



# *Herbert Hoover Library*

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**Black Iowa History Program  
March 24, 2012, 1:30 p.m.  
Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum  
Free Event**

Iowa has a wealth of African American history, from York, the first African American in Iowa and a vital part of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, to sit-ins that desegregated the lunch counter at the Katz Drug Store in Des Moines--12 years before those in Greensboro, NC. Join us as we reveal how Iowa became the first state in the nation to desegregate schools and many other important pieces of history--history that belongs to all Iowans.

This program will be presented by Michelle Poe who graduated from Michigan State University with a BA in History and cognates in Museum Studies and Anthropology. After teaching at a Learning Center in Grand Rapids, MI, she worked at the Lake County Discovery Museum in Wauconda, IL. She is currently the Director of Education at the African American Museum of Iowa, where she has been employed since 2009.

The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum is located in West Branch, Iowa ¼ mile off Interstate 80 at exit 254. This event is free and open to the public. For more information call 319-643-5301.