

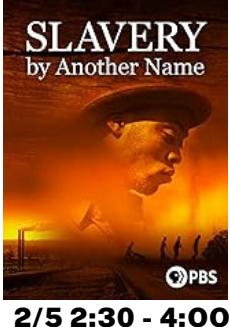
# Black History Month Film Screenings

Join us in celebrating Black History Month this February! We will be screening three films: *Slavery by Another Name* (2/5) *Freedom Riders* (2/12) and *Dark Girls* (2/26)

Learn more about the Black Experience in the United States

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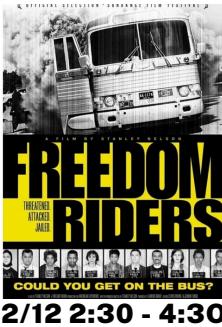


2/5 2:30 - 4:00

## Based on Douglas A. Blackmon's Pulitzer Prize-winning book.

The film tells how even as chattel slavery came to an end in the South in 1865, thousands of African Americans were pulled back into forced labor with shocking force and brutality. It was a system in which men, often guilty of no crime at all, were arrested, compelled to work without pay, repeatedly bought and sold, and coerced to do the bidding of masters. Tolerated by both the North and South, forced labor lasted well into the 20th century. For most Americans this is entirely new history. **Slavery by Another Name** gives voice to the largely forgotten victims and perpetrators of forced labor and features their descendants living today.

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2/12 2:30 - 4:30

## A film by Stanley Nelson

This is the story of more than four hundred Americans who participated in a bold and dangerous experiment designed to awaken the conscience of a complacent nation. These self-proclaimed **Freedom Riders** challenged the mores of a racially segregated society by performing a disarmingly simple act.



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2/26 2:30 - 3:45

## A film by D. Channsin Berry and Bill Duke

An emotional exposé on what it means to be dark skinned in America. Featuring moving interviews with women who open up about their experiences being dark, Black women in America. They share painful stories about things their mothers, sisters and friends have said, in addition to what they've taken away from mass media. Overwhelmingly these interviews reveal the same thing: To them, *Black is not beautiful*. In an effort to learn more about the concept of Black beauty, the filmmakers reach both in and outside the Black community to seed conversations that reveal deep-rooted biases about race. Combining these emotional interviews with historical context and well-known psychological studies, the film sheds light on the perceived biases of "dark versus light," and its ultimate aim to help people see that *Black is beautiful*.

Northampton Recovery Center, 25 Armory Street, Northampton MA

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