



2014 Black History Month

February 1	Cultural Day Excursion featuring August Wilson’s Seven Guitars 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Chicago Court Theater University of Chicago, Chicago, IL Cost: \$5	February 3	Voters Rights & Stand Your Ground Legislation Donna Brazile, Vice Chairwoman for the Democratic Party 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Russel H. Kirkhof, Grand River Room LIB 100 and LIB 201 Approved
<p>A day of culture and the arts in Chicago, IL. In addition to attending the play, participants will go to the DuSable Museum of African American History. Box lunch will be provided. Interested students should sign up in the Area Studies Office at 117 LOH. Only 25 seats available. Don’t delay; sign up today!</p>		<p>Veteran Democratic political strategist Donna Brazile is vice chair of voter registration and participation for the Democratic National Committee and the former interim national chair of the DNC as well as the former chair of the DNC’s Voting Rights Institute.</p>	
February 5	Pioneering Pathways for Students Of Color 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Alumni House, Allendale Campus	February 6	Effective Leadership Service Patrick Miles, Jr., U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Cook Dewitt Center, Allendale Campus LIB 100 and LIB 201
<p>“Pioneering Pathways for Students of Color” is an event to honor the legacy of James Moore, the first African American male graduate of Grand Valley State University. Mr. Moore will share insights regarding his experiences as a student of color at GVSU in the 1960’s, as well as provide sound advice as to how students of color can pioneer their own pathways at GVSU. Dinner will be served. To RSVP for this event, please contact Connie Wiers at (616) 331-2672 or wiersco@gvsu.edu by January 29th.</p>		<p>Patrick Miles, Jr. was nominated by President Barack Obama on March 29, 2012 to serve as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan. He was confirmed by the United States Senate on June 29, 2012 and assumed office on July 9, 2012. Mr. Miles is a frequent author and speaker to professional audiences on legal issues, professionalism, diversity and inclusion as well as to youth audiences on leadership and service.</p>	
February 7	Haiti and Dominican Republic: An Island Divided Black in Latin America with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Noon - 1:00 p.m. Russel H. Kirkhof Center, Room 1240 Allendale Campus	February 11	AFRO-FUTURISM: The Other Wes Moore Rachel Peterson, Liberal Studies 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mary Idema Pew Library Exhibition Room, Allendale Campus
<p>On his journey, Professor Gates discovers, behind a shared legacy of colonialism and slavery, vivid stories and people marked by African roots. Latin America and the Caribbean have the largest concentration of people with African ancestry outside Africa –up to 70 percent of the population in some countries. The region imported more than ten times as many slaves as the United States, and kept them in bondage far longer. As Professor Gates travels to these varied countries, he celebrates the massive influences millions of people of African descent had on the history and culture of Latin America and the Caribbean.</p>		<p>In The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates author Wes Moore tells the story of two young men who were born in the same neighborhood, and who experience similar hardships during the same time period. Yet still, one Wes Moore lives in prison where he serves a life sentence for an armed robbery that ended in murder; the other is a New York Times bestselling author. What made the difference between the Wes Moores? GVSU students, staff and faculty look at the question from an inter-disciplinary perspective and attempt to answer the question in brownbag lunch discussions.</p>	

Events are free and open to the public. For information on parking or for individuals requiring special accommodations, please contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 616-331-2177. You may also visit our website at www.gvsu.edu/oma or email us at oma@gvsu.edu.

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February 14	Positive Black Women Presents A Tribute to Black Women: Strong, Fierce and Dynamic Divas Noon - 1:00 p.m. Russel H. Kirkhof Center Pere Marquette, Allendale Campus LIB 100 and LIB 201 Approved	February 18	The Meeting 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Cook Dewitt Center Allendale Campus LIB 100 & LIB 201 Approved
<p>In collaboration with You Beautiful Black Women and Positive Black Women (PBW) presents "A Tribute to Black Women: Strong, Fierce, and Dynamic Divas" where we will highlight black women who have made notable contributions to our history. We will highlight and honor black women through poetry, song, dance, and so much more. This event will not only provide some history and entertainment but will also empower black women and non-black women alike. Lunch will be provided.</p>		<p>THE MEETING answers the question, "What would have happened if Martin Luther King and Malcolm X had met before they were both assassinated - just three years apart." It is an emotional, clever, and intense confrontation between Malcolm X, his hostile bodyguard, and Martin Luther King. This award-winning play (eight NAACP Theater Awards and six NY AUDELCO nominations) gives factual, but surprising, information about the two leaders, their relentless wit and humor, their unwavering commitment to human rights, and insight into one of the most volatile times in American history.</p>	
February 21	A Taste of Soul Noon - 1:00 p.m. Russel H. Kirkhof Center Lobby Allendale Campus	February 22	God's Kitchen Noon - 1:00 p.m. On-Site Day of Service, Grand Rapids
<p>Join us to share in the deep Southern, African-American tradition of soul food. This style of cooking originated when African Americans, enslaved, were given the leftover scraps. They didn't complain about what they got; they just cooked some of the tastiest food. Traditionally their rations consisted of corn, bacon or salt pork, molasses, flour, seasonal fruits and vegetables. With those few items, a variety of wholesome dishes were created. They learned how to use everything' nothing was wasted.</p>		<p>On this day of service, students, faculty and staff members will lead an effort to give back to West Michigan. GVSU community members are needed to help prepare and serve a lunch meal at God's Kitchen in Grand Rapids. As we help others, we aim to learn more about the communities where we live, as well as about ourselves. Only seven individuals can participate. Please RSVP to Bobby J. Springer at (616) 331-2177 or springeb@gvsu.edu.</p>	
February 24	A Doll's Eyes View of African American History Lena Newton Noon - 1:00 p.m. Russel H. Kirkhof, Room 1240 Allendale Campus	February 26	We Who Believe in Freedom Cannot Rest: Lessons from Black Feminism Patricia Hill Collins 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Russel H. Kirkhof Center Grand River Room, Allendale Campus LIB 100 and LIB 201 Approved
<p>Explore your African American Trivia knowledge with this fun and educational exploration of interesting stories from African American history. Historical Doll, Sculptor/Designer Lena Newton helps to keep African American History alive with an eye for historical detail, with her 3-diminsional historical figures. Her research begins with an in-depth study of the person, including materials from African American History, magazines and newspaper articles and photography books that tell the stories of each doll.</p>		<p>The Intersections partners will bring Patricia Hill Collins, distinguished professor of sociology at the University of Maryland, to Grand Valley in February. Collins is a social theorist whose research and scholarship have examined issues of race, gender, social class, sexuality and/or nation.</p>	

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