Celebrating Black History Month

February marks the annual celebration of Black History Month! Each year, groups across campus host events that celebrate and honor Black history. Among those hosting are the Division of Diversity and Engagement, Office of Multicultural Student Life, UT’s chapter of NAACP, the Black Cultural Programming Committee, the Office of the Dean of Students, and the Department of Africana Studies.

View a list of campus events here.

Additional Black History Month Resources:

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• A curated resource guide by Miranda Rutan, graduate student for the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences' Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
• An African American History Guide created by Shaina Destine, UT Librarian

Archiving Black History at the Beck Cultural Exchange Center

UT student interns Stella Takvoryan and Kate Hansen played a major role in archiving Knoxville's African American History at the Beck. Read the full story here.

UT Martin Hosts Annual Civil Rights Conference

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The University of Tennessee at Martin hosted the 22nd Annual Civil Rights Conference this month. A complete schedule of this year’s conference can be found on their website.

JaNay’ Turner named DDE Special Projects Coordinator

JaNay’ Turner will serve as the Special Projects Coordinator for the Division of Diversity and Engagement. As a key member of the Strategic Initiatives Unit, JaNay’ will coordinate division-wide signature events and special projects, in addition to managing a host of other responsibilities.
Tickle College of Engineering Assistant Professor Mahshid Ahmadi has been named a Sloan Research Fellow for her work in chemistry. Ahmadi is a materials science expert who develops low-cost materials that can be easily manufactured to bring down the cost of electronics.

Vine School Health Center: Celebrating 25 Years of Impact

Established in 1995, the Vine School Health Center was opened to provide access care in an area where there is none. The center, a community partnership between the College of Nursing and Knox County Schools, treats children from birth to age 21. In recent years, Vine nurses have begun providing care in Scott County, Tennessee, where there are no pediatric providers. Plans are in place to expand care to adults in low-income housing for elderly people. The center is just one example of how the university’s efforts in local communities positively impact people’s lives.

Blending Research and Outreach

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Nicole Eggers, assistant professor of history, blends research in African history with her outreach work with Congolese refugees in Knoxville. [Read more about her work.](#)

**Avenues of Dreams**

Professor Derek Alderman is featured in *Avenues of Dreams: Reclaiming MLK Boulevards*, now showing on Xfinity's Black Experience channel. [Learn more about the film.](#)

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**FUNDING AND AWARDS**

**Internal Opportunities**

**Carl Cowan Scholarship 2022-2023 Application**

This scholarship is available to any full-time student, either undergraduate or graduate, who demonstrates financial need and/or outstanding achievement and involvement. Applications are due by 4:30 pm on February 25.

**Center for Global Engagement Study Abroad Undergraduate Scholarship**

The award amounts are $750 for spring break, mini-term and summer programs and $1,250 for semester, academic year and calendar year programs. The deadlines to apply are April 4 and April 18, respectively.

**Tennessee Doctoral Scholars Program**

The Graduate School and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) are continuing programming in support of PhD students through the Tennessee Doctoral Scholars Program. A goal for...
this program is to increase the number of minority students who earn a PhD and to encourage these students to seek faculty positions after graduation. The program provides financial assistance and mentoring support for up to three years of graduate study. Nomination letters should be sent by March 1 to GradSchoolDean@utk.edu.

External Opportunities

Cal for Proposals and Award Nominations: Engagement Scholarship Consortium

The 2022 ESC Conference will take place September 21-22, 2021 and will provide a platform for intentional conversations about the many ways that community engagement impacts communities and the academy. The conference will not only highlight the positive impacts of engaged work but also explore ideas around how to define and evaluate the success of this work and the resulting scholarship. Proposals will be considered on any topic clearly connected to the advancement of community engagement. Conference proposals are due March 31.

C. Peter Magrath & W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Engagement Scholarship Awards

Both the Magrath Award and the Kellogg Community Engagement Awards recognize universities that have enhanced their learning, discovery, and engagement missions by becoming more integrated with their communities. The application cycle opens in February.

Call for Proposals: International Town Gown Association

The International Town-Gown Association (IGTA) 2022 City and University Relations Conference will be held June 6-8 in Clemson, South Carolina. ITGA is collecting proposals on topics that provide insight on the continuously evolving relationships impacted through a variety of challenges faced by students, community members, and other stakeholders. Conference proposals are due February 28.

ENGAGE! Call for Journal Submissions

ENGAGE! editors invite you to submit manuscripts, as well as pieces reflecting the visual and performing arts, for the next volume to be published in 2022 in three issues. Submission dates begin in February 2022.
The AARP Community Challenge Grants provide small grants to fund quick-action projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages. Applications are due March 22.

**Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation – 2022 Knowledge Challenge**

The deadline for Stage 1 applications is February 28. Total maximum award is $200,000 for single PI projects and $400,000 for team projects.

**Brady Education Foundation – Program Evaluation Grants**

The Foundation is currently accepting proposals focused on evaluating programs that have the potential of helping to close the opportunity and resulting achievement gaps associated with race and family income. Applications are due April 1.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Community Engagement Seminar Series**

Seminars are open to all members of the campus community.

**A Multidisciplinary Systems Approach to Community Engagement**

Thursday, March 31 | Zoom

**Restorative Justice Writing Series**

The College of Social Work will launch the inaugural Restorative Justice Writing series and open mic showcase. The virtual writing workshops will be held throughout February and the open mic showcase will take place on February 24 at 6:00 p.m. in Student Union Room 272C. The Restorative Justice writing series will help students cultivate creative expression while facilitating educational dialogue centering on social issues and wellness. Registration is required by scanning the QR code. Contact Camille Hall, jhall39@utk.edu, or (865) 974-1914 if you have any questions.

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ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

East TN Freedom Schools are Hiring

College students and graduates can apply to be a servant leader intern this summer with East Tennessee Freedom Schools. This is a paid internship from May 23- July 22. Visit the link to apply.

Faculty Women of Color in the Academy Conference

Faculty Women of Color in the Academy is a unique educational and professional opportunity for indigenous and women of color in higher education to network, engage, and learn with colleagues from around the country. The conference will take place April 1-3 at Virginia Tech.

CALL FOR ARTICLES AND PHOTOS

We hope you enjoy OCEO's monthly newsletter and learning about the many ways UT faculty, staff, and students positively impact our community. We are seeking news articles, photos and content that you think our readers would enjoy. Email submissions to communityengagement@utk.edu.

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