

# BLACK

## HISTORY MONTH

### OUR ROOTS RUN DEEP

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#### JIM CROW MUSEUM

Big Rapids, MI

Saturday, February 1st

The Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia at Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Michigan, displays a wide variety of everyday artifacts depicting the history of racist portrayals of African Americans in American popular culture.

#### TALK BACK TUESDAY

Gayle R. Davis Center for Women and Gender Equity

Tuesday, February 11th  
Noon - 1:00pm

Join us for monthly discussions viewing and discussing current events and topics through modes of intersectionality.

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DR. RIK STEVENSON

Pere Marquette, Kirkhof

Wednesday, February 5th  
Noon - 1:30pm

A presentation on how the contributions of Black/African-Americans have impacted the world. Special significance is placed on the legacy and cultural impact of Blacks/ African-Americans.

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#### AFRO-LATINX IDENTITY & THE AFRICAN DIASPORA

DR. YOMAIRA FIGUEROA

2263 Kirkhof Center

Tuesday, February 11th  
2:00pm - 3:00pm

Dr. Yomaira Figueroa, Assistant Professor of Global Diaspora Studies at Michigan State University will present "Theorizing Destierro: Home & Embodied Resistance in Afro-Atlantic Literature." Free food.

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#### AIM HIGH

#### BASKETBALL GAME

Fieldhouse Arena

Thursday, February 6th

GVSU vs. Wayne State  
(Men's & Women's Basketball)  
6:00pm Women's Game  
8:00pm Men's Game

GVSU alumni and community members will be honored during this event. The first 500 attendees will receive a free t-shirt.

#### POSITIVE BLACK WOMAN

Grand River Room

Friday, February 14th  
Noon - 1:00pm

A Celebration of Black Arts hosted by the Positive Black Women Affinity group to give honor and recognition to those that have made a way and shaped "our" history. All are welcome to attend. Free food.

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#### THE FIGHT IS NOT OVER

RAE LEWIS-THORNTON

Pere Marquette, Kirkhof

Friday, February 7th  
1:00pm - 2:00pm

Rae Lewis-Thornton will share her groundbreaking story of living with such a deadly disease. February 7th is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

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#### CONVERSATIONS OF COLOR

1240 Kirkhof Center

Wednesday, February 19th  
Noon - 1:00pm

A panel discussion with international students of color. They will share their personal experiences at GVSU and how they maintain their identity while sometimes grouped in the African-American student experience.

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#### CELEBRATION OF GOSPEL

Cook-DeWitt Center

Monday, February 10th  
7:00pm

A musical tribute to Black Gospel with a reflection on the impact it has had on the African-American community.

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#### TASTE OF SOUL

Holton-Hooker Multipurpose Room

Thursday, February 20th  
6:00pm - 9:00pm

A presentation on the scraps that African-Americans were given to feed themselves. A movie presentation "Coming to America."

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