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### **Ferris to hold Winter Commencement ceremonies Dec. 18**

BIG RAPIDS – Approximately 400 graduates will participate in Winter Commencement ceremonies at Ferris State University on Saturday, Dec. 18, in Wink Arena.

Ceremonies will be held at 10:30 a.m. for the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business, and at 1:30 p.m. for the College of Allied Health Sciences, College of Education and Human Services and College of Technology. The College of Pharmacy and the Michigan College of Optometry have their commencements each May.

David Pilgrim, professor of sociology and curator of FSU's Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia, will serve as the speaker for both the morning and afternoon ceremonies. Dr. Pilgrim, who was chosen last spring as the University's Distinguished Teacher for 2003-04, has gained national media recognition for his work with the Jim Crow Museum. His documentary on the museum was shown on Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) and won the Best Documentary Award at the Flint Film Festival.

Pilgrim is in high demand as a public orator addressing issues of racial and ethnic relations. He currently is leading a fundraising campaign for a permanent home for the Jim Crow Museum in the Arts and Sciences Commons. In addition, he has collected artifacts that will comprise the Sarah Baartman Room, a museum designed to address historical and contemporary expressions of sexism, which will be housed at Ferris.

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