



OASC 2023 African American Heritage Month/ Black History - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
February 1 Thru March 18, 2023



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<p>Note: Most events that “Officially commemorate and celebrate African American Heritage Month/Black History Month in the guide are listed as hosted by the following: Mayor Karen Bass; Dr. Lura Daniels-Ball, President, Our Authors Study Club, Inc.; Paul Krekorian, Los Angeles City Council President and Councilman, Second District; the Los Angeles City Council; Curren D. Price, President Pro Tem, Los Angeles City Council, Councilman Ninth District; Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Councilman, Eight Council District; Heather Hutt, Councilwoman, Tenth Council District; Board of Public Works President Pro Tem Mike Davis and the Board of Public Works; the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA); Honorary Chair Michael Lawson, President, and CEO, Los Angeles Urban League and the 2023 Honorary and Community Committee. to the Opening of African American - Heritage Black History Month in the City of Los Angeles. Additional “Hosts” will be noted next to the events.</p> <p>Current SPONSORS listed in the GUIDE at the time of printing are the Office of Mayor Karen Bass; Our Authors Study Club, Inc.; Board of Public Works President Pro Tem Mike Davis and the Board of Public Works; the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA); Honorary Chair Michael Lawson, President, and CEO, Los Angeles Urban League, and the 2023 African American Heritage Month Honorary and Community Committee AHF and Weingart Foundation.</p>				
1	02/02/23 (Thursday)	<p style="text-align: center;">6:30 PM. to 8:30 PM Virtual</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Join ZoomGov Meeting - https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1605753317 Meeting ID: 160 575 3317 - Passcode: 363409</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INFO: 213.978.0254</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Round Table Discussion: National Theme: Black Resistance</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Free</p>	<p>Moderated by popular co-anchor of ABC7 Eyewitness News Marc Brown, local scholars Dr. Maulana Karenga, Chair, Africana Studies, CSULB; Dr. Julianne Malveaux, Dean, College of Ethnic Studies, California State LA; Dr. Donna Nicol, Chair, Africana Studies, CSDH; Dr. Boris Ricks, Director, Center for Southern California Studies, CSUN, and Dr. Francille Rusan Wilson, American Studies & Ethnicity, History, Gender & Sexuality Studies, USC will discuss and expand on the 2023 national Black History theme for African American Heritage Month, “Black Resistance.”</p>



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2	02/03/23 (Friday)	<p style="text-align: center;">10:00 AM TO 12 PM Virtual Zoom Meeting webinar: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1606977246 Webinar ID: 160 697 7246 Or One tap mobile: US: +14154494000,1606977246#</p> <p style="text-align: center;">International number https://www.zoomgov.com/u/au7XFgF8Q INFO: 213.978.0254</p> <p><i>Please note: Due to COVID restrictions and current events this program will not take place in person. We look forward to completing in-person events in 2024.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening Ceremonies BLACK HISTORY MONTH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Free</p>	<p>At this online celebration, presentations will be made to the 2023 Living Legends Award to Music Artist-Actor-Producer, Ice Cube and Producer-Actress-Composer, Erica Campbell and the 2023 Hall of FAME Awardees: Law: The Honorable Eric Holder, Former U.S. Attorney General (ret.); Labor: Yvonne Wheeler, President, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor; Higher Education/Medicine: Dr. David Carlisle, President, Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science; Government: The Honorable Herb Wesson, First African American President Los Angeles City Council (ret.), with KABC morning Show co-anchor Leslie Sykes as the Mistress of Ceremonies.</p> <p>This year's Association for the Study of African American Life and History's national theme is "Black Resistance." We honor this theme and Our Authors Study Club, Inc., saluting the present and past members who first partnered with the City over 73 years ago in 1950 to celebrate our history of accomplishment and resilience while looking forward to what future we will build and excited about those who will join in keeping our history alive and vibrant.</p> <p>NOTE: Read the full executive summary on the 2023 theme "Black Resistance" online at www.asalh.org</p>



