

[Will and Dena](#) ~ Seminar Announcement

Charlotte, NC - November 29, 2010. Historical fiction author Bob Rogers of Charlotte announces the availability of a series of seminars and lectures based on the lives of citizens and soldiers caught up in the bitter struggle between the United States and Italy during World War II. The seminars and lectures are based on Rogers' highly acclaimed novel, [Will and Dena](#). American and Italian characters from the book, and the love story within, make African-American Studies, American Studies, history, and literature come alive for students.

Writing for the eHow web site, an anonymous professor declared, "Teaching history can sometimes be a tedious task. Students voice their frustrations by asking why they have to learn it. Using historical fiction in the classroom is one way to curb these complaints as well as fostering reading. History told in story form reaches students on a level that notes and text-reading simply cannot." This view is supported by in an essay by history teacher and author Michelle Moran (*Nefertiti: A Novel*), and in recent comments by Dr. Helen V. Carby (Acting Chair, African American Studies at Yale University).



A recent Lyceum Series event at Johnson C. Smith University featured Rogers in a ninety minute version of his multi-media seminar - including a scene from his novel dramatized for the audience by student cast members. Rogers' involvement of students began early in the seminar with question and answer contests, keeping their rapt attention throughout.

Dr. Cheryl Brayboy, JCSU professor and sponsor, reported, "Praise for the seminar was still coming in days after the event."

Mr. Isaiah Chapman, student and president of the JCSU Chapter of the National Association of Black Journalist, observed, "This presentation was educational and inspirational. Students from different disciplines had the opportunity to play the role of three of Mr. Rogers' characters during his seminar. We left with a heightened consciousness of life during World War II."

About the author. **Bob Rogers**, an IBMer for thirty-three years, is the president of Global Medical Data, Inc. in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is a former US Army captain, a veteran of the Vietnam War, and a charter member of the Baltimore, Maryland chapter of the 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association. Bob is an avid baseball fan and lives in Charlotte.

For more information, go to <http://www.bobrogers.biz/id18.html>