

OAAA E-Weekly Newsletter

Office of African American Affairs

January 22, 2019

Special Announcement

OAAA 2019-2020 Peer Advisor Applications – On Line Now!

Due January 25 by 11:59 p.m. No late applications accepted.

<https://oaaa.virginia.edu/peer-advisor-program-application>

Each year, all entering Black first-year and transfer students have an upper class "Big Brother" or "Big Sister" student as a resource for the academic year. OAAA Peer Advisors meet with students individually and plan group activities to ease academic and social transitions. For more information, visit <http://oaaa.virginia.edu/peer-advisor-mentoring-program> or contact Dean Kimberley Bassett (kcb6j@virginia.edu)

History Makers: Black History 2019

The Office of African-American Affairs [Black History Month Calendar](#) is now available.

Keep up-to-date on Black History Month event dates, times, and locations in the OAAA E-Weekly Newsletter.

Have an item for the next newsletter? [Submit it here!](#)

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday January 23 & Thursday January 24 – UVA Spring Job & Internship Fair

Monday, January 28 - Last Day to Elect the AU (Audit) Option

Monday, January 28 - Last Day to Change to or from "Credit/No Credit" Option

Tuesday, January 29 - Last Day to Drop a Class

Friday, March 1 - Application for Readmission for Summer and/or Fall Opens (Use the Form in SIS)

Saturday, March 9 - Sunday, March 17 - Spring Recess

Tuesday, April 30 - Courses end

Wednesday, May 1 - Reading Day

Thursday, May 2 - Friday, May 10 - Examinations

Sunday, May 5; Wednesday, May 8 - Reading Days

Friday, May 17 - Sunday, May 19 – Final Exercises Weekend

OAAA Announcements & Services

"Raising-the-Bar 4.0" Study / Tutoring Sessions & OAAA Student Activities –

Spring Schedule Starts Next Week!

Black Fridays – Friday, January 25, 2019

Every Friday – 1:30 pm - LPJ Black Cultural Center #3 Dawson's Row

Come & join us for food & fellowship!

Black College Women (BCW) Book Club Meetings

Every Second & Fourth Sunday (Starting February 10) - 6:30 pm – Maury 113

Black President's Council (BPC) Meetings

Every Second & Fourth Monday (Starting February 11) – 6:30 pm – Newcomb Hall Board Rm 376

Black College Women (BCW) - In the Company of my Sister

Every Wednesday (Starting February 22) - 12:00 pm - W.E.B Dubois Center Conference Room. Contact: Dean Mason (mgm7g@virginia.edu) for more information

Black Male Initiative (BMI) Meetings

Every Second & Fourth Wednesday (Starting February 20) – 6:30 pm – Newcomb Hall – Commonwealth Room

OAAA/GradSTAR Lunch Series: Tuesdays @ DuBois with Dean Grimes

Every Tuesday – 12:30-2:00 pm - W.E.B. DuBois Center Conference Room.

Eat & chat between classes! RSVP to reserve lunch by the Friday before each Tuesday to Ms. Carter at OAAA (924-7923) or ddc6r@virginia.edu

Quote of the Week

"We can say "Peace on Earth." We can sing about it, preach about it or pray about it, but if we have not internalized the mythology to make it happen inside us, then it will not be." - Betty Shabazz

Congratulations to First Years!

Harambee II

Sunday, January 20th at 1:00 pm – Newcomb Hall Ballroom

The Office of African-American Affairs recognized first-year students who achieved academic honors during the 2018 fall semester. Patrice Preston Grimes, UVA Associate Professor and Associate Dean of African-American Affairs, delivered the keynote talk. Representatives from various University and national programs met students to discuss academic and summer opportunities. A cake and punch reception immediately followed the program. It was a great event!

