



## February 2021 Newsletter

Check out the latest from the Office of Diversity, Inclusion & Equity!

# February 2021

# Celebrate Black Excellence Month

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Celebrating Black Excellence Month means celebrating the accomplishments, achievements, resiliency, creativity, and brilliance of Black people. Black Excellence Month shifts the conversation away from the overabundance of stories of trauma, pain, and deficit minded thinking about Black folks. Black Excellence Month promotes freedom songs, Black independence, stories of persistence, and highlights the joys and achievements that Black folks contribute to the planet Earth. [Click here for more information](#), and see below for remaining events this month!

## Black Excellence Month 2021

The Office Of Multicultural Affairs Presents

### Black Excellence Month Calendar 2021

February 4, 2021/ 12:00 pm <b><i>Community M-Room: I am NOT a Minority</i></b>	<b>hosted by Clara Buie and Chad Williams</b>
February 9, 2021/ 12:00 pm <b>FSCN PodCast: The Griot</b>	<b>Faculty and Staff of Color Network (FSCN)</b>
February 11, 2021/ 12:00 pm <b><i>Community M-Room: All the world's a stage</i></b>	<b>hosted by Mark Wilson, Executive Director of Zoellner Arts Center</b>
February 12, 2021/ 11:00 am <b><i>"The Meaning of A Word" by Gloria Naylor</i></b>	<b>hosted by (FSCN) Faculty and Staff of Color Network Ne in collaboration with the staff of the Gloria Naylor Archives @ Lehigh University.</b>
February 16, 2021/ 12:00 pm <b>FSCN Spotlight</b>	<b>Faculty and Staff of Color Network (FSCN)</b>
February 18, 2021 / 12:00 pm <b><i>Real Talk, Virtual M-Room: Model "Minority" Myth</i></b>	<b>hosted by OMA Ambassador Jenn Ocampo Castaneda</b>
February 18, 2021 / 6:00 pm <b><i>Resilience A Solo Performance -</i></b>	<b>Written &amp; Performed Mia Raye Smith</b>
February 24, 2021 / 6:00 pm <b><i>Excellence beyond Graduation</i></b>	<b>hosted by E.L.I.T.E Empowering Leaders to Initiate and Target Excellence</b>
February 25, 2021 / 12:00 pm <b><i>Community M-Room: A Tribute to bell hooks</i></b>	<b>hosted by Chad Williams &amp; Carolina Hernandez</b>

Follow us on social media & OMA Website for

Black Excellence at Lehigh

for more information, visit [lehigh.edu/oma](http://lehigh.edu/oma)





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Join the Office of Multicultural Affairs and partners for these Black Excellence Month events:

- February 24, 2021 at 6:00 PM—Excellence Beyond Graduation: A Panel Discussion hosted by E.L.I.T.E. (Empowering Leaders to Initiate and Target Excellence). [Register here.](#)
- February 25, 2021 at 12:00 PM—Community M-Room: A Tribute to bell hooks. Hosted by Chad Williams of OMA and Carolina Hernandez of the Community Service Office. [Join here.](#)





Lehigh is proud to announce two new policies allowing community members to identify their chosen name and gender identity in university systems. These new policies will allow students, faculty, staff, and alumni to more seamlessly update their chosen name and gender identity in the university’s Banner database. This change is important as we continue to build a more inclusive and equitable Lehigh.

You can find the policies and more detailed information below:

[Chosen Name Policy](#)  
[Gender Identity Policy](#)

**Check out what Diversity, Inclusion & Equity is offering this month!**

**Listening Differently**

How often do you listen, fully and intently, to what others are saying to you? Do you sometimes develop a response to people before they even stop talking? Is your team in a rut or hit a wall in terms of a major project? Invite Center for Gender Equity facilitators to provide a listening activity to your team. Learn alternative ways to listen to each other as well as enable voices who are often silenced to be heard equitably. Page-Up Learning Library Credited.

Custom workshop request:  
[go.lehigh.edu/CGEcustom](https://go.lehigh.edu/CGEcustom)

**FEBRUARY 23, 2021**  
11:30 am - 1 pm

CENTER FOR GENDER EQUITY  
30TH ANNIVERSARY 1991-2021

**FOR FACULTY, STAFF, AND GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Visit [go.lehigh.edu/CGEWorkshops](https://go.lehigh.edu/CGEWorkshops) to register

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# Purim & Shabbag Shabbat

★ **THURSDAY, FEB 25 & FRIDAY, FEB 26**

**Order your Purim and Shabbat goodies now!**  
**Hamentaschen! Challah! .... and more!!**

Pick up on Thursday Feb. 25 at the assigned time!

Then join us online for celebrating the holiday on Thursday night (details TBA) and at 6 PM on Friday for Shabbat.

**Sign up here by Monday, Feb. 22!**  
<https://forms.gle/GHhPHPAm7m1b1SiQ8>

or go to [linktr.ee/Lehigh\\_Jewish\\_Life](https://linktr.ee/Lehigh_Jewish_Life)

Purim & Shabbag Shabbat: Thursday February 25 & Friday February 26

Order Purim and Shabbat goodies, like hamantaschen, challah and more. Pick up Thursday February 25, then join the online celebration for the holiday on Thursday and 6 PM on Friday for Shabbat. [Sign-up by Monday 2/22.](#)

# Spring 2021

## in the Pride Center

**Mental Health Monday**

**Feb 15**  
**March 15**  
**April 12**

4:00pm-5:00pm (et)

**Queer Spirituality Morning Blessing**

Mon & Fri all semester  
9:00am-9:15am (et)

**Fierce Film Friday**

**Feb 26**  
**March 19**  
**April 23**

2:00pm-3:30pm (et)

**Lunch & Learn**

**Feb 16**  
**March 9**  
**April 27**

12:30pm-1:30pm (et)

**Pride-A-Palooza**  
All of April

**Take Pride**

**April 14**  
4:00pm-5:00pm (et)

Pride Center Spring activities include Mental Health Mondays, Queer Spirituality Morning Blessing, Fierce Film Friday, Lunch & Learn, plus Pride-A-Palooza and Take Pride in April 2021. [Visit The Pride Center’s website](#) for more information on all the programs.

**So you want to talk about race**

INTRODUCING

# The Black Lives Matter OverDrive Collection

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Lehigh Libraries invites you to explore the Black Lives Matter collection ([lehigh.overdrive.com/collection/1090285](https://lehigh.overdrive.com/collection/1090285)) of ebooks and audiobooks, available through the new OverDrive platform, as one way to commit to listening, learning, and growing toward action and change.