

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS
FEBRUARY 2020**

Event	Date and Location	Description
Guardians of the Ankh	<p>February 7, 2020 6:00 PM — 8:00 PM</p> <p>Medgar Evers College 1638 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225</p> <p>Academic Building 1 Edison O. Jackson Auditorium, ground floor</p>	<p>The Medgar Evers College Black History Month Committee in collaboration with Maat Moves proudly present a panel discussion exploring how the Ancient Nile Valley influences the world.</p> <p>Guardians of the Ankh (GOTA) is a lecture series and forum that speaks to those who are seeking to (re)connect with the truth about Ancient Afro Kemet studies, culture, and lifestyle.</p> <p>Guest speakers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NASwt Biti Ra Sankhu Kheper, High Priest and Ankh Bearing Scholar • Tony Browder, renowned scholar and Nile Valley expert <p>https://events.cuny.edu/cec/guardians-of-the-ankh</p>
Black Achievements in Science	<p>February 10, 2020 11:30 AM — 1:00 PM</p> <p>Medgar Evers College 1638 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225</p> <p>Academic Building 1 Edison O. Jackson Auditorium, ground floor</p>	<p>The Medgar Evers College Black History Month Committee in collaboration with the School of Science, Health, and Technology present a conversation with Avery August, Ph.D.</p> <p>Avery August, Ph.D. is Howard Hughes Medical Institute Professor, Professor of Immunology, and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at Cornell University. He is also co-director of the Cornell Center for Health Equity at Cornell University. He received a BS in Medical Technology from California State University at Los Angeles, a Ph.D. in Immunology from Cornell University's Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences, and a post-doctoral fellowship at the Rockefeller University as a National Science Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellow.</p> <p>His research focuses on understanding the immunological basis for the balance of inflammation and pathology.</p> <p>https://events.cuny.edu/cec/black-achievements-in-science</p>

<p>Civil Rights Book Collection and Panel Discussion</p>	<p>February 13, 2020 6:00 PM — 8:00 PM</p> <p>Medgar Evers College 1650 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225</p> <p>Bedford Building Library, ground floor</p>	<p>This collaborative event between the Library and the department of Public Administration features a permanent book display devoted to civil rights and social justice and a panel discussion.</p> <p>The results of the library’s collaborative collection development effort will be presented in addition to an online research guide component and a pamphlet of selected books.</p> <p>Attendees are also invited to view several displays, including a presentation based on the <i>New York Times Magazine</i>’s 1619 project and the <i>Golden Legacy Illustrated History Magazine</i> exhibit. The panel discussion will focus on policies that affect our communities and will be moderated by Dr. Wallace Ford.</p> <p>The five panelists include a representative from the NAACP; Jennifer Jones Austin; Paul Williams; Raymond Goulbourne; and Dr. Don A. Dayson.</p> <p>https://events.cuny.edu/cec/civil-rights-book-collection-and-panel-discussion</p>
<p>The Life and Times of Marcus Garvey</p>	<p>February 14, 2020 6:00 PM — 10:00 PM</p> <p>Medgar Evers College 1638 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225</p> <p>Academic Building 1 Edison O. Jackson Auditorium, ground floor</p>	<p>Sponsored by the People of the Sun Middle Passage Collective, this event honors and celebrates the life and work of the Black liberation and Black nationalist leader Marcus Garvey and the times in which he lived.</p> <p>As a prominent Black leader whose ideas on Black economic independence and entrepreneurship inspired and promoted Black communities to take ownership and responsibility for their social and economic destinies, Marcus Garvey reflects the values of Black History Month and its objective to honor the heroes of Black culture and their contributions to the lives of Blacks throughout the world.</p> <p>His influences on outstanding Black historic leaders like Malcolm X, Elijah Muhammad, Nelson Mandela, Winnie Mandela, and Rosa Parks speak to Garvey’s relevance and influence on Black thought and activism hundreds of years later.</p> <p>https://events.cuny.edu/cec/the-life-and-times-of-marcus-garvey</p>
<p><i>The Bluest Eye</i> by Toni Morrison</p>	<p>February 19, 2020 11:30 AM — 1:00 PM</p> <p>Medgar Evers College 1638 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225</p> <p>Academic Building 1 Edison O. Jackson Auditorium, ground floor</p>	<p>In the tradition of The Great American Read, the Department of English presents the annual Medgar Evers College Big Read—a collaborative, interdisciplinary endeavor which features <i>The Bluest Eye</i> in honor of literary icon Toni Morrison.</p> <p>The Medgar Evers College Big Read brings together students and faculty to spark thoughtful conversation and social engagement, as well as offer a platform for research and writing.</p> <p>Guest speakers include Dr. Farah Griffin, Dr. Dana Williams, Professor Tiphonie Yanique, and film producer Sandra Guzman.</p> <p>https://events.cuny.edu/cec/the-bluest-eye-by-toni-morrison</p>