High Honors

Emanuel Abraham	Nicholas Chandler	Milania Harris	Destiny Mangus-Velez	Lauren Prince
Napoleon Afework	Macie Clerkley	Jayla Hart	LaDawna McEnhimer	Emily Quick-Cole
Oluwatoni Ajala	Lauren Cochran	Amanda Haywood	Nejib McGill	Alexa Rahaman
Darryle Aldridge	Kelly Cogan	Melinda Hicks	Joelle Miller	Jason Reynolds
Nile Alkebulan	Carlie Cooper	Devin Hill	Denzel Mitchell	Mikaela Richardson
Armani Anderson	Natalie Cordero	Abreale Hopkins	Sabrin Mohammednur	Ronak Rihwani
Shiki Anderson	Joy Cuffee	Abdureuf Hussien	Sorayah Moise	Caylan Roy
Amanuel Anteneh	Garvey Cummings	Ali Ibrahim	Erlene Morgan	Isabella Salcedo
Abel Argaw	Christophe Desroches	Brianna Ivy	Bobbi-Angelica Morris	Matisse Schafer
Jontel Armstead	Cheyenne Eames	Rebecca Jarrett	Kayla Murray	Cristian Scruggs
Adwoa Asiedu	Imani Edwards	Isaiah Jenkins	Mayita Muvavarinwa	Shaila Seth
Yaa Awusi-Sarkodie	Brandon Eley	Selena Johnson	Caleb Neale	Jada Smith
Matthew Bacon	Nadia Elkholy	Pinay Jones	Max Nelson	Kyle Smith
Ceara Badio	Nahom Endashaw	Cecilia Joseph	Mihret Niguse	Angel Swain
Domenick Bailey	Rahel Eskinder	Isata Kamara	Jayden Nixon	Richella Tah
Mia Bailey	Olivia Evans	Emma Keller	Bridget Nortey	Patrick Tchoumbou
Noah Beamon	Jessica Ferebee	Julian Kiwinda	Emmanuella Nsiah	Ruth Tesfai
Alexander Benjamin	Liza Foxx	Alexander Kyereboah	Akosua Odei	Rachael Tessema
Avery Black	Gabryelle Francois	Valencia Lagbo	Alice Opiyo	Jared Tewodros
Colton Bogucki	Vanessa Frimpong	Norah Lahrimé	Rawan Osman	Ciara Tisdale-Vakos
Logan Botts	Yvette Gamor	Mikaelyn Libier	Owayne Owens	Haley Turner
Macy Brandon	Paola Garcia	Daniel Ludwig	Lauren Parker	Jaison Washington
Shannon Britt	Caton Gayle	Michelle Lutalo	Andrea Parrish	Takara Washington
Chyna Brown	Myka Gayles-Greene	Indiyah Mabry	Amber Peake	Audrey Watson
LaNija Brown	Grace George	Kachisicho Madzimoyo	Tamia Penn	Alejandro Williams
Sean Callaghan	Tristan Guarnieri	Kyara Mahlen	Genevieve Pierre Charles	Jayden Williams
Ty'Leik Chambers	Yididiya Gudina	Raniyah Majied	Anna Pozamantir	Jeya Wilson