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3	4-Feb-03	<p style="text-align: center;">3:00 PM TO 5:00 pm In-person</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Airport Police Community Center - 9160 South Loyola Blvd. LA 90045 Refreshments will be served</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In-Person</p> <p>INFO/APPLY: https://www.oratoricalcontest.com Please note: Due to COVID restrictions OASC Current COVID protocols will be observed.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OASC/SIGMA GAMA RHO-SIGMA SIGMA CHAPTER Oratorical Contest Launch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Check online for the complete training schedule leading up to finals.</p>	<p>Since 1950 Our Authors Study Club (OASC), the local branch of ASALH, and the Sigma Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. have presented an oratorical contest for students to test their oratorical skills while competing for scholarships. Each year the theme for the student is the annual Black History theme selected by ASALH. The students are encouraged to think deeply and broadly about the subject, focusing on the impact of the theme on Black society. The youth are offered coaching and support over the weeks leading up to the competition. This year's Association for the Study of African American Life and History's national theme is "Black Resistance."</p> <p>At this event, students will have the opportunity to learn about all the resources available as they prepare their orations. Meet other students, hear from inspirational speakers and get all of their questions answered.</p> <p><i>Additional Presenter:</i> Tawanda Carpenter, Basileus, Sigma Gama Rho, Sigma Sigma Los Angeles Chapter;</p>



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4	02/12/23 (Sunday)	10:00 AM to 12:00 AM In Person 2270 South Harvard Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90018	Worship Services Free INFO: 323.735.1251	First AME Church of Los Angeles, 2270 South Harvard Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90018 <i>Additional presenters: Rev. J. Edgar Boyd</i>
5	16-Feb-03	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM In-Person El Pueblo Monument 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012 PARKING: There are four nearby parking lots. Getting Here - El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument is located in the heart of downtown Los Angeles, close to the cultural communities of Chinatown, Little Tokyo, and the Arts District. Just North of the U.S. Route 101 Freeway, the site is the historic birthplace of Los Angeles. log on to elpueblo.lacity.org/ for more information.	Reception/Film honoring ARTIST BETYE SAAR, “READY TO BE A WARRIOR” Free Must RSVP 213.978.0254 (space is limited)	View an exciting new short film about Betye Saar by actress, producer, and director Angela Whitherspoon at this event. Meet and hear from Ms. Saar known for her work in the medium of assemblage as a visual storyteller and an accomplished printmaker. Still creating at 90 plus she was a vital part of the Black Arts Movement in the 1970s and took on the myths and stereotypes about race and femininity. Her work made “Good trouble” as she challenged negative ideas and images about African Americans throughout her career with artwork that confronted American racism against Blacks. <i>Additional presenters: Linda Jones and Sabina Cabe, Board Members, El Pueblo Park Association; General Manager of the El Pueblo Monument Arturo Sanchez, The Show Biz Kids Foundation</i>



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4	02/21/23 (Tuesday)	<p>6:30 PM to 8:30 PM Virtual</p> <p>Join us online at ZoomGov Meeting - https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1604351180 Meeting ID: 160 435 1180 Passcode: 344541 One tap mobile: +16692545252,1604351180# US (San Jose)</p> <p>Dial by your location Meeting ID: 160 435 1180 Find your local number: https://www.zoomgov.com/u/ab10Qtppod</p>	<p>An evening with Authors featuring invited authors: Tamika Mallory, State of Emergency; Nickole Hannah-Jones, 1619 Project; Kevin Powell, Going Shopping with Mother; Aaron Phillip Clark, Under Color of Law; Kellye Garrett, Hollywood Homicide and Devin Bakewell, Greater Life.</p> <p>and a Special Presentation of the OASC Trail Blazer Award to Dr. Donald Singleton</p> <p>Free</p> <p>INFO: 213.978.0254</p>	<p>At this event, you will have the opportunity to hear firsthand from these authors and their processes and perhaps secrets to their writing styles. There will be an opportunity to ask questions about their books so read ahead and come ready to spend quality time with these wonderful minds and creative souls.</p> <p>In addition, a special Trailblazing Award will be presented to educator Dr. Donald Singleton, Susan Miller Dorsey High School, Los Angeles for his work as an AP instructor for 20 years and his groundbreaking work to teach AP African American Studies and elevate it to the level of AP Comparative Government and Politics, AP Human Geography, and AP European History. This is the only program in California and one of sixty-five in the country.</p>
5	02/23/23 (Thursday)	<p>9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Virtual</p>	<p>Matchmaking Making event Matchmaking spots. Hurry Register early to participate. By Feb. 23, 2023.</p> <p>WHEN: Webinar: Thursday, February 23, 2023, 10:00 am to 11:30 am.</p> <p>WHERE: Online https://www.accessingla.com/</p>	<p>VIRTUAL BUILDWITH CONSTRUCTION - 2-PART VIRTUAL MATCHMAKING EVENT The City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works and the Bureau of Contract Administration cordially invite you to the 7th annual BuildWith event in collaboration with Karen Bass and the Office of Budget and Innovation and the Office of Economic Development. The 2-part virtual BuildWith 2023 event will provide the opportunity for diverse</p>



