

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 1- FEBRUARY 28, 2021

## WEEK 1: .....

**February 1 – February 28**

### In Our Words, Social Media Platform

Sponsored by the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center. Join Mississippi State University students for a weekly video series as we reflect on “What does Black History means to us”.

### NPHC Black History Social Media Challenge

#### Instagram (@nphc\_msstate)

The National Pan-Hellenic Council members will share their favorite Black quotes and Black History facts. Join NPHC daily on Instagram.

### Black History Facts Social Media Campaign

Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and Music Makers Productions. Music Maker Productions will share facts about Black artists every day for the month of February.

### Nothing New Under the Sun:

#### The History of Black Students at MSU, Louis Burns

#### Brock, Hank Brock Gallery, Old Main Academic Center.

#### Sponsored by African American Studies and Mitchell Memorial Library

Since Richard Holmes became the first Black student to enroll at Mississippi State in the summer of 1965, Black students have played a strong role on campus, pushing for institutional change and acceptance. This exhibit explores that history and highlights Black student activism and student life, from 1965 to the present. Items in the exhibit are from University Archives and include contributions from MSU alumni and current students. Curated by Morgan Alexander, African American Studies and Jessica Perkins Smith, University Archivist.

**February 2, 2021**

### Black History Trivia Night, 6:00 PM - MSU Barnes & Noble

Sponsored by Student Activities, PCSM and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Join PCSM and Omega Psi Phi for a night of Black History Trivia.

**February 5, 2021**

### Wear Red Day and National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, 11:00 am – 1:00 PM – Drill

Join Health Promotion and Wellness as we recognize and celebrate national “Wear Red Day and National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.” In recognition of both, we ask that you GO Red by wearing red.

## WEEK 2: .....

**February 10, 2021**

### Black and Blue, 6:00 PM – Taylor Auditorium, McCool 124

Join the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for a semesterly panel & open discussion with local and regional law enforcement.

**February 12, 2021**

### Maroon Lounge: A Painting Experience, 7:00 PM, Colvard Student Union – Foster Ballroom

Sponsored by: Music Maker Productions, Holmes Cultural Diversity Center and Student Activities. Experience the combination of wonderful music, painting, and Black History music education as you enter the Maroon Lounge. Students will have the opportunity to receive step by step instructions as they construct their jazz themed art masterpiece. While painting you will have the opportunity to listen to a jazz ensemble playing live music. Each student that attends this event will also receive a giveaway!

### February 15, 2021 - Panels will be available on the African American Studies website and MSU TV. Follow at @msu\_aas

### I Can’t Breathe: Teaching Black History and Anti-Racism Post George Floyd, Virtual Panel

Join African American Studies on a conversation on the importance of a Critical Black Historiography, examining the evolution of the national and collegiate celebration of Black History Month (at MSU and nationally). This panel will also include a discussion on teaching Black History in this moment of “Racial Reckoning” that we as a society find ourselves in.

### From Gospel to HipHop: A Conversation on Intersections and Impact of Black Music, Virtual Panel

A conversation on the historical, cultural, and social impact of Black/African American Music. This conversation will examine the connections between different genres of music such as Gospel, Blues, and Hip-hop. This panel discussion will explore the musical traditions of the African Diaspora and the impact of those traditions on other musical genres. This panel discussion will also seek to create discourse on the impacts of inequity within the music industry on “Black Music” and Black Artists in the 21st Century. Sponsored by: African American Studies

### Black in the Ivory, Virtual Panel

A conversation that amplifies African American scholastic achievements while examining the experience of Black people in Academia. This conversation will discuss the value of Black Scholarship and discuss the lack of diversity that exists in higher education. This panel discussion will seek to create discourse on the decolonization of academic spaces, allowing for higher education to become more diverse and inclusive. Sponsored by: African American Studies

### Black in the Military, Virtual Panel

Join African American Studies for a conversation that explores the experiences of Black/African American servicemen and women. This discussion will highlight the contributions that African Americans have made to the U.S. Armed Forces. This conversation will seek to create discourse that examines the experience of those who have served this country while being disenfranchised by those that they serve.

## WEEK 3: .....

### February 18, 2021 - Queer Talk, 3:30 PM, Virtual Platform

Join the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center for a dialogue on various topics of the LGBTQ+ community. This session will focus on experiences of QTPOC (Queer Trans People of Color).

### NPHC 101, 7:00 PM, Virtual Platform – NPHC Instagram (nphc\_msstate)

Sponsored by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life & the National Pan Hellenic Council. Join in for the opportunity to learn more about our MSU NPHC organizations through an open forum.

### The Conversation, 7:00 PM, Dorman Hall – RM 140

Freshman Council invites you to join “The Conversation” for the second year in a row! This event will focus on improving relationships between various demographics on campus in an effort to bring unity to our campus.

**February 19, 2021**

### Homecoming Drive-In Movie, 7:00 PM, Sanderson Lot

Sponsored by Student Activities and Music Maker Productions: Homecoming is a 2019 concert film about American singer Beyoncé and her performance at the 2018 Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival.

**February 20, 2021**

### A Seat at the Table, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, McCool Hall

A Seat at The Table is a conference designed to equip minority students with the skills and confidence to get involved and become campus-wide leaders. Students will gain new skills while networking with other students and professionals. The conference will begin with a main keynote session followed by a variety of breakout sessions where students can engage in activities centered around diversity and inclusion, professional development, and community engagement. To register visit Cowbell Connect. *Sponsored by: Student Association*

## WEEK 4: .....

**February 22, 2021**

### Fine Art Exhibit, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Old Main Lounge

Explore the artistic talents of Black students & famous Black artists in the Old Main Lounge. This exhibit will cover many forms of fine art, from literature to paintings to dance. *Sponsored by: Student Association*

**February 23, 2021**

### Virtual Black Business Expo. All Day – Instagram @msstate\_events

Check out the Center for Student Activities Instagram page for a spotlight on a local Black-owned business and ways you can support your local Black business owners!

**February 24, 2021**

### Black History Month Keynote: Kiese Laymon, 3:00 PM, MSU TV – Live Stream

Kiese will discuss his new edition of “How to Slowly Kill Yourself and Others in America.” Mr. Field Brown will offer his comments and questions and will field the questions of students and faculty.

### The History of Black Fashion, 6:00 PM, Colvard Student Union – Dawg House

Join Student Activities in the Dawg House to watch the history of Black fashion evolve throughout the decades via an interactive fashion show.

**February 25, 2021**

### 100 Black Men in Suits - 5:30 PM - Taylor Auditorium

#### Changing the image and creating a new narrative

Join the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center and the Men of Excellence Program for a panel discussion on re-creating the image of African American Men. The hope is to unite and create a positive impact amongst our African American males.

**February 26, 2021**

### Drive-in Movie: Be Free or Die, 7:00 PM – Sanderson Lot

Join African American Studies and the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center for the thrilling and inspirational life of an iconic American Freedom Fighter, Harriet. The movie tells the extraordinary tale of Harriet Tubman's escape from slavery and transformation into one of America's greatest heroes.

**February 28, 2021**

### A Walk-Through Mississippi Showcase – 7:00 pm, Better-sworth Auditorium Honoring the Past of African Americans in the State of Mississippi.

Join the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center as we take a walk through Mississippi for a cultural extravaganza showcasing forms of Black art, including spoken word, monologues, dance and song.



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