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**New Orleans-Born Author Alice Wilson-Fried  
To Speak at Dillard, Tulane and Public Library, February 26-27-28**

**Debut Novel *Outside Child* Depicts Life  
in the Crescent City from the Projects  
to the Docks of the “*Floating Palace*” Steamboat**

Alice Wilson-Fried, who grew up in New Orleans’ Magnolia Housing Project, will return to her hometown for speaking engagements at both Dillard and Tulane, as well as at the main branch of the city’s public library on February 26-27-28.

Wilson-Fried, who currently lives in California, will be reading from and signing her debut novel *Outside Child: a novel of murder and New Orleans*.

Just as Walter Moseley brought the ghettos of Los Angeles to life in his Easy Rawlins books (such as *Devil in a Blue Dress*), so too does Wilson-Fried use “mystery as history” to tell the story of black New Orleans through a modern-day crime novel.

*Outside Child* revolves around ambitious Ladonis Washington, who must turn to her con-artist brother, Heart Trouble, for help when her business mentor dies in the paddlewheels of the “Magnolia Belle,” a fictional version of the *Delta Queen* steamboat. But the novel also features only-in-New-Orleans characters such as Big Dee, Preacher Man, Redboy, and Tick – and it paints a picture of life in the city as few people have ever seen it.

On **February 26 at noon**, Wilson-Fried will speak at the main branch of the New Orleans Public Library, 219 Loyola Ave. in the third floor Auditorium. (For information, call 504-596-2597)

On the evening of **February 27**, Wilson-Fried will be part of a panel of New Orleans speakers at **Dillard** that include Dr. Mona Lisa Saloy, poet and author of *Red Beans & Ricely Yours*; Dedra Johnson, author of *Sandrine’s Letter to Tomorrow* (which the *Times-Picayune* listed as one of the best debut novels of 2007); and New Orleans poet Valentine Pierce, author of *Geometry of the Heart*. The event, which begins at **7 p.m.**, takes place in the **Stern Hall Amphitheater**. (For further information, call 504-816-4450.)

Then on **February 28**, she will speak at **noon** at the student union at **Tulane** in an event co-sponsored by the Lavin-Bernick Center and the African-American Congress of Tulane. (For further information contact Tonya Baker 504-865-5190.)

**For further information, visit: [www.alicewilsonfried.com](http://www.alicewilsonfried.com)**

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***Details on Alice Wilson-Fried's New Orleans' appearances:***

***TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008:***

**WHAT:** Reading: Alice Wilson-Fried will read from and sign her debut novel, *Outside Child: a novel of murder and New Orleans*. [www.alicewilsonfried.com](http://www.alicewilsonfried.com)

**WHEN:** Tuesday, February 26, 2008 – 12 noon

**WHERE:** New Orleans Public Library – Main Branch  
219 Loyola Ave. – Third Floor Auditorium

**COST:** Free and open to the public

**For further information:** call 504-596-2597

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***WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2008:***

**WHAT:** Book and poetry reading by New Orleans authors

*Black Books by the Numbers:*

*4 books on New Orleans Culture, 4 New Orleans Writers*

*4 Black Authors, 4 Women, 2 Novelists, 2 Poets*

Speakers include: Poets - Dr. Mona Lisa Saloy, author of *Red Beans and Ricely Yours*, and Valentine Pierce, author of *Geometry of the Heart*; and Novelists - Alice Wilson-Fried, author of *Outside Child* and Dedra Johnson, author of *Sandrine's Letter to Tomorrow*

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 27 – 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** Dillard University – Stern Hall Amphitheater

**COST:** Free and open to the public

**SPONSORS:** The Creative Writing program at Dillard University is sponsoring this free Lyceum event.

**For further information:** Contact Dr. Mona Lisa Saloy, 504-816-4450 or 504-816-4354

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***THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008:***

**WHAT:** Reading: Alice Wilson-Fried will read from and sign her debut novel, *Outside Child: a novel of murder and New Orleans*. [www.alicewilsonfried.com](http://www.alicewilsonfried.com)

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 28, 2008 - 12 noon

**WHERE:** Tulane University – Pederson Lobby, Lavin-Bernick Center  
(student union)

**COST:** Free and open to the public

**SPONSORS:** The African-American Congress of Tulane is co-sponsoring this event with the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life

**For further information:** Contact Tonya Baker, Assistant Director of Programs, Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life, Tulane University - Ph: 504-865-5190 - e-mail: [tbaker1@tulane.edu](mailto:tbaker1@tulane.edu)

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