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			<p>Apply before February 23, 2023, to be considered for a free matchmaking room with matched subcontractors.</p> <p>NOTE: Applying does not guarantee the applicant a matchmaking Zoom room. Applicants must have a Zoom account.</p> <p>COST: Free</p>	<p>construction-related businesses to learn about City and Los Angeles metropolitan area projects and get valuable business resources and information. First register for the virtual Webinar from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Then limited for a *LIMITED Prime Contractor Matchmaking Rooms & Subcontractor</p>
6	02/23/23 (Thursday)	<p>6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Virtual</p> <p>Please click the link below to join the webinar: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612482429 Webinar ID: 161 248 2429 Or One tap mobile : US: +16692545252,,1612482429# International numbers available: https://www.zoomgov.com/u/acqf0BT6Ww</p>	<p>Closing Reception</p> <p>COST: Free</p> <p>INFO: laabp.org</p>	<p>The Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel, Inc. (LAABP) invites you to the 2023 African American Heritage Month Virtual Closing Reception to acknowledge the collaborative efforts between the Honorable Mayor Karen Bass and Los Angeles, Our Authors Study Club, Inc., African American residents and city employees. At this event, several outstanding African American City of Los Angeles employees will be honored for their exceptional service to the City of Los Angeles and the African American community.</p>
7	Ongoing	All-day	Virtual Bus Tour	BEGINNING 2/6/2023 (In progress)
8	03/18/23 (Saturday)	<p>12:00 Noon 2:00 PM In-person</p>	<p>Oratorical Finals and Reception NCNW So Cal Council House - 3720 West 54th Street, View Park, CA 90043 Refreshments will be served PARKING: Street parking</p>	<p>Contest recruitment is open now through February 28, 2023.</p>



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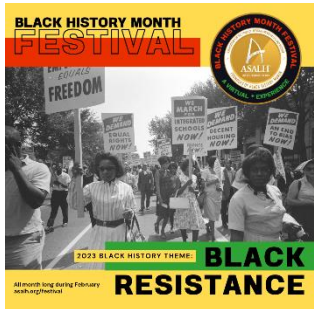


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			<p>FREE</p> <p>https://www.oratoricalcontest.com</p>	<p>Practice days are 2/18/23 and 2/25/23 via Zoom - and 3/4/23 rehearsal in person. Location: TBD</p>

Other Events:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH VIRTUAL FESTIVAL

ASALH WILL HOLD INNOVATIVE VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY CELEBRATING THE 2023 BLACK HISTORY THEME: BLACK RESISTANCE



This year’s festival will celebrate the theme of black resistance in the past present AND FUTURE STARTING FEBRUARY 1st 2023 thru February 28, 2023 All ASALH EVENT OCCUR EST WWW.ASALH.ORG

During these uncertain times in which the very nature of what the Association does—the teaching of areas of Black History that has been legally banned in seven U.S. states as “history that makes people uncomfortable” ASALH presents its annual month-long Black History Month Festival.

African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms, especially the racial terrorism of lynching, racial pogroms, and police killings since our arrival upon these shores. These efforts have been to advocate for a dignified self-determined life in a just democratic society in the United States and beyond the United States’ political jurisdiction.

JOIN ASALH.ORG... for a month/long festival of events that will address “Black Resistance” in The Arts, the Black Press, and the Black Church. As the-late Congressman John Lewis advised, “Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble.”



