

Black History Month Events

PUBLIC EVENTS

Martin Luther King Jr. Chapel Worship Service

Thursday, Jan. 18 | 11:25 a.m.

Samuelson Chapel

In celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, Campus Ministry will hold a special Worship Service during our regularly scheduled Sabbath hour of worship to reflect on King's spiritual life and legacy of social justice. After the service, join us on the Samuelson Chapel patio for our Black History Month Kickoff Lunch.

For more information, contact James Esparza at jesparza@CalLutheran.edu or 805-493-3766.

Black History Month Kickoff at Foodie Friday

Friday, Feb. 2 | Noon to 2 p.m.

Kingsmen Park

Join the annual Black History Month Kickoff to mark the beginning of Black History Month celebrations through food, games, music and more. This event is part of the Foodie Friday series and will feature free food for the first 200 students and the first 25 faculty and staff members.

This celebration includes the live performance of Tamakan Rhythms West African Drumming & Instruments. Get ready to immerse yourself in the vibrant rhythms of Tamakan Rhythms, a diverse group of adult musicians at a West African music school led by master drummer Solo Soro, with instruments including the djembe fola, djundjun fola and balafon fola. This performance is also an opportunity to learn about the rich cultural traditions behind West African drumming.

This event is sponsored by Student Life's Center for Cultural Engagement and Inclusion. For more information, email ccei@CalLutheran.edu or call 805-493-3489.

Community Training on Unity, Black Excellence and Allyship

Tuesday, Feb. 6 | 12:25-2 p.m.

Ullman 100/101

Join us for an exciting learning event with Ramsey Jay Jr., dynamic speaker and renowned expert in the field of community training, who will empower, inspire and motivate participants as he shares insights and strategies for promoting unity, celebrating Black excellence and becoming better allies.

Ramsey Jay Jr., the founding principal of Ramsey Jay Jr. and Associates, a strategic consulting company, and an MBA graduate of the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College, has delivered more than 600 keynote addresses, seminars and corporate trainings. He's the author of *Empowering Dreamers to Become Achievers* and *The Mentorship Engine* and received the 2023 President's Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteer Service from AmeriCorps and the office of the president of the United States.

We believe that fostering understanding, unity and allyship is a collective effort, and we welcome all who are interested in being part of this important conversation. We encourage you to invite your friends, colleagues and community members to join us for this enlightening experience. Food will be available, and guests are also welcome to bring their lunch.

This free event is sponsored by the Office of Talent, Culture and Diversity, the Center for Teaching and Learning, and Ethnic and Race Studies. To RSVP, visit bit.ly/46MUxlm. For more information, contact Dulce Gallardo at dmgallardo@CalLutheran.edu.

South to Freedom: Runaway Slaves to Mexico and the Road to the Civil War

Alice Baumgartner, PhD

Tuesday, Feb. 13 | 12:25-2 p.m.

Ullman 100/101

Alice Baumgartner, PhD, assistant professor of history at the University of Southern California, will provide a necessary perspective on pre-Civil War America and the profound importance of Mexico in the history of the United States. She'll highlight the collective stories of American enslaved people who escaped to Mexico during the 19th century seeking freedom, and how Mexican abolition contributed to the sectional crisis in the U.S. and shaped the lives of enslaved people. Baumgartner will deliver a virtual presentation and present part of her research while engaging with the audience. Lunch will be served.

Baumgartner's book *South to Freedom: Runaway Slaves to Mexico and the Road to the Civil War* has won multiple awards and prizes and was an editor's choice by The New York Times Book Review and a finalist for the L.A. Times Book Award.

For more information, please contact Dulce Gallardo at dmgallardo@CalLutheran.edu. This free event is sponsored by the Office of Talent, Culture and Diversity in collaboration with the Center for Global Engagement. To RSVP, visit bit.ly/3NbpPvC. For more information, contact Dulce Gallardo at dmgallardo@CalLutheran.edu.

Black History Month Lecture Lunch "Healing the People, Healing the Land: Fannie Lou Hamer's Theo-Politics of Love"

The Rev. Dr. Karen Crozier

Thursday, Feb. 15 | 12:30-2 p.m.

