2022 Virtual Black History Month Festival
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **What is ASALH?**
   ASALH is the acronym for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, an organization founded in 1915 by Dr. Carter Goodwin Woodson, the second African American to earn the doctorate from Harvard University. The organization was founded to address the dearth of information on the accomplishments of Black people and to disseminate information on Black life, history, and culture to the global community. Click [here](#) for more information or visit the ASALH webpage at [www.ASALH.org](http://www.ASALH.org).

2. **What is the ASALH Virtual Black History Month Festival?**
   The Festival is a new dimension in ASALH’s Black History Month programming. Using a virtual format, the Festival is a specially planned observance and celebration of the strengths and triumphs of people of African descent. It is built around the annual Black history theme.

3. **On what days does the Festival occur?**
   The Festival is a month-long event. Click [here](#) to see the 2022 Festival schedule.
4. **What is the 2022 Black History Month Theme?**  
The 2022 Black History Month Theme is “Black Health and Wellness.”

5. **Where can I obtain information about the theme?**  
Click [here](#) to see the executive summary of the theme. You may also download a printable copy of the theme. Or visit [www.ASALH.org](http://www.ASALH.org) and click on “annual themes.” All themes from 1928 to the present are shown.

6. **What subjects will be discussed during the Festival?**  
Included among the subjects that will be discussed during the Festival are the exploitation of Black bodies in medical discovery, health and care disparities, discrimination and disparate treatment, emotional, mental, physical and financial health, black hair, professional sports, institution and organization building, education and the preparation of medical and healthcare professionals. Click [here](#) to view the executive summary.

7. **Is there a cost to participate in the Festival?**  
Participation for the Festival is free; however, there is a cost for the two-part marquee event, Black Bodies.
8. How do I register for the Festival?  
Registration can be completed online or by calling the office at 202.238.5912.

9. How can I access the virtual Black History Month Festival?  
The Marquee events will be provided via Zoom. All of the other 2022 Festival programs can be viewed on ASALH TV via YouTube, including the PBS/ASALH Book Talks and other programs.

10. How many Black History Month Festivals has ASALH held?  
The 2022 Festival is the second annual virtual festival. The first festival was held in February 2021.

11. How are the themes for Black History Month determined?  
ASALH determines the Annual Black History Theme which is used nationally and internationally for Black History programs during the year. A team of scholars research and propose themes to the ASALH Executive Council, which once adopted are shared on the ASALH website with an executive summary.
12. **Who should participate in the Festival?**
   Individuals from all walks of life, in brief—everybody! The history of Black people in the diaspora has a message for all people. Black history is American history, world history.

13. **Who can join ASALH?**
   Everyone is encouraged to join. Individuals, institutions, and organizations can become members.

14. **How do I join ASALH?**
   Individuals can join ASALH online at [www.asalh.org](http://www.asalh.org) or by calling the office at 202.238.5912.

15. **I paid to see the Black Bodies I & II programs but I missed them. Will the programs be available for viewing after the program has been broadcast?**
    Should you miss either program, you will be able to view the program "On Demand" March 1-15, 2022. The instructions will be emailed to you at the end of the February 2022.