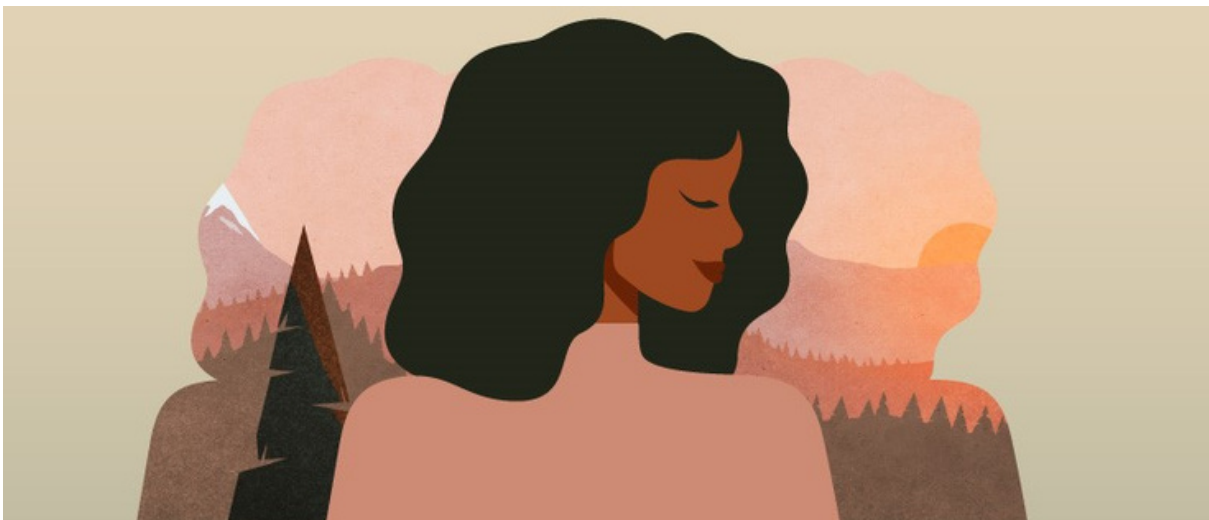


CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

THE SKOLOFF & WOLFE DIVERSITY CELEBRATION NEWSLETTER



S&W Diversity, Education, and Inclusion (“SWDEI”) initiatives is proud to present the first Black History Month Newsletter. This week, we are sharing seminars, documentaries, and events to fill your month with opportunities to learn, engage, and grow.

The theme of this year's Black History Month is Black Health and Wellness, which explores "the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (e.g., birth workers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora.

The 2022 theme considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have done to be well."

A Black History Month Virtual Festival centered on that theme, will offer webinars and Authors' Book Talk Events. Two panel programs to register for:

- Black Bodies: From Exploitation to Excellence
- African American Contributions to Medical Discovery and Public Health

The schedule of ASALH's virtual festival this month can be viewed in on their web page, linked above.

BLACK HISTORY IN AMERICA

BY BARBARA SCHWEIGER

In August 1619, the first ship carrying twenty to thirty enslaved Africans arrived in the British colony of Virginia. No aspect of the country that would eventually become the United States of America would remain untouched by the 250 years of slavery that would follow. Accordingly, any discussion of Black history must include a discussion of that legacy.

The 400th anniversary of that fateful Virginia landing was marked in an initiative started by the New York Times Magazine, [The 1619 Project](#), and their series of audio podcasts called “1619,” hosted by Pulitzer-Prize winning journalist [Nikole Hannah-Jones](#). CBS Mornings interviewed [Ms. Hannah-Jones on confronting the truth about slavery](#) in August 2019. A full-length expansion of the Times reporting, [The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story](#), was published in November 2021; it contains 18 essays and 36 poems and works of fiction that illuminate slavery's legacy to reframe our understanding of American history through this lens. There is also a children's book, *Born on the Water*, by Ms. Hannah-Jones and Newberry Award-winning author [Renée Watson](#). Additional resources related to The 1619 Project can be found on the Pulitzer Center's website page devoted to [The 1619 Project Education Materials Collection](#).

Recently, the Montclair Public Library hosted a fascinating discussion of The 1619 Project by two major contributors to the book: Harvard Kennedy School professor [Khalil Gibran Muhammad](#) and New York Times Magazine editor-in-chief [Jake Silverstein](#). The discussion was moderated by Rutgers Law School professor David Troutt, founder of the Rutgers Center of Law, Inequality and Metropolitan Equity and [can be viewed here](#).



ONLINE SEMINARS AND DOCUMENTARIES

The 44th President: In His Own Words President Barack Obama offers a firsthand account of his time in office: successes, failures, and what he hopes will be his legacy.

America's Black Warriors: Interviews with some of the U.S. military's first black soldiers, sailors, and airmen who fought both against systemic racism and foreign enemies.

Black Patriots: Heroes of the Revolution documentary of the Black experience during the Revolutionary War from its sparks in Boston to the siege of Yorktown; featuring NBA Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Rosa Parks: Mother of a Movement her refusal to surrender her bus seat to a white passenger helped launch local and nationwide efforts to end racial segregation of public facilities

Slavery in America: The Constitution to Reconstruction author Clint Smith and National Constitution Center CEO Jeffrey Rosen discuss slavery

Stories from the Road to Freedom first-hand accounts, rare audio recordings, archival footage, and home movies chronicling Black American lives of ordinary people in their own words, through 150 years of social upheaval

Tuskegee Airmen: Legacy of Courage explore the legacy of this legendary group of Black American pilots who served in WWII and helped pave the way for the civil rights movement

The Underground Railroad documentary about the secret network that smuggled escaped enslaved people from the South to the free states in the North and Canada

Constitutional Questions with Justice Neil M. Gorsuch: Dred Scott v. Sanford

Fight the Power: The Movements That Changed America Narrated by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, this documentary looks at the impact of protests like the labor rights, women's suffrage, and civil rights movements on U.S. history, culture, and society.

The Night Tulsa Burned Tulsa's Greenwood area had become one of America's most affluent all-Black communities by 1921 – until June 1, when white mobs set it on fire, destroying businesses and homes and killing many.

Rise Up: The Movement That Changed America When MLK, Jr. was murdered in Memphis on April 4, 1968, he left a legacy of profound change, but much of his work remains unfinished.

The Black Freedom Struggle in Early New Jersey, 1613-1860 Recorded presentation by the Teaneck Public Library and the State of New Jersey in which Dr. Christopher Matthews discusses Black communities in the mid-Atlantic region and New Jersey; moderated by Shelley Washington.

Crossing the Bridge: the events leading up to "Bloody Sunday," March 7, 1965, the day civil rights protestors crossed the Edmund Pettis Bridge marching to Montgomery and were met with unprovoked brutality.

Famous Wally Amos: The Cookie King documentary examining the complex life of the man renowned for his chocolate chip cookies, but also looking at his time in the music business and his personal life.