

ASALH National Membership Committee invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic: Charter Ceremony of Ten New ASALH Branches during the
105th ASALH Annual Conference and Meeting**

Time: September 12, 2020 08:45 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting Starts Promptly at 9:00 AM

45-minute Branch Workshop immediately following

Join Zoom Meeting

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9:00 AM EST

CHARTER CEREMONY

Ten (10) New Branches of ASALH

Congratulations to the following cities where these branches reside:

Birmingham, AL; Mobile, AL; Montgomery, AL; Savannah, GA;
New Orleans, LA; Charlotte, NC; Trenton, NJ; Bergen County, NJ;
Richmond, VA; Huntington, WV;

Saturday, September 12, 2020

*SONG: Rainbow of Love
(Playing in the background)*

Mistress and Master of Ceremony (Intergenerational Team)

Dorothy F. Bailey

Co-Chair, ASALH National Membership Committee

Founding President of the

Prince George's County Branch of ASALH

Prince George's County, MD

Dr. Jarvis Givens, Executive Council Member

and upcoming Woodson Scholar

Oak Bluff, MA

*Lift Every Voice and Sing
105th Anniversary*

Led by **Hazel Gillis**, President of the
James Weldon Johnson Branch of ASALH
Jacksonville, FL

(Please mute yourself and sing along)

100th Anniversary of the Red, Black and Green Flag

Beatrice Jones, Historian

Our Author's Study Club Branch of ASALH
and *Vexillologist* (29 years)

Los Angeles, CA

Roll Call - Branches of ASALH to Be Chartered

Dr. Janet Sims-Wood, National Membership
Committee, Compliance Subcommittee

Sylvia Y. Cyrus, Executive Director,

Dr. Lionel Kimble, Vice President for Programs

Charter Ceremony

National Officers will install the officers of the
ten (10) new Branches of ASALH:

President: **Dr. Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham**

Vice President for Membership: **Barbara Spencer Dunn**

Secretary: **Dr. Karsonya Wise-Whitehead**

Treasurer: **Gilbert Smith**

Historians installed by **Dr. Bettye J. Gardner**, Historian
Chair, Woodson Home Committee

Former President of ASALH and longest serving
Executive Council Member [Term ends Dec 31, 2020]

Charge to Branches

Regina Vaughn, President of the

Phila-Heritage Branch of ASALH

Founded in 1929 (Oldest Branch of ASALH)

Philadelphia, PA

Encouraging Words

Dr. Robert Edison, President & **Dr. W. Marvin Dulaney**
the W. Marvin Dulaney Branch of ASALH

Advisory Board & Editor (respectively), Black History 365
Dallas, TX

Closing Remarks

Barbara Spencer Dunn, Vice President for Membership

Closing Song

Rainbow of Love Led by Kiamsha

[Please mute your sound and sing along with the words displayed]

End of Ceremony

REMEMBER: Let's Get Out the Vote!

10 minute Break

Branch Workshop Starts at 10: 15 AM – 11:00 AM

Celebrating ASALH's 105th Founders' Day - September 9, 2020

DO YOU KNOW THE NAMES OF THE FOUR PERSONS WHO FIRST MET WITH DR. WOODSON AT THE WABASH YMCA IN CHICAGO, IL ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1915? THEY ARE:

George Cleveland Hall

W. B. Hartgrove

Alexander L. Jackson and

James E. Stamps

Let's speak their names!

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

DR. EVELYN BROOKS HIGGINBOTHAM

In September 1915, Woodson was visiting Chicago and in residence at the Wabash Avenue YMCA. It was there that he

decided to move forward with the idea of creating an organization devoted to the study of black history and culture. On September 9th, Woodson co-founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH) with four other gentlemen: George Cleveland Hall, W. B. Hartgrove, Alexander L. Jackson, and James E. Stamps. In 1915, the socio-political terrain of the U.S. was particularly intense. While racism had been ever present since the end of Reconstruction, 1915 marked a resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK), a white supremacist organization founded in 1865. A notable landmark of this reinvigorated articulation of white supremacy in American popular culture was the release of D.W. Griffith's film *The Birth of a Nation* (1915), which created a counternarrative to the democratic gains of Reconstruction by positing the KKK as the organization that would reorient the country back to white rule. Critical to the film was the displacement of violence from whites to blacks. Thus, the film portrayed black men as potential and actual rapists of white women, when the truth was that white men and white women had been the purveyors of violence against black women and men in the U.S. for centuries. Led by the NAACP, individuals and organizations protested the showing of the film through picketing at theaters throughout the U.S. and through appeals to government officials. One of the earliest screenings of the film was at the White House, attended by President Woodrow Wilson and his

family members and other invited guests. In addition, the National Press Club held a private screening in the grand ballroom of the Raleigh Hotel in downtown D.C. Attendees included Chief Justice Edward White, his wife Leita Montgomery Kent, Secretary of the Navy Josephus P. Daniels, his wife Addie Worth Bagley, and 88 members of the U.S. Congress and their wives.¹

While the ASNLH was not the first organization to promote black history, it was the first national organization with such an expansive vision of black history. As Dr. Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, current president of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (formerly ASNLH), has stated, “Woodson and the ASNLH, unlike previous groups, began a black history movement led by professionally trained historians whose mission it was to research, promote, publish, and disseminate the history of African-descended people. No other organization before, during, or since the organization’s founding has come close to the breadth and scope of the ASNLH. Woodson, and his many collaborators, made the ASNLH the most successful and longest running organization of its kind, with his life dedicated to ‘the cause’.”² It is not, then,

¹ Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, “Carter G. Woodson’s Place in History,” Speech presented at the Shiloh Baptist Church, December 19, 2015, 6.

² These earlier organizations include the American Negro Academy in Washington, D.C. (1897); the American Negro Historical Society of Philadelphia (1897) and the Negro Society for Historical Research

hyperbole that Woodson is called the “Father of Black History.” He germinated the idea of a black history movement for all and dedicated more than thirty-five years of his life to creating multiple platforms that would make black history a national and global phenomenon. Within the framework of ASNLH, Woodson employed significant tools for the education and advancement of people of African descent. The Association [1915] and the *Journal of Negro History* [1916] (now African American History), were the first of these tools, followed by the founding of Associated Publishers [1921], the creation of Negro History Week [1926] (now Black History Month) and the creation of the *Negro History Bulletin* [1937] (now *Black History Bulletin*). Dr. Woodson successfully provided the foundation that African Americans needed to advance their study and understanding of history in ways that would inspire the collective to achieve a greater significance.³

INTRODUCE the 2021 THEME WITH A STATEMENT ABOUT THE FAMILY AND THE FOCUS ALSO ON THE DIASPORIC FAMILY.

in Yonkers, NY, (1912). Alexander Crummell co-founded the American Negro Academy as an “organization of authors, scholars, artists, and those distinguished in other walks of life, men of African descent, for the promotion of Letters, Science, and Art.” Woodson, along with W. E. B. Du Bois, Booker T. Washington, Alain Locke, and Arthur Schomburg were members. Ruble, 66. Correspondence from ASALH president, Dr. Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, August 13, 2019.

³ The Mind of Carter G Woodson as Reflected in the Books He Owned, Read, and Published. [A catalog of The Library of Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. Editors, Randall K. Burkett, Pellom MCDaniels, III and Tiffany Gleason]

END OF PROGRAM

ENJOY THE REST OF ASALH'S VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
DON'T MISS THE ASALH BUSINESS MEETING, THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, 6:00 P.M.