



ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE AND HISTORY®

THE 2021 BLACK HISTORY MONTH VIRTUAL FESTIVAL

CELEBRATING THE 95TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY THEME
The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity

Monday, February 1, 2021, 6:00 p.m. EST
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - OPEN TO PUBLIC
Announcement of the Black History theme and Introduction of ASALH's Inaugural Virtual Black History Month Festival

Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. EST
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - OPEN TO PUBLIC
A Celebration of African American Life and History: Trailblazer featuring an Author Talk with Mae Jemison

Saturday, February 6, 2021, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. EST
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - OPEN TO PUBLIC
From the Continent to the Americas: Foodways, Culture and Traditions in the African American Family

Sunday, February 7, 2021, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. EST
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - OPEN TO PUBLIC
Manhattan Branch, Panel Discussion "How African American Families Have Been Portrayed in the Media"

Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 1:30 p.m. EST
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - OPEN TO PUBLIC
Presentation of the Inaugural ASALH Book Prize

Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 6:30 p.m. EST
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - OPEN TO PUBLIC
Diving with a Purpose: Recovering and Reexamining Our Roots

Sunday, February 28, 2021, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. EST
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - OPEN TO PUBLIC
Prince George's County Truth Branch and Maple Springs Baptist Church Cultural Education Experience Ministry (CEEM) host a joint ASALH Branch program featuring Charlene Dukes on the Black Family and Education

Sunday, February 28, 2021, 7:00 p.m. EST
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - OPEN TO PUBLIC
ASALH and PBS Books Present: A Conversation with Ngugi Wa Thiong'o, Sundiata Cha-Jua, and Nubia Kai

In partnership with the 105 Voices of History, the Festival will feature music from the Black experience performed by choirs from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The performance of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" by HBCU students and choirs will also be aired during the Festival.

Marquee Event

Saturday, February 20, 2021, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. EST
(TICKETED EVENT: \$50.00, \$125.00, \$150.00)

Finding Our Roots in African American History
A Conversation with Henry Louis Gates and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham



Henry Louis Gates, Jr.



Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham

Acclaimed for his scholarship, his documentary films about African, Afro-Latin, and African American History, and his popular television series, "Finding Your Roots," Henry Louis Gates, Jr., has brought fascinating African American family stories to the wider public. The Black History Month Festival in 2021 is proud to feature a conversation between ASALH's national president Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham and Henry Louis Gates, Jr., who will share his thoughts and motivations in popularizing Black History through the heritage of African American families and communities and their search for roots. Joe Madison, legendary voice in radio, and a recognized human and civil rights activist will serve as the host for this event. Rev. William H. Lamar IV, Pastor of the historic Metropolitan A.M.E. Church in Washington, DC will offer the traditional invocation on behalf of the new Festival.

THESE PROGRAMS WILL BE SHOWN ON ASALHTV WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/ASALHTV

ASALH BRANCHES WILL HOST VIRTUAL PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH. THESE EVENTS CAN BE FOUND AT ASALH.ORG/BRANCH-EVENTS

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Saturday, February 6, 2021, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. EST

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Gina Paige
CEO and Founder of
African Ancestry



Carla Hall
Author and Celebrity Chef



Stephanie Evans
Scholar and Author,
Georgia State University



Daphne Maxwell Reid
Actor (*Fresh Prince of Bel Air*) and author of "Grace,
Soul and Mother Wit"

This virtual event will highlight the traditions of the Black Family and how food played a pivotal role in the family relationships and dynamics over time and space.

We are inviting the ASALH community to participate by submitting family recipes that reflects the theme of this exciting event! ASALH will review and select 2-5 recipes that best reflect aspects of the theme and the panelists will highlight the selected recipes in the panel discussion during the February 6th virtual event!

All Black Family Recipe submissions must be received by midnight January 20, 2021 Pacific Standard Time.

PLEASE CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR RECIPE.

Tune in on February 6th to enjoy the event on ASALH TV and to find out if your submission is selected as one of the delicious examples of Black Family Recipes!

