

All members of the Africana community are welcome to collaborate and participate in BMG's events and programs. We welcome your ideas and initiative.

Come to a meeting to have fun, have dinner with faculty members and expand your experience here at Tufts. Last semester, President Bacow joined us for dinner and it looks like he'll be back this year.

Come be a part of a Tufts tradition.

Black Men's Group 2009-2010  
Meeting Sundays at 5PM at Capen House



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## BLACK MEN'S GROUP

# Fall 2009 Calendar

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## SEPTEMBER 2009

6	<b>CLASSES BEGIN</b>
12—13	<b>AFRICANA CENTER RETREAT</b>
20	<b>FIRST BMG MEETING:</b> Dinner at Capen (grilling and/or cooking). Social meeting to introduce group and bond.
27	<b>BMG MEETING:</b> Basketball at South Hall. Second bonding meeting.

## OCTOBER 2009

4	<b>BMG MEETING:</b> Faculty guest Chip Gidney, Dan Brown, or Keith Maddox; social agenda/opportunity to meet faculty.
11	<b>BMG MEETING:</b> Checking in; How is the semester going? Academic challenges, roommate issues? Guest speaker – Sharif Christmas of Omega Psi Phi. Last day to drop a class w/out penalty is 10/17 (11/17 for first years).
18	<b>BMG FLAG FOOTBALL OR BASKETBALL</b>
25	<b>DISCUSSION:</b> "I am a Man"; preliminary discussion of what it means to be a (black) man today. What is being a man? What is masculinity? When did you become a man? View Byron Hurt's film, <i>I am a Man</i> . How does our notion of manhood affect how we relate to women; other men?

## NOVEMBER 2009

1	<b>GUEST:</b> Dean Karen Gould or another member of the academic advising team. Registration begins on November 9 <sup>th</sup> . Bring questions and issues. Dinner served.
8	<b>WII BOWLING TOURNAMENT</b> at Capen House
15	<b>BMG DISCUSSION:</b> Africa and African Americans. What are relations among black people like here at Tufts? Where do we connect? Where is the gap? How do we create a richer community for all?
22	<b>BMG DINNER with BWC</b> – Thanksgiving celebration.
29	<b>THANKSGIVING</b> – No Meeting

## DECEMBER 2009

6	<b>BMG MOVIE NIGHT</b> (Film TBD - School Daze? Higher Learning? Anything relating to college life)
13	<b>STUDY BREAK!</b> You have to eat sometime. Come on out! Alternate idea – Secret Santa(?) gift exchange (process would start on 11/22).

