



# Bluefield State College

## **BSC Social Sciences Faculty Participate in BSC Day at the State Capitol**

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On Friday, February 21, 2020, BSC Social Sciences faculty, including Dr. Rodney Montague, Dr. Debjani Chakrabarti, and Dr. Colin Cavell, participated in the commemorative signing ceremony by Governor Jim Justice of SB122, the 1895 West Virginia Senate bill that established Bluefield Colored Institute which later evolved into Bluefield State College. A flyer describing a short history of Bluefield State was composed by the Social Sciences faculty members and distributed to legislators and the public at the Capitol.

In 1895, then-Governor William MacCorkle refused to sign SB122, “An Act to establish a High Grade School at Bluefield, Mercer County, for the Colored Youth of the State”. The bill passed over MacCorkle’s inaction. Present Governor Jim Justice stated that after 125 years it was time to do the right thing, and so he signed the bill, thus bringing justice to Bluefield State.

Accompanying photo is for BSC publicity purposes only.

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