



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH *08*

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**February 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Why We Should Celebrate Black History Month?**

**DUC 340 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Mildred Bailey, Director of the Minority College Awareness Program at the University of Kentucky, will serve as the guest speaker and provide an overview of the importance of celebrating Black History. Sponsored by the Office of Diversity Programs & Housing and Residence Life. For more information, contact Ricardo @ 745-5066.

**February 4<sup>th</sup>**

**African American Read-In**

**Java City in Helm Library from 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

The African American Read-in has been endorsed by the International Reading Association. Over a million readers of all ethnic groups from 49 states, the West Indies, and African countries have participated. The goal is to make the celebration of African American literacy a traditional part of Black History Month activities. WKU students, faculty and staff, and members of the Bowling Green community, are invited to read 3 minute excerpts from their favorite African American work. Works may include music, poetry, adult literature or children's books.

To register call 745-4502 or email [cindy.troutman@wku.edu](mailto:cindy.troutman@wku.edu)

**Movie: Pride**

**Arcade on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of DUC @ 7:00 p.m.**

Based on true events, *Pride* tells the inspiring story of Jim Ellis, a charismatic schoolteacher in the 1970s who changed lives forever when he founded an African American swim team in one of Philadelphia's roughest neighborhoods. The film shows this uplifting and soulful story of Ellis' journey that pulled together a group of troubled inner-city kids, made them into a dedicated team, and taught them how to overcome adversity through hard work and determination.

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**February 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Lecture: Jim Ellis**

**DUC Theater @ 7:00 p.m.**

Jim Ellis established the P.D.R. swim team in the 1970's, which positively affect the lives of inner-city kids in Philadelphia. He asserts that anyone can overcome adversity and negativity if there are positive role-models and that it is possible to positively change lives and create a better future. The subject of the film *Pride*, Jim Ellis taught his P.D.R. swimmers more than just how to compete in the water; he taught them important and life-changing lessons that would prepare them for a better future

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**February 6<sup>th</sup>**

**The Graduate Student Lecture Series featuring Rayshawn Ray: Combating Racial Prejudice: Strategies for Racial Change in Public Discourses**

**DUC 340 @ 1:00 p.m.**

Rashawn Ray is a doctoral candidate in the Sociology Department at Indiana University-Bloomington. His research interests are social psychology, race, class, and gender, and research methodology.

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**Movies in Black: Imitation of Life (1959)**

**South Campus Cinema @ 3:00 p.m.**

A drama about two single mothers, a struggling young white actress with a six-year-old daughter and a black housekeeper with a light-skinned eight-year-old daughter who rejects her mother by trying to pass for white, who face dilemmas in a world they do not control.

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**Minority Future on the Hill**

**Mass Media & Technology Hall Auditorium @ 7:00 p.m.**

For the past four years, the Minority Future on the Hill has been a forum where students and administration have had the opportunity to discuss issues as they relate to students of color at Western in a cordial and friendly setting. Please join the Black Student Alliance, as they discuss these issues with key administrators around the campus community.

Sponsored by the Black Student Alliance and Office of Diversity Programs

**February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**The African American Film Series presents *Hardwood: A Black Family's Story & Covered Girls***

**Cherry Hall 125 @11:30 a.m. -12:45 p.m.**

**Niteclass @ 8:00 p.m.**

*Hardwood* is compelling in its tale of one black family reconstituting itself after coming to terms with the sorrows brought on, in part, by the racial prejudice of the time. It will resonate with many young people who grew up in single parent households, as well as the adults who try to help them heal.

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**February 11<sup>th</sup>****Icons of Black History: Art Display & Discussion by Artist Arlene Moorman  
DUC 226 @ 1:00 p.m.**

A visual journey and discussion of icons in African American history such as freedom fighters, the Buffalo Soldiers, and the Tuskegee Airmen.

For more information, contact Arlene Moorman @ Arlene's Art Studio & Gallery, (270) 779-2164.

**February 12<sup>th</sup>****Forum: Election 2008-Who Should Get the Black Vote? Obama or Clinton  
DUC 305 @ 7:00 p.m.**

A facilitated discussion on the views and perspectives of presidential candidates Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton and the support of Black Americans for the upcoming democratic primary elections. With the black vote at the forefront of discussions about the democratic primary elections, this forum will outline the issues, comments in the media, and varying viewpoints about the prospective candidates. Sponsored by the NAACP-WKU Branch & the African American Studies Department

**February 13<sup>th</sup>****Black History Month Keynote by Dr. Lucius Outlaw of Vanderbilt University  
Mass Media & Technology Auditorium @ 6:00 p.m.**

Lucius Turner Outlaw Jr. is the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, Professor of Philosophy, and Director of the African American studies program at Vanderbilt University. He authored or edited numerous articles, including a collection of essays titled "On Race and Philosophy," Outlaw is writing a monograph, *Race, Reason, and Order*. He also maintains an electronic database of biographical and bibliographical information on philosophers of African descent, past and present, from which he prepared the International Directory of Philosophers of African Descent.

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**Movies in Black: Black Indians: An American Story  
South Campus Cinema @ 3:00 p.m.**

This film brings to light a forgotten part of Americans past – the cultural and racial fusion of Native and African Americans. Narrated by James Earl Jones, "Black Indians: An American Story" explores what brought the two groups together, what drove them apart and the challenges they face today.

