

From the Dismantling Racism Ministry: Opportunities for Black History Month

Many organizations are providing on-line educational opportunities appropriate to Black History Month, including the Episcopal Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing (sessions on Pauli Murray's *Song in A Weary Throat*), the National Museum for African American History and Culture, PBS, and Grand Valley State University

From the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing

Two sessions remain of a 4-part series on Pauli Murray's *Song in a Weary Throat*.

Speaker: Aljosie Aldrich Harding, Spiritual Director and Librarian.

Session 3: Tuesday, February 9, 2021. U.S. and world events impacting Murray's life: Murray's major accomplishments.

Session 4: Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Wisdom and Lessons from Murray's Life of struggle and activism, with emphasis on role of spirituality.

Register on the Absalom Jones Center's website: www.centerforracialhealing.org or at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckcu2trDooGNKGfb35JXh-fabvISOp5rZt>

From the National Museum for African American History and Culture

- 1. Historically Speaking: *Four Hundred Souls: A Conversation with Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain*.** The live event was on Feb. 2, but a recording is available. For their newly edited volume *Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019*, renowned scholars Ibram X. Kendi (*How to Be an Antiracist*) and Keisha N. Blain (*Set the World on Fire*) invited 90 talented writers to document the 400-year journey of African Americans. Join editors Kendi and Blain for an extraordinary discussion with contributors Annette Gordon Reed (Harvard University) and Herb Boyd (City University of New York), during which they'll examine eras including slavery, Reconstruction, and segregation — and their sustained impact on the United States.

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- 2. Historically Speaking: The Economic Impact of COVID-19 on the African American Community. Tuesday, February 23 | 7 p.m. Eastern. Free | Online**
Explore how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the physical and financial well-being of the African American community. Discussion moderator Michael Fletcher of ESPN's *Undeclared* and such panelists as researcher and commentator Algernon Austin will examine the country's most dramatic economic crash since the Great Depression, as well as explore how communities can prevail with critical interventions.

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From PBS and WGVU – Available anytime through PBS Passport

1. **PBS American Portrait Episode 4 “I Rise”**. In the fourth episode of PBS American Portrait, go inside the lives of people working to create an antiracist American future. They film themselves doing the hard work, confronting the obstacles and achieving the small victories that could add up to real change in the movement for racial justice. 55 minutes. Aired: 01/26/21 Expires: 01/25/29 Rating: TV-PG <https://www.pbs.org/video/i-rise-d5rzsi/>
2. **American Masters: Maya Angelou – And Still I Rise**. Distinctly referred to as “a redwood tree, with deep roots in American culture,” Dr. Maya Angelou led a prolific life. She inspired generations with lyrical modern African-American thought that pushed boundaries. Best known for her autobiography, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, she gave people the freedom to think about their history in a way they never had before. 1 hr 55 min. Aired: 02/21/17 Expires: 02/21/21 Rating: TV-G <https://www.pbs.org/video/american-masters-maya-angelou-and-still-i-rise-0/>
3. **Driving While Black: Race, Space and Mobility in America**. Special | 1h 55m 23s | Discover how the advent of the automobile brought new mobility and freedom for African Americans but also exposed them to discrimination and deadly violence, and how that history resonates today. Aired: 10/13/20 Expires: 10/12/27 Rating: TV-PG <https://www.pbs.org/video/driving-while-black-race-space-and-mobility-in-america-achvfr/>
4. **The Murder of Emmett Till**. Season 15 Episode 12 | 53m 1s The murder and the trial horrified the nation and the world. Till's death was a spark that helped mobilize the Civil Rights movement. Three months after his body was pulled from the Tallahatchie River, the Montgomery bus boycott began. Aired: 07/27/20 Expires: 02/28/21 Rating: NR <https://www.pbs.org/video/the-murder-of-emmett-till-j6dpqe/>

From Grand Valley State University

1. **Talk Back Tuesday on-line with Facebook live: The Impact of Black Women on our Current Political Climate**. With Brandy Lovelace-Mitchell, Michelle McCloud, and Kelsey Purdue. **Tuesday, February 9, 2021. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM. Virtual [RSVP Now](#)**
2. **Black-haus-tion. Wednesday, February 24, 2021. 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Virtually via Zoom**. A panel of five graduate students will express their exhaustion of having to show up professionally and achieve academically at GVSU as the Black community is repeatedly assaulted at a staggering rate. This panel will provide attendees with insight on what it means to be Black at a predominantly White institution during the COVID-19 pandemic, a polarized election, and the ever-prevalent accounts of police brutality. [RSVP Now](#)