

# CALL FOR POSTERS

## 107TH ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

### 2022 BLACK HISTORY THEME - BLACK HEALTH AND WELLNESS

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 – OCTOBER 1, 2022 | MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

The 2022 Association for the Study of African American Life and History Poster Committee invites submissions for posters that address the conference theme, “Black Health and Wellness.” Proposals that address the theme are preferred, however, any timely subject of interest to African American history will be considered. The committee particularly seeks posters that probe the traditional fields of economics, accounting, politics, medicine, psychology, intellectual, and cultural history; the established fields of urban, race, ethnic, labor, and women’s/gender history as well as southern and western history; along with the rapidly expanding fields of sexuality, LGBTQIA, and queer history; environmental and public history; African American intellectual history; literature; and the social sciences. We look forward to proposals that center Black/African Diasporic health from multiple ontologies and epistemologies, embrace decoloniality, and engage embodiment. We encourage proposals from scholars working across a variety of temporal, geographical, thematic, and topical areas in Black history, life and culture.

Submissions are welcome from all ASALH members, especially from ASALH Branches, students, and new professionals. If your proposal is accepted, you will have to join the Association and register for the conference.

The poster session will be held virtually.

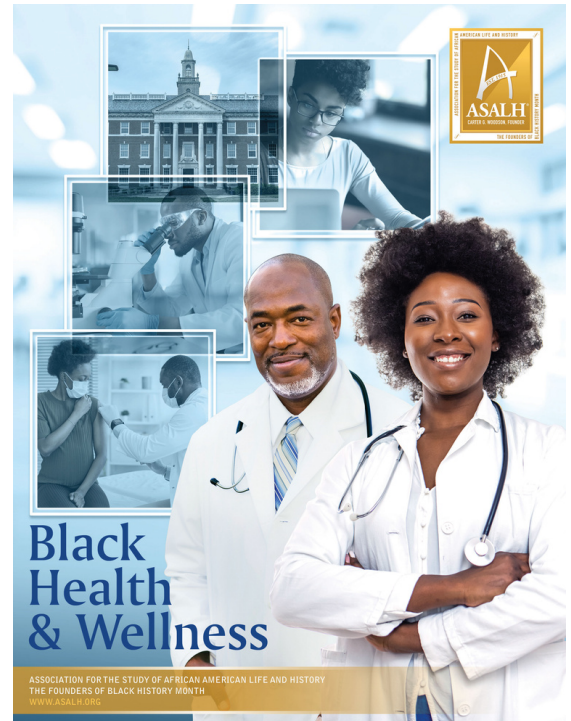
Poster sessions are a means to communicate and exchange ideas, programs, research, and projects to fellow ASALH meeting attendees. This is a forum for exchanging innovative ideas, and for useful feedback and discussion. Viewers have an opportunity to become acquainted with new work quickly and easily and have more time to study the information and discuss it with presenters. Posters are often used to showcase a completed project, or to communicate ideas about research in progress. Posters may present any of the following:

- a description of an innovative program
- an examination of a practical, problem-solving endeavor
- an explanation of a research investigation
- novel projects or case studies
- branch histories
- community and/individual profiles

#### Conference Theme

The theme for 2022 focuses on the importance of Black Health and Wellness. This theme acknowledges the various ways health and wellness can be described, including, but not limited to, medical health, mental health, nutrition, body positivity, financial wellness, creative arts, and physical activity. Additionally, it is important to note the intersection between financial wellness and medical and mental wellbeing.

In the Black community it is important to honor the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (e.g. birthworkers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora. The 2022 theme considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have done to be well.



To foster good health and wellness Black people have embarked on self-determination, mutual aid and social support initiatives to build hospitals, medical and nursing schools (i.e. Meharry Medical College, Howard University College of Medicine, Provident Hospital and Training School, Morehouse School of Medicine, etc.) and community clinics. Clinics were established by individuals, grassroots organizations and mutual aid societies, such as the African Union Society, National Association of Colored Women and Black Panther Party, to provide spaces for Black people to counter the economic and health disparities and discrimination that are found at mainstream institutions. While Black communities were creating hospitals, community health clinics, and medical colleges, they were also creating Black owned insurance companies and burial societies, financial institutions, credit unions, and businesses in efforts to empower their communities to be financially stable and well; and to keep the money in the community. These institutions worked to develop Black business districts and to improve the socioeconomic status of the Black community.

At this point in the 21st century, our understanding of Black health and wellness is broader and more nuanced than ever. Black health and wellness not only include one's physical body, but also emotional and mental health. In the still overhanging shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic, Black people should and do use data and other information-sharing modalities to document, decry, and agitate against the interconnected, intersecting inequalities intentionally baked into systems and structures in the U.S. for no other reason than to curtail, circumscribe, and destroy Black well-being in all forms and Black lives. It was also during the pandemic that a light was shone on the glaring disparities in the insurance and pharmaceutical industries as well as the impact of the lack of a living wage had on the health and wellness of those in the Black community. It became clear that individuals, organizations, and businesses were financially unwell and unable to handle a financial crisis. Some of these issues arose from bad financial decisions (i.e. debt, bad investments, lack of savings, the housing crisis, etc.) and denote the need for financial literacy and planning for future financial wellness. Mindful of Sister Audre Lorde's words, we are doing more to move forward holistically for the betterment of ourselves, our bodies, our relationships, our communities, and our planet.

We are determined to create a conference that shines a light on the multiple facets of Black health and wellness through education and activism.

### **Submission**

All proposals should be submitted via the [All Academic system](#).

The submission deadlines for proposals are as follows: Early Bird Submissions will be accepted via All Academic until **March 18, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. (EST)**. Conditional acceptance responses to Early Bird submissions will be sent out by **April 18, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. (EST)**. After this date, the committee will accept all submissions until the deadline of **April 30, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. (EST)**. Regular conditional acceptances submissions will be responded to by **June 15, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. (EST)**. You will not be considered official until all session participants have joined the Association and registered for the conference.