Honors

Victoria Adams	Briana Doby	Alaa Idris	Andrea Mercedes	Odell Rose
Rodas Addis	Patricia Edouard	Jazmine Jackson	Chenele Miller	Lauren Saucedo
Kiara Allen	Mehdy Elouassi	Olivia Jackson	DaJuan Moore	Maia Shortridge
Isabella Ashton	Aaron Entzminger	Alexandra Jimenez	Sonia Moors	Chloe Smith
David Askew II	Tsega Fisseha	Omari John	Mina Mori	Jordan Smith
Jermaine Austin	Jose Flores	Deonte Johnson	Tanaka Muvavariwa	Kyla Straker
Autumn Blackshear	Camaran Gaillard	Christopher Jones	Terriana Neely	Tasia Tazewell
Tatiahna Blakely	Gabriella Getacho	Mario Jones	Selam Negash	Jake Temares
Ciara Braunskill	Aviae Gibson	Tavares Kelly Jr.	Regina Nutekpor	Noah Tola
Kanijah Brickhouse	Camryn Green	Cosmas Keter	Britney Nwankwoala	Stephney Tucker
Lorin Bruno	Kayla Guerch	Brianna Lehman	Joy Obungu	Muhoozi Warner
Gabrielle Carr	Akimi Gyamfi	Janaria Lickey	Emmanuel Ogunjirin	David Williams
Jordan Cherry	Sarah Haile	Annette LiPuma	Gimsnysha Paul	Jaylon Williams
Rasheed Christian	Sara Hamilton	Chloe Lyda	Delana Person	Kendall Willis
Milla Ciprian	Austin Hammond	Dominique Malloy	Taylor Phillips	LeTia Wilson
Morgan Coates	Nyasia Harris	Fitzgerald Marcelin Jr.	Brandi Porter	Mekdes Woldu
Cecily Davis	Ahmed Hassan	Lauren Mason	Matthew Reid	Samuel Wondwossen
Fatoumata Diallo	Hanna Hassan	Adrian Mayne	Zoe Rice	Deborah Wood
Daryl Dike	Selena Hawker	DeJon Mayo	Daniel Richardson	Kalkidan Woubishet
Nishimwe Divne	Ayman Ibrahim	Ethan McFerren	Alita Robinson	Jalecia Wright

You can nominate someone (not yourself) to be in the Spotlight.

Send your nominations to Dean Patrice Grimes (pgrimes@virginia.edu) every Thursday by 12 noon.

Quote's Corner



[Betty Shabazz](#) (birth name: Betty Dean Sanders) (1934-1997) was an activist, educator, nurse, civil rights activist, and the widow of Malcolm X. She earned her degree from Brooklyn State College of Nursing in New York City in 1956. After attending many lectures of Muslim minister Malcolm X, Betty joined the Nation of Islam. In January 1958, Malcolm and Betty married and then had six daughters. After the assassination of her husband, she raised the girls alone and kept them out of the media spotlight. By the early 1970s, Shabazz began giving public lectures fighting for education and human-rights causes, as well as issues crucial to women and children. In 1970, she earned a Master's degree in public health administration at Jersey City State College, then completed her educational doctorate from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

She joined the faculty of Medgar Evers College, teaching health sciences, until she became the College's director of public relations. Shabazz spent her final years speaking to audiences on the historical legacy of her husband, Malcolm X. She died on June 23, 1997, three weeks after her 12-year-old grandson, Malcolm, set fire to her Yonkers, New York apartment.

Upcoming Events

(All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.)

Medical Center Interfaith Service

Monday, January 21 - 12:00 pm-1:00 pm - UVA Medical Center Main Lobby

An interfaith service honoring the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The community is welcome to attend.

"Race and Place in Charlottesville"

Monday, January 21 - 6:00 pm-8:00 pm - Wilson Hall Room 402

Who is my neighbor? Walk through a preview of a video tour of African-American history interpreted through the streets, buildings, monuments, and spaces of Charlottesville's university and downtown communities. Professor of Architectural History Louis P. Nelson will guide and feature interviews with local experts, public historians, and residents.

"A Black Woman's Journey from Cotton Picking to College Professor: Lessons about Race, Class, and Gender in America": Menah Pratt-Clarke, Ph.D.

Tuesday, January 22 - 12:00 am - Holloway Hall in Bavaro Hall

"A Black Woman's Journey" traces the journey and transformation of Mildred Sirls -- a young Black girl in rural east Texas in the 1930s who picked cotton to help her family survive -- to Dr. Mildred Pratt, Professor Emeritus of Social Work.

"Race in the Decade since Obama"

Tuesday, January 22 - 4:00 pm-5:30 pm - Newcomb Hall Theatre

It has been a decade since President Barack Obama's inauguration. How have things changed—or not changed—for people of color in the United States? Hear the Miller Center's Melody Barnes, UVA scholar Kevin Gaines, and The New York Times' Laretta Charlton explore race in America today.