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Black History Month

2021 Black History Month Celebration United for Justice: Lighting the Path Forward

The events of 2020 have brought the continued struggle of African Americans to obtain true equality and justice to the forefront of our nation's conscience. What remains evident and became magnified is the need to sustain advocacy for lasting structural changes in oppressive systems. These changes will lead us to a new path forward that will ensure liberty and justice is for all. Join the James Farmer Multicultural Center as we share the stories of tragedy and triumph of African Americans in this nation.

Black History Month Kick-Off Lunch: Southern Soul Food Lunch*

Tuesday, February 2 | 11 a.m. | Dining at the Top of the UC, University Center

Co-sponsored by Campus Dining

Cost: 1 meal swipe; \$7.80 Flex; \$11.50 plus tax for credit or EagleOne

*Note: Service at the Top of the UC is currently all "take-out", but limited seating by reservation may become available. For details contact Dining@umw.edu

A Social Justice Teach In – The 1619 Project

Tuesday, Feb. 2 | 5 p.m. | [Zoom – Register here](#)

Join UMW Associate Professor Danny Tweedy and Assistant Director of the James Farmer Multicultural Center, Chris Williams, for a presentation on the origins of African Americans and the history they have made in the United States related to the New York Times' 1619 Project released last year.

The Place of Black Lives in Plantation Museums

Thursday, Feb. 4 | 6 p.m. | [Zoom – Register here](#)

In this presentation, UMW Professor Stephen Hanna will discuss the unresolved tensions between heritage tourism sites' histories as places where Black men and women fought to create lives and families

while facing violence and family separation and present-day museum practices that both defend the reputations of the enslavers who owned the plantations and reproduce these sites as places of romance and beauty. The question, "Can these museums be redeemed as sites of commemorative justice?" will be explored in the context of recent partnerships between descendent communities and presidential plantation museums in Virginia.

Black Cultural Jeopardy

Monday, Feb. 8 | 6 p.m. | [Zoom – Register here](#)

Black Jeopardy with the Black Student Association – test your knowledge in music, history, slang, and more!

Black History Month: Caribbean Lunch*

Tuesday, February 9 | 11 a.m. | Dining at the Top of the UC, University Center

Co-sponsored by Campus Dining

Cost: 1 meal swipe; \$7.80 Flex; \$11.50 plus tax for credit or EagleOne

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FuncSoul Beyoncé Dance Class

Tuesday, February 9 | 7:30p.m. | [Register here for this event](#)

Join Campus Rec and FuncSoul's Alistair Williams in a virtual Beyoncé Dance Class. Participants will learn the choreography to one of Beyoncé's songs. This class is open to all dance levels! Don't worry about picking up all the steps, we simply want you to smile and have a good time! Alistair Williams is the founder and director of FuncSoul Creative Wellness, a program birthed during the 2020 pandemic to help humans with their functional health journey. Alistair was featured in the New York Times as one of the top trainers in New York City, and his arts and fitness programs have been covered in/on Elle Magazine, People, Spotify, The Cooking Channel, Fusion, and more. Before launching FuncSoul, Alistair was the director of Broadway Bodies and led the Mason Gross Community Arts Division at Rutgers University.

2021 Black History Month Keynote Speaker: Judge Kerwin A. Miller, Sr.

Wednesday, February 10 | 6 pm | [Register here for the Black History Month Keynote Speaker](#)

Judge Kerwin A. Miller, Sr. is a native of the Bronx, New York. While growing up there as young teenager, he read an article about how unlikely it was for an African American male to graduate high school. He took the article as an insult and a challenge. His academic journey led him to attend Mary Washington



College in Fredericksburg, Virginia. During his time there, he was member of the basketball team. In 1995, he graduated from Mary Washington College with a degree in Business Administration. Shortly thereafter, he enrolled in Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles, California. In 1999, he obtained his juris doctorate and established his law office a year later. In 2001, he began working as a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Bureau in Baltimore city. Since then, he has served in numerous positions, including being a public defender in Baltimore city and county, an assistant state's attorney in Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office and the Cecil County State's Attorney's Office, as well as the deputy state's attorney in the Cecil County State's Attorney's office. In 2015, he became an administrative law judge with the Office of

Administrative Hearings for the state of Maryland. Four years later, he was appointed by Governor Larry Hogan to serve as an Associate Judge in District 9, Harford County in Maryland. Currently, he resides in Maryland with his wife and two children.

