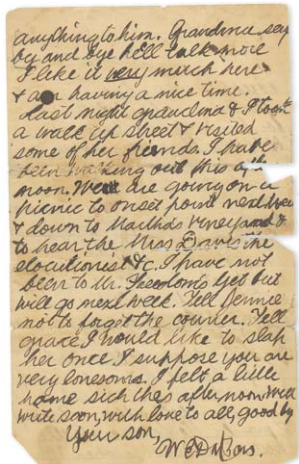
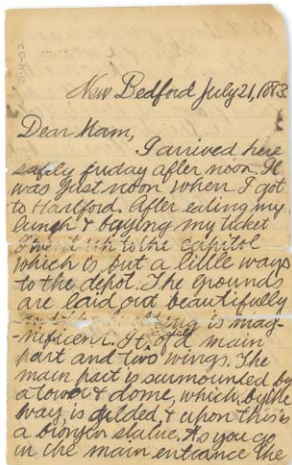




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“It is the trained, living human soul, cultivated and strengthened by long study and thought, that breathes the real breath of life into boys and girls and makes them human, whether they be black or white, Greek, Russian or American.”

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# W.E.B. Du Bois Center

## Mission and Goals

The W.E.B. Du Bois Center at the University of Massachusetts Amherst was established in 2009 to engage the nation and the world in discussion and scholarship about the global issues of race, labor, and social justice. The Center presents an interdisciplinary approach to the intersections among African American culture and history, social justice, and labor relations, opening this research to new insights and evaluation in light of issues confronting the world today.



## Join In Our Work

Disseminating its work through fellowships, colloquia and seminars, print and electronic publications, the Du Bois Homesite in Great Barrington, MA, and other educational initiatives, the Du Bois Center is the base for ongoing intellectual interchange within an extensive community of scholars, activists, and the public at large.

### Fellows Program

We provide academic year and short-term fellowships for junior and senior scholars to pursue their research in the areas of African American history and culture, race and ethnicity, social justice, and labor relations.

### Visiting Scholars

We invite scholars for short term residencies and speaking engagements to explore global issues and to promote public discussion on social and racial justice.

### Du Bois Homesite

We work with the Friends of the Du Bois Homesite to rehabilitate the land at the family homesite in Great Barrington where Du Bois lived during his early years.

### Friends of the Center

Your support through current use, endowment, planned, and in-kind gifts is greatly appreciated.

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By making its resources readily available to the public, the Center holds fast to the scholarly tradition and spirit of its namesake, W.E.B. Du Bois, a Massachusetts native son, who was pivotal to the social and political debates on race, class, and culture of the 20th century.

The Center is developing multi-media and online presentations to make the writings of W.E.B. Du Bois and his contemporaries accessible for their analysis and application to the problems and issues of the 21st century.



## W.E.B. Du Bois

Born on February 23, 1868, a descendant of freed slaves, Du Bois was a pioneering civil rights leader, visionary, intellectual, sociologist, historian, novelist, and playwright. He was the first African American to be awarded a doctorate from Harvard University and he helped to found the Niagara Movement, the NAACP, and several Pan African Congresses. He died in Ghana on August 27, 1963, on the eve the historic civil rights march on Washington, DC.