



ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE AND HISTORY®

# THE 2021 BLACK HISTORY MONTH VIRTUAL FESTIVAL

CELEBRATING THE 95TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY THEME

## The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity

**Monday, February 1, 2021, 6:00 p.m. EST**

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Announcement of the Black History theme and Introduction of ASALH's Inaugural Virtual Black History Month Festival

**Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. EST**

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - OPEN TO PUBLIC**

A Celebration of African American Life and History: Trailblazer featuring an Author Talk with Mae Jemison

**Saturday, February 6, 2021, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. EST**

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - OPEN TO PUBLIC**

From the Continent to the Americas: Foodways, Culture and Traditions in the African American Family

**Sunday, February 7, 2021, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. EST**

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Manhattan Branch, Panel Discussion "How African American Families Have Been Portrayed in the Media"

**Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 1:30 p.m. EST**

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Presentation of the Inaugural ASALH Book Prize

**Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 6:30 p.m. EST**

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Diving with a Purpose: Recovering and Reexamining Our Roots

**Sunday, February 28, 2021, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. EST**

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Prince George's County Truth Branch and Maple Springs Baptist Church Cultural Education Experience Ministry (CEEM) host a joint ASALH Branch program featuring Charlene Dukes on the Black Family and Education

**Sunday, February 28, 2021, 7:00 p.m. EST**

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - OPEN TO PUBLIC**

ASALH and PBS Books Present: A Conversation with Ngugi Wa Thiong'o, Sundiata Cha-Jua, and Nubia Kai

*In partnership with the 105 Voices of History, the Festival will feature music from the Black experience performed by choirs from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The performance of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" by HBCU students and choirs will also be aired during the Festival.*

### Marquee Event

**Saturday, February 20, 2021, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. EST**

(TICKETED EVENT: \$50.00, \$125.00, \$150.00)

#### Finding Our Roots in African American History

A Conversation with Henry Louis Gates and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham



Henry Louis Gates, Jr.



Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham

Acclaimed for his scholarship, his documentary films about African, Afro-Latin, and African American History, and his popular television series, "Finding Your Roots," Henry Louis Gates, Jr., has brought fascinating African American family stories to the wider public. The Black History Month Festival in 2021 is proud to feature a conversation between ASALH's national president Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham and Henry Louis Gates, Jr., who will share his thoughts and motivations in popularizing Black History through the heritage of African American families and communities and their search for roots. Joe Madison, legendary voice in radio, and a recognized human and civil rights activist will serve as the host for this event. Rev. William H. Lamar IV, Pastor of the historic Metropolitan A.M.E. Church in Washington, DC will offer the traditional invocation on behalf of the new Festival.

**THESE PROGRAMS WILL BE SHOWN ON ASALHTV [WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/ASALHTV](http://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/ASALHTV)**

ASALH BRANCHES WILL HOST VIRTUAL PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH. THESE EVENTS CAN BE FOUND AT [ASALH.ORG/BRANCH-EVENTS](http://ASALH.ORG/BRANCH-EVENTS)

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