

## **African-American History Month**

### **New Films for Reflection**

This year there are a number of films that trace important realities that have shaped the lives of African Americans in the United States. Among three top films are:

*Hidden Figures:* The story of African American women mathematicians whose contributions were critical to the NASA space program.

*Fences:* Based on the Pulitzer Prize winning play by August Wilson, *Fences* traces the lives of an African American family living in the 1950s and struggling for justice and fair treatment at the cusp of the civil rights movement. the struggle for justice and fair treatment during the 1950s.

*Loving:* A film based on the true story of Mildred and Richard Loving, an interracial couple married in Virginia in the 1950s only to learn that their marriage was not recognized by their State and many others. Though the film covers the Supreme Court case which settled this matter, the film is a moving tribute to love and family in the face of daunting challenges. [Discussion guide](#).