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Shirley Chisholm film opens Chicago State Black History Month series

Chicago — *Chisholm ’72 – Unbought and Unbossed*, a feature documentary about Shirley Chisholm—the first black woman to be elected to the United States Congress and the first African American to run for president—leads the lineup for the Black History Month Film Series sponsored by Chicago State University’s Gwendolyn Brooks Center for Black Literature and Creative Writing. The film will be screened Wednesday, February 4, at noon in the University’s Douglas Hall, room 210-A.

Other films in the Chicago State University film series are:

- **Devil in a Blue Dress**, Feb. 18, 2009 (noon-2 p.m.): Despite earning rave reviews as one of the most stylish and intelligent detective pictures made in a number of years, the 1995 film never reached a large audience. Set in post-World War II black America, the film stars Denzel Washington and Don Cheadle.

- **Bastards of the Party**, Feb. 25, 2009 (noon-1:30 p.m.): The riveting 2005 documentary follows the development of black gangs in Los Angeles, from the late 1940s civil unrest of the ’60s and ’70s, breakdown of the community in the ’80s and ’90s, and the brief truce between the Crips and Bloods that followed the Rodney King riots in 1992.

- **The Black List: Volume One**, Feb. 26, 2009 (noon-1:30 p.m.): The critically acclaimed HBO documentary *The Black List: Volume One*, which made its entry at the ’08 Sundance Film Festival, features stories of African-American luminaries from the worlds of the arts, sports, politics, business and government. Some say the film redefines traditional notions of a "blacklist."

All events in the Black History Month Film Series are free and open to the public and will be shown in Douglas Hall, room 210-A. For more information, contact the Gwendolyn Brooks Center at (773) 995-4440.