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### **TYLER PERRY TO SPEAK AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**

TAMPA, Fla. (Feb. 3, 2015)—Tyler Perry, an award-winning director and screenplay writer, will speak at the University of South Florida on the topic of race relations Nov. 14 at 8:30 p.m.

The lecture comes during a time where race relations are a prominent topic in the media. Protests and debates regarding how American police forces treat non-white citizens have sparked after the fatal shooting of an 18-year-old black man by a white police officer in Ferguson, Mo.

“It is important for students to be introduced to the topics Tyler Perry addresses through his work and in his life,” USF President Judy Genshaft said. “I think it is also timely for him to discuss this important issue with our students.”

The lecture will be held at the USF Sun Dome. Attendees must RSVP online at [www.RSVPlink.com](http://www.RSVPlink.com) and bring a printout confirming their reservation to the door.

The event is hosted by the Center for Student Involvement and paid for by funds from Student Government’s student activities budget. The lecture is free to attend, but there is a \$5 parking fee for anyone without a USF parking pass.

Perry will participate in a Q-and-A with the crowd after the lecture.

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Note to Editors and News Directors:

Perry will be available for brief media interviews that have been scheduled at least 24 hours in advance.

Contact Marina Mendez to schedule interviews, 345-555-6789,  
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Photographs are permitted during interviews.