<p>Film Screening: <i>The Pieces I Am</i></p>	<p>February 19, 2020 6:00 PM — 8:00 PM</p> <p>Medgar Evers College 1650 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225</p> <p>Founders Auditorium, ground floor</p>	<p>Join us to celebrate and experience the life and work of literary icon Toni Morrison in an exclusive film screening of the documentary, <i>The Pieces I Am</i>.</p> <p>https://events.cuny.edu/cec/film-screening-the-pieces-i-am</p>
<p>Artists As Activists</p>	<p>February 20, 2020 6:00 PM — 8:00 PM</p> <p>Medgar Evers College 1650 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225</p> <p>Room 1008, ground floor</p>	<p>This panel discussion will feature Black artists who use their platforms to promote social justice and human rights: Hill Harper, Mari Malek, and Tamara Thomas.</p> <p>https://events.cuny.edu/cec/artists-as-activists</p>
<p>Census 2020: Everyone Counts!</p>	<p>February 24, 2020 11:30 AM — 12:45 PM</p> <p>Medgar Evers College 1638 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225</p> <p>Academic Building 1 Edison O. Jackson Auditorium, ground floor</p>	<p>Through an interactive discussion, attendees will have the opportunity to discuss the importance of embracing their cultural history while learning why it is imperative for everyone to be counted in the 2020 Census.</p> <p>https://events.cuny.edu/cec/census-2020-everyone-counts</p>
<p>Soul Food Event</p>	<p>February 26, 2020 11:30 AM — 1:00 PM</p> <p>Medgar Evers College 1638 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225</p> <p>Academic Building 1, Edison O. Jackson lobby, ground floor</p>	<p>Soul food as we know it has always been a part of African-American culture and carries added significance beyond nourishment. It is with this mind that we have carefully selected dishes that speak to the role soul food played in the lives of past and present generations of African-Americans. The event will also include as speaker who will discuss the role of soul food in African- and Caribbean-American culture.</p> <p>https://events.cuny.edu/cec/soul-food-event</p>

<p>The Legacy of Black Wall Street: Building Generational Wealth through Entrepreneurship</p>	<p>February 26, 2020 12:00 PM — 2:00 PM</p> <p>Medgar Evers College 1638 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225</p> <p>Academic Building 1 Edison O. Jackson Auditorium, ground floor</p>	<p>This event focuses on the legacy of Tulsa’s Black Wall Street and its influence on the socioeconomic advancement of the Black community.</p> <p>By discussing the importance of opportunities that help facilitate financial mobility, attendees learn to explore ways to create generational wealth through innovative business ventures.</p> <p>The discussion also serves to encourage attendees to begin thinking of ways to generate additional streams of income and strategies to optimize their professional skills. Guest speaker include Adenah Bayoh along with a panel of Black business owners and entrepreneurs.</p> <p>https://events.cuny.edu/cec/the-legacy-of-black-wall-street-building-generational-wealth-through-entrepreneurship</p>
<p>Artist’s Talks and Exhibit: Laura James + Charles Hearn Exhibit</p>	<p>February 26, 2020 6:00 PM — 8:00 PM</p> <p>Medgar Evers College 1650 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225</p> <p>Charles Evans Inness Memorial Library, second floor</p>	<p>The art exhibit on the Library’s second floor displays paintings by Laura James and Charles Hearn.</p> <p>The exhibit opening will feature a talk with Laura James, a self-taught painter and illustrator who employs the Ethiopian Christian Art form (an ancient way of making icons) and expands on the collection of stories traditionally painted in this style.</p> <p>The exhibit also features a talk with Charles Hearn, an artist, web designer, and illustrator whose work is deeply embedded in the history and non-fictional narratives of prominent historic figures of the African Diaspora.</p> <p>https://events.cuny.edu/cec/artists-talks-and-exhibit-laura-james-charles-hearn</p>
<p>Jazz Dinner Celebrating Female Jazz Musicians</p>	<p>February 27, 2020 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM</p> <p>Medgar Evers College 1638 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225</p> <p>Academic Building 1 Cafeteria, second floor</p>	<p>The Black History Month Committee and the Women’s HerStory Committee present a jazz dinner celebrating female jazz musicians. Music will be provided by Bryan Carrott and Company, and the Trailblazer Award will be presented to Jennifer Jones Austin.</p> <p>All in attendance will have the opportunity to enter the event’s raffle to win JetBlue roundtrip tickets, Medgar Evers College Swag, or a monthly MetroCard.</p> <p>To RSVP visit: www.mecjazzdinner2020.eventbrite.com. The event is free, but advance tickets are required.</p> <p>Doors open at 5:00 PM; Pre-show begins at 5:30 PM; Show begins at 6:00 PM; Show ends at 8:00 PM.</p> <p>https://events.cuny.edu/cec/jazz-dinner-celebrating-female-jazz-musicians</p>

<p>History Along the Nile River Documentary: From Crops To Stocks</p>	<p>February 28, 2020 6:00 PM — 9:00 PM</p> <p>Medgar Evers College 1638 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225</p> <p>Academic Building 1, Edison O. Jackson Auditorium, ground floor</p>	<p>This documentary presents a snapshot of economic history spanning from the dawn of civilization to today, from crops to stocks. The underlying theme of the film explores the interrelationship between the essential components of economics and politics. Exploring how historical events continue to impact us today, the film examines aspects of history along the Nile River and the key role the economics of the Nile played in the development of civilization.</p> <p>The kingdoms along the Nile used their ecology to develop the world’s first mega economies. This documentary investigates the failure of a consumption-driven Black economy through the lens of cause and effect, from systematic poverty, disenfranchisement, and the decline of entrepreneurship. It addresses many complex problems and suggests innovative ideas for successfully competing in the global economy. The film explores where this competitive acumen has been lost, how we came to lose it, and how we can once again obtain the necessary financial skills to compete on the world stage.</p> <p>https://events.cuny.edu/cec/history-along-the-nile-river-documentary-from-crops-to-stocks</p>
<p>Conversation with Nikole Hannah Jones</p>	<p>April 25, 2020 1:00 PM — 3:00 PM</p> <p>Medgar Evers College 1638 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225</p> <p>Academic Building 1, Edison O. Jackson Auditorium, ground floor</p>	<p>Dr. Brenda Greene in conversation with Nikole Hannah Jones. This is a collaborative event with office of New York State Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie.</p> <p>https://events.cuny.edu/cec/conversation-with-nikole-hannah-jones</p>