CELEBRATE THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLACK HISTORY BULLETIN

The *Black History Bulletin* is dedicated to enhancing teaching and learning in the areas of history. It aims to publish, generate, and disseminate peer-reviewed information about African Americans in U. S. history, the African Diaspora generally, and the peoples of



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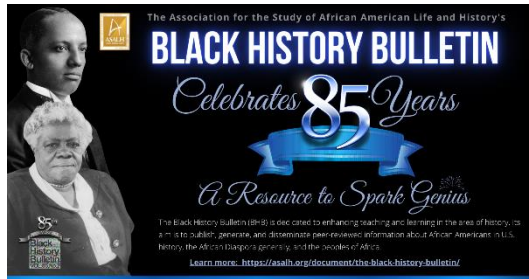


Africa. Its purpose is to inform the knowledge base for the professional praxis of secondary educators through articles that are grounded in theory, yet supported by practice. The *Black History Bulletin* welcomes articles on all aspects of Black history, especially those written with a focus on:

(1) middle school U.S. history; (2) high school U.S. history; (3) teacher preparation for U.S. history methods.

The *Black History Bulletin* also welcomes inquiries from middle and high schools about featuring photographs of their teachers and students. Unsolicited manuscripts will not be returned unless accompanied by a properly self-addressed return envelope with postage. Below is the mailing address for manuscripts and contact information for the editors. Download the author guidelines and lesson plan templates LOGGING ON TO <https://asalh.org/document/the-black-history-bulletin> The Black History Bulletin is hosted on Project [MUSE](#).

Read the [history](#) of the *Black History Bulletin* AT WWW.ASALH.ORG



2023 HONORARY CHAIR

Michael Lawson

President and CEO

Los Angeles Urban League



Michael A. Lawson currently serves as the President & CEO of the Los Angeles Urban League (LAUL), one of the oldest and most respected civil rights organizations in the United States dedicated to providing economic empowerment, educational opportunities, and the guarantee of civil rights for underserved communities in the Los Angeles area.

In September 2013, he was nominated by President Barak Obama to serve as the United States Ambassador to the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), an UN-specialized agency, a position that he held from July 2014 to January 2017. The 36 members of the ICAO Council set the standards and recommended practices and policies in support of the international civil aviation sector worldwide.



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Before serving as the US Ambassador to ICAO, Mr. Lawson served on the Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) for Los Angeles World Airports from 2005 through 2011 and as President of the BOAC from 2008 – 2011. During his tenure, the Board was responsible for the overall management of the system of airports under its control, including Los Angeles International Airport, LA/Ontario International Airport, and Van Nuys Airport.

From 1980 to 2011, he practiced law at the prestigious international law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in their New York, and Los Angeles offices until his retirement in 2011. Chambers USA consistently recognized him as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business.

He received his Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School in 1978 and his BA in Political Science and Economics from Loyola Marymount University in 1975. He was admitted to and continues to be a member in good standing of the following bar associations: New York; the District of Columbia; and California.

He held positions of significant responsibility on several charitable, educational, and administrative boards, and committees including:

The Board of Trustees of the California State Teachers' Retirement System; Chair of the Oversight Board for the Community Redevelopment Agency for the City of Los Angeles; The Board of Trustees, Morehouse College in Atlanta; The Board of Trustees, Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA; Chair/Member, Constitutional Rights Foundation; Vice Chair/Member, Board of Directors, Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles County/The Music Center (2004 – 2014); Member, Board of Directors, Music Center Foundation; Member, Western Regional Selection Panel for the White House Fellows Program and Member, Board of Directors, The Advancement Project.

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BLACK RESISTANCE

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VALUE PROPOSITION:

- Black History: Past, Present, and Future - We make the world more aware of, more connected to, and more invested in the African American and the African diaspora experience by creating opportunities for everyone to experience our history through culture, scholarship, technology, and research.

BRAND MISSION:

- To ignite conversations around the African and African American experience that fill new books, films, minds, artistic expressions, music, podcasts, blogs, and social interaction across diverse populations. To rally against the dilution of our heritage and legacy that has been underrepresented in mainstream history, literature, and media. To ensure that libraries, museums, schools, and media that participate in institutionalized bias do not ignore Black lives, and to provide support for scholastic study at the college level.

BRAND VISION:

- To provide the world with a new way of looking at Black History. To help people see that Black History is not just a part of American history, it is American history. To recognize, amplify and honor the contributions of Black Americans, lest we fail to honor America at all.