Lundring Events Center

You are invited to lunch after chapel time, as we continue to build a beloved community and a space of belonging and learning. Keynote speaker the Rev. Dr. Karen Crozier will present "Healing the People, Healing the Land: Fannie Lou Hamer's Theo-Politics of Love," the title of a chapter in her book *Fannie Lou Hamer's Revolutionary Practical Theology*. The book introduces Hamer as a revolutionary practical theologian who resided on the margins of the church, academy and society.

Cozier is driving innovation and change on racial and environmental justice in agencies and individuals. Her current community leadership

efforts include Black reparations, African American infant mortality, and educational equity and justice. Cozier is an entrepreneur, writer and educator who encourages the audience to use critical thinking, careful analysis and a radical imagination to engage racial equity and justice.

This free event is open to the public and sponsored by the Office of Talent, Culture and Diversity. For more information, contact James Esparza at jesparza@CalLutheran.edu.

Disrupting Colonial Pedagogies

Jillian Ford, PhD, and Nathalia Jaramillo, PhD

Tuesday, Feb. 27 | 12:25-2 p.m.

Ullman 100/101

This in-person book talk will feature a virtual session with distinguished authors Jillian Ford, PhD, and Nathalia Jaramillo, PhD. Cal Lutheran's Lorri Santamaria, PhD, will lead the discussion on their edited book *Disrupting Colonial Pedagogies*, which features women authors of the Black, Afro-Latina and Afro-Indigenous diasporas, underlying the reality that "Black is not a Monolith."

Participants will learn valuable information and insights that can inform curriculum and pedagogical practices across multiple disciplines. Whether you're a faculty member, student or a community member interested in educational innovation, this presentation promises to be an enlightening experience.

This free event is sponsored by the Office of Talent, Culture and Diversity, the Center for Teaching and Learning, and Ethnic and Race Studies. For more information, please contact Dulce Gallardo at dmgallardo@CalLutheran.edu.

A Celebration of Black Excellence

Thursday, Feb. 29 | 5-8 p.m.

Lundring Events Center

Join us in celebration of Black History Month as we welcome professionals in the financial, business and healthcare industries. Our guests will share stories about their career journeys, along with insight and expertise about their specific fields. These leaders also will share how they are using their platforms to give back and make a difference in the community. This event will be hosted by the 2023-2024 cohort of the Community Scholars for Black Lives Fellowship Program.

This free event is sponsored by the Community Scholars for Black Lives Fellowship Program. For more information, contact Allison Moore at uaevents@CalLutheran.edu or 805-493-3001.

Black History Month Display

Month of February

Pearson Library

The Pearson Library will feature a selection of books, a slideshow, posters and digital resources to bring awareness to Black History Month.

In conjunction with the university's programming for signature events, the library offers displays that celebrate the different cultures, groups and peoples honored by heritage months.

For more information, contact Erin Sommers at emsommers@CalLutheran.edu or 805-493-3431.

STUDENT-ONLY EVENTS

Hair Time Sessions

Jan. 31, Feb. 7, Feb. 21 and March 13 | Noon to 2 p.m.

Kingsmen Park

The Center for Cultural Engagement and Inclusion is proud to partner with ClipDart, a Black-owned social enterprise, to provide recurring barber and braiding services to students at no cost. These sessions are designed for students with curly and coily textured hair, as there is a lack of access to hair professionals in the area who are experienced with those hair textures.

Braiding services will be available during the 2/21/2024 session. Students may choose from the following styles: two-strand twists, cornrows and box braids. To book your appointment, visit bit.ly/hairtimeCLU.

This initiative is sponsored by Student Life's Center for Cultural Engagement and Inclusion. For more information, email ccei@CalLutheran.edu or call 805-493-3572.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The African American Male Education Network & Development Conference (A²MEND)

March 6-8

Hyatt LAX, Los Angeles

Selected students will attend the African American Male Education Network & Development's (A²MEND) annual conference. Students submitted their applications in December and were selected to attend the conference on behalf of Cal Lutheran. This event brings together Black male college students and educators to encourage and find innovative ideas to increase the success of Black male students in higher education. A²MEND is a nonprofit comprising African American male educators who voluntarily use their professional expertise to operate a statewide mentoring program for Black male students.