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**February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**The African American Film Series presents *Motherland: A Genetic Journey***

**Cherry Hall 125 @11:15-1:00**

**Niteclass @ 8:00 p.m.**

Motherland - A Genetic Journey is a moving, feature-length documentary shot on three continents which used genetics to enable members of the African diaspora to trace for the first time their African ancestry.

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**February 15<sup>th</sup>**

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**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**DUC Lobby**

ANSWER: A great opportunity to test your knowledge of Black history, including authors, political and sports figures, inventors, WKU trailblazers, and pop culture.

QUESTION: "What is Black History Month Jeopardy - hosted by the Department of Housing & Residence Life?" Join in for a chance to challenge students, faculty, and staff about their knowledge of Black History, learn something new, and win great prizes!!

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**Why You Should Vote**

**DUC 340 @ 7:00 p.m.**

This will be an interactive discussion of the importance of voting. The discussion will feature a historical perspective on voting as well contemporary reasons to foster more civic engagement.

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**Freedom to Freedom Pilgrimage: A Symbolic Journeying Back to Africa**

**Facilitated by Dr. Johnston Njoku**

**DUC 340 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Having moved from slavery to freedom, let us march on from freedom to freedom; that is to the state of freedom that was before the Atlantic slavery began. Thus, the *From Freedom to Freedom* program is a symbolic journey that begins from North America and continues beyond the processing centers on the coastal towns in former Grain Coast (now Senegal), Gold Coast (now Ghana) and Ivory Coast, to the hinterland of the former Slave Coast in southeastern Nigeria.

## **Is America Ready?**

**DUC 305 @ 7:00 p.m.**

An interactive, facilitated discussion that asks the question, Is America ready for a non white Anglo Saxon Protestant (WASP) male president.

Sponsored by the Black Student Alliance and the NAACP-WKU Branch

## **February 20<sup>th</sup>**

**A Marathon Book Reading: Beloved by Toni Morrison**

**Facilitated by Drs. Kristi Branham & Dr. Kelly Reames**

**DUC Lobby from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 pm**

In celebration of Black History Month, the English Department is sponsoring a 12-hour marathon of Toni Morrison's book, *Beloved*. Everyone is welcome to join in this event.

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## **The African American Film Series Presents: HIP HOP: Beyond Beats and Rhymes**

**Cherry Hall 125 @ 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

**Niteclass @ 8:00 p.m.**

HIP-HOP: Beyond Beats and Rhymes takes an in-depth look at representations of manhood, sexism and homophobia in hip-hop culture. This groundbreaking documentary is a "loving critique" of certain disturbing developments in rap music culture from the point of view of a fan who challenges the art form's representations of masculinity.

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## **Movies in Black: Malcolm X**

**South Campus Cinema @ 3:00 p.m.**

Writer-director Spike Lee's epic portrayal of the life and times of the slain civil rights leader Malcolm X and his rise from jail to becoming an activist.

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**Graduate Student Lecture Series featuring Zandria Robinson: The Diversity of Black Experiences  
DUC 340 @ 1:00 p.m.**

This lecture will focus on how a great deal of sociological research about black people sees them as a monolith group of people and fails to really look at diverse categories of black people, even though theoretically, looking at a diversity of black populations can help us to understand more about how racism is perpetuated and institutionalized.

For more information, contact Creston Lynch at 745-5066.

**February 25th**

**Alison Joseph, Poet.**

**Cherry Hall 125 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Allison Joseph is the author of five books of poetry: *Worldly Pleasure* (2004); *Imitation of Life* (2002); *Soul Train* (1997); *In Every Seam* (1997); and *What Keeps Us Here* (1992), which won the Ampersand Women Poets Series Prize and the John C. Zacharis Award First Book Prize from Ploughshares. She is an Associate Professor of English at Southern Illinois University and editor of *Crab Orchard Review*. Sponsored by the Creative Writing Committee— The English Department

**February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Movies in Black: A Huey P. Newton Story**

**South Campus Cinema @ 3:00 p.m.**

Originally born in a small town in Louisiana and later moving with his family to Oakland, California as an infant, Huey P. Newton became the co-founder and leader of the Black Panther Party for over 2 decades

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**February 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Black Wall Street**

**DUC 226 @ 1:30 p.m.**

An interactive presentation centered around the race riots of the 1920's and the contemporary lessons that can be garnered from them. Central to the presentation will be the Tulsa Riot of 1921.

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**February 28th**

**The African American Film Series Presents: On the Down Low**

**Cherry Hall 125 @ 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Niteclass @ 8:00 p.m.**

Four African-American men living in Cleveland, Ohio confront the issues and emotions related to coming out as gay men.

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**Soul Food Dinner**

**4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. @ the Fresh Food Court (DUC)**

Come out to the Fresh Food Court to celebrate and enjoy the delicious taste of soul food which is considered a tradition of the African American family. The menu and cost for individuals without meal plans will be announced.

Sponsored by WKU Restaurant & Catering, the Office of Diversity Programs, & University Centers & Leadership Programs

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***WKYU – PBS will be broadcasting programming in celebration of Black History Month throughout the month. For more information, please visit their website, [www.wku.edu/wkyu-tv](http://www.wku.edu/wkyu-tv), or call (270) 745-2400. WKYU –PBS Channel 11 (Regular Cable), and Channel 7 (WKU)***

*Calendar of Events coordinated by the Office of Diversity Programs.*