A screening & discussion of “Daisy Bates: First Lady of Little Rock”

September 17, 2012 from 2:30-3:45pm in The Daniel Studio, First Floor of Daniel Hall

This documentary examines the life and legacy of Daisy Bates who became a household name in 1957 when she fought for the right of nine black students to attend the all-white Central High School in Little Rock, AK. Bates’s public support culminated in a constitutional crisis—pitting a president against a governor and a community against itself. As head of the Arkansas NAACP, and protector of the nine students, Daisy Bates would achieve instant fame as the drama played out on national television and in newspapers around the world. But that fame would prove fleeting and for her attempts to remain relevant, she would pay a hefty price.