

AFRICANA STUDIES



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THE INAUGURAL 1,000 MILE CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR

After 10 weeks of learning about the Civil Rights movement in the Deep South during winter quarter, 15 students and three staff members embarked on the first ever 1,000 mile Civil Rights Tour. Taking place during spring break, we visited five states and seven cities in 22 stops: Atlanta, Georgia; Montgomery, Alabama; Selma, Alabama; New Orleans, Louisiana; Jackson, Mississippi; Memphis, Tennessee; and Birmingham, Alabama.

From the moment we landed in Atlanta, we all felt welcomed by “the southern hospitality” with warm greetings and a wide variety of southern foods. Each day was



transformative for all attendees. Many impressions were engraved into us as we toured through the numerous museums on our schedule. One memorable experience worth noting was sitting on the front bench at the Ebenezer Baptist Church

with eyes closed listening to the last sermon given by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. from the pulpit. As we drove to Montgomery to visit the Legacy Museum: From Mass Enslavement to Mass Incarceration the conversations in our three vans were quite vibrant and full of reflection.

The most impactful stop was our visit to a museum dedicated as a memorial to over 4,000 individuals brutally lynched.

Our journey over seven days, covering 1,260 road miles, was not just a field trip but a collective experience that allowed us to become eye witnesses of the African American struggle for equality. As one student said it best, “There is no way for you to prepare for a trip like this.” We look forward to our second trip during the upcoming Spring break of 2020. We are planning to take 20 students.

Please spread the word, and be sure to reference the winter class schedule for this five credit course offering.

BE A PART OF OUR 2ND ANNUAL 1,000 MILE CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR IN 2020

Friday, March 20-Friday, March 27

Cost: *\$1,200 per student (airfare, hotels, ground transportation, meals and museum fees all included)
Information session will be held on Thursday, November 7 at 3 p.m., Monroe Hall Room 204.

AAST 496 Winter quarter 2020:

5 credits Once a week class meeting during the quarter culminating in a seven-day experiential learning tour of the Deep South’s Civil Rights landmarks and museums in the following cities; Atlanta, Georgia; Montgomery, Alabama; New Orleans, Louisiana; Jackson, Mississippi; Memphis, Tennessee; Birmingham, Alabama and returning to Atlanta.

Twenty students will be selected after a panel review based on submission of application and essay. Deadline is Friday, November 15 at 5 p.m. Submit the application and essay online starting on September 25 or drop it by 204 Monroe Hall to Brooke Nicholson.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2020

Tuesdays in February will be dedicated to Black Student Union panels and discussion. Thursdays in February will be presentations from the Africana Studies Program.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 6

Daudi Abe

Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Principal's Office?

Noon-1 p.m., Monroe Hall 205

Thursday, February 13

Okera Nsombi

Education in Hip Hop

Noon-1 p.m., Monroe Hall 205

Thursday, February 20

Dr. Charles McKinney, the Neville Frierson Bryan Chair of Africana Studies and an associate professor of history at Rhodes College

An Unseen Light: Black Struggles for Freedom in Memphis, Tennessee

Noon-1 p.m., Monroe Hall 205

Thursday, February 27

Africana Studies Program

Annual Silent Auction

11 a.m.-3 p.m., Monroe Hall 205

AFRICANA STUDIES BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2019

During winter quarter, Africana Studies held a very successful celebration during Black History Month titled "Reclaiming Black Excellence." In total, ASP held eight events every Tuesday and Thursday of the month. The Black Student Union hosted events on Mondays and Wednesdays. We covered a wide range of topics each day such as "More Than Just an Entertainer, Athlete or Criminal" composed of stories about black men in America. Thanks to our partner, the Office for Diversity and Inclusion, we enjoyed the wonderful sounds and stage performance by "Of Ebony Embers Core Ensemble." It was truly a beautiful mixture of music, stage play and storytelling. Our final speaker for the month was a co-founder of "Black Lives Matter," Alicia Garza. This was a very interactive live stream question and answer session between faculty, staff and students.

Our last event of the month was our annual silent auction. This year we raised more funds than any other time in ASP history. We would like to say thank you to all of the faculty, staff and community members who gave items or purchased items during the auction. We look forward to another successful one in 2020. Please plan on joining us.



DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION ON FEB. 27, 2020

Help fund students scholarships, our annual graduation celebration for Africana Studies, mentorship program and more by donating items to our auction. We are looking for art and books; gift baskets with your business cards; gift certificates or gift cards of all types; tickets to local music, sports and fun events; and any other items suitable for a silent auction.

Send donations to: EWU Africana Studies Program 204 Monroe Hall, Cheney, WA 99004. Deadline Feb. 15, 2019. If you have any questions please email bnicholson37@ewu.edu or call 509.359.2205.

EWU EAGLES SOAR IN AFRICANA STUDIES GRADUATION CEREMONY

The 2019 Alfonse and Gwen Hill and Richard Williams Africana Studies Graduation Ceremony celebrated graduating EWU students with a minor in Africana Studies. Keynote speaker Sandy Williams, the editor of *Black Lens News*, shared her inspirational words of perseverance, and our faculty shared with the graduates and their family, friends and well-wishers the importance of being seen and having a support system at the university. Dr. Finnie wrapped the coveted Africana stoles around the graduates' shoulders and wished them well on their future endeavors.

Thank you for being a part of our "family" these past four years and we hope you have a wonderful future.



ASK ABOUT THE AFRICANA STUDIES PROGRAM BOOK RESERVE PROGRAM

Visit the Africana Studies department in Monroe 204 to reserve books for AAST classes 214, 215, 220 and 315. To reserve the books, you must sign them out and stay in the lounge. For more information about the program, contact Kristi at 509.359.2213.

UPCOMING FALL EVENTS

Neighborfest

Friday, Sept. 27 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
More than 200 student organizations, departments and community groups including Africana Studies Program and BSU.

Africana Studies Program

Information Session | Friday, Sept. 27
2-4 p.m. | Monroe Hall 204 Lounge

School is back in session and we are inviting students to stop by our lounge to visit our space; learn about our minor, major and certificate; and meet faculty members. Stop by after visiting the Neighborfest booths!

We All Shine On Africana Studies Fundraiser for the Alfonse and Gwen Hill and Richard Williams Scholarship Endowment

Friday, Oct. 18 | Location TBD

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Scholarships are available from Nov. 1, 2019-Feb. 1, 2020. Our scholarships include the Minnie Wittenbach Memorial Scholarship, ASP Multicultural Achievement Scholarship and the Marjorie Boyd Wellington Academic Excellence Award. Visit us on the EWU website under Africana Studies for more information and links.

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BE A MENTOR

Lead to Succeed (LTS) is an Africana Studies student-led mentoring program designed to have Eastern Washington University freshman, sophomore and junior students mentor at a local high school for students interested in post-secondary education. Please contact George Duvall at gduvall@ewu.edu.

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BLACK STUDENT UNION NEEDS YOU

BSU and Africana Studies sponsor year-round public activities providing educational and cultural enlightenment about the history, literature, arts and the entire cultural heritage of students of African descent. The leadership experiences of former BSU officers have helped to complement their academic degrees and gain professional positions in their areas of interest.

Join BSU through EagleSync or contact the officers via email at ewubsu4@gmail.com.



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