What is it like Being Black at UMW?

Thursday, Feb. 11 | 6 p.m. | [Zoom – Register here](#)

This event will be an intergenerational discussion of UMW Black alumni and current UMW students about their experiences as Black students at the University of Mary Washington.

Trap N' Zumba

Friday, Feb. 12 | 5 p.m. | [Zoom – Register here](#)

Naana Amaniampong Adusei will be hosting a Zumba fitness class to trap music instead of the traditional Latin hits.

Human Rights Film Series: *John Lewis: Good Trouble*

Monday, Feb. 15 | 5 p.m. | [Zoom – Register here](#)

John Lewis: Good Trouble is an intimate account of legendary U.S. Representative John Lewis' life, legacy and more than 60 years of extraordinary activism — from the bold teenager on the front lines of the Civil Rights movement to the legislative powerhouse he was throughout his career.

Black History Month Dinner: Creole/Cajun Mardi Gras Dinner*

Tuesday, February 16 | 5 p.m. | Dining at the Top of the UC, University Center

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Cost: 1 meal swipe \$10.75 Flex; \$12.95 plus tax for credit or EagleOne

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Jazz Ensemble Black History Tribute: Iconic Jazz Greats

Tuesday, Feb. 16 | TBA | [Zoom – Register here](#)

Celebrate Black History Month with the UMW Jazz Ensemble! Doug Gately, a senior lecturer in the Department of Music, directs this concert featuring music from iconic jazz artists.

The Black Church: This is Our Story, This is Our Song – Part One

Wednesday, Feb. 17 | 5 p.m. | [Zoom – Register here](#)

This moving two-part series from executive producer, host and writer Henry Louis Gates, Jr., the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor at Harvard University and director of the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research, traces the 400-year-old story of the Black church in America, all the way down to its bedrock role as the site of African American survival and grace, organizing and resilience, thriving and testifying, autonomy and freedom, solidarity and speaking truth to power.

James Monroe Museum: New History at Highland

Thursday, Feb. 18 | TBA | [Zoom – Register here](#)

Highland Executive Director Sara Bon-Harper and members of the Highland Descendant Advisory Council will discuss how the site is an innovative setting for understanding U.S. history through the stories of the individuals who lived there, and the events that shaped its economic, agricultural and political contexts. Highland is a laboratory for creative public history, and has been part of William & Mary since 1974. The new narratives of Highland’s past and present reflect the voices of descendants of people enslaved on the property, and are created through a practice of collaborative history.

History of Hip-Hop and Shoe Culture

Monday, Feb. 22 | 6 p.m. | [Zoom – Register here](#)

This interactive presentation will be led by members from the UMW NAACP College Chapter and the Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams. This group will take the audience on an oral and visual tour of the history of hip-hop and how it has influenced the popularity of athletic footwear in modern culture.

Black History Month: African Cuisine Dinner*

Tuesday, February 23 | 5 p.m. | Dining at the Top of the UC, University Center

Co-sponsored by Campus Dining

Cost: 1 meal swipe \$10.75 Flex; \$12.95 plus tax for credit or EagleOne

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The Black Church: This is Our Story, This is Our Song – Part Two

Wednesday, Feb. 24 | 5 p.m. | [Zoom – Register here](#)

This moving two-part series from executive producer, host and writer Henry Louis Gates, Jr., the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor at Harvard University and director of the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research, traces the 400-year-old story of the Black church in America, all the way down to its bedrock role as the site of African American survival and grace, organizing and resilience, thriving and testifying, autonomy and freedom, solidarity and speaking truth to power.

R&Bingo

Friday, Feb. 26 | 6 p.m. | [Zoom – Register here](#)

R&Bingo will be a fun and informative bingo trivia night based on old and new R&B artists, songs, and producers.

For more information, contact the James Farmer Multicultural Center at 540/654-1044 or umwjfmc@gmail.com. Visit students.umw.edu/multicultural.

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