Brittney Cooper on Eloquent Rage in 2019

Tuesday, January 22 – 6:00 pm-8:00 pm - Minor Hall

Brittney Cooper is an assistant professor in the Departments of Women and Gender Studies and Africana Studies at Rutgers, and author of *Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower*. *Eloquent Rage* was listed as a Best Book of 2018 by The New York Public Library, Mashable, The Atlantic, Bustle, The Root, NPR, and Fast Company. This event is part of the Community MLK Celebration. Find more events in this series at UVA and in Charlottesville at mlk.virginia.edu. Hosted by University of Virginia Women's Center and Power Violence and Inequality.

FACTUALITY: A 90-Minute Crash Course on Structural Inequality in America

Wednesday, January 23 - 5:00 pm-7:30 pm - 3rd Floor Art Gallery, Rouss & Robertson Hall

Play the game FACUALITY at the McIntire School of Commerce during the Community MLK Celebration. Participate in a facilitated dialogue and board game that simulates real-life stories in America and learn new ways to advocate for inclusivity.

Film Screening - "Personal Statement"

Wednesday, January 23 - 7:00 pm - Newcomb Hall Theatre

Three seniors at Brooklyn high schools work to get their entire classes to college, even though they aren't even sure if they are going to get there themselves. As college counselors, they are determined to help because many of their friends have nowhere else to turn for support.

2019 UVA Spring Job and Internship Fair

Tuesday, January 23 & Wednesday, January 24 – 10:00 am-3:00 pm in Newcomb Hall 3rd Floor

Recruiters from over 100 corporations, non-profit organizations, and government agencies come to UVA to meet students from all majors seeking full-time employment or internship experience. Meet employers in person, learn about different organizations and positions, and talk with them about your experiences!

"Give Us the Ballot"

Thursday, January 24 - 7:00 pm-8:00 pm - TBA

Khadijat Rashid is a deaf, immigrant woman of color and is currently Dean of the School of Education, Business and Human Services at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC. Since 1994, she has taught political economy, international development, and development economics at Gallaudet and is the co-editor of *Citizenship, Politics, Difference: Perspectives from Sub-Saharan African Communities*.

[University of Virginia Health System Community Celebration of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.](#) "Women in the Movement"

Friday, January 25 - 11:30 am-2:00 pm - The Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, 233 4th Street, NW, Charlottesville, VA 22903

The 2019 UVA Health System MLK Award will be presented to the student, faculty, or staff member of the Health System who embodies Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s values and teachings. A distinguished panel, including Ms. Mavis Claytor, the first African American UVA nursing student, Mrs. Mary Holmes, a pioneering African American nurse who helped desegregate the UVA hospital units, and Apostle Sarah Kelley, the first African American chaplain resident at UVA will be moderated by Ms. Tori Tucker, PhD student in nursing and Ms. Lois Davis, 3rd year medical student. A reception follows at the Center. [RSVP is required.](#)

Film Screening - "Mountains That Take Wing: Angela Davis & Yuri Kochiyama"

Saturday, January 26 - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm - Newcomb Hall Theatre

Thirteen years -- two radical activists -- one conversation. Internationally renowned scholar, professor, writer Angela Davis and 89-year-old grassroots organizer, and Nobel Peace Prize nominee Yuri Kochiyama spent over a decade conversing intimately about personal histories and influences that shaped them and their overlapping experiences.

The Fannie Lou Hamer Story

Saturday, January 26 - 7:00 pm - Old Cabell Hall

This one-woman show channels Fannie Lou Hamer in a riveting 60-minute journey of storytelling showered with eleven inspiring songs and a video montage of the Civil Rights movement.

The Hard Work of Social Justice: A Conversation with Women of August 11 and 12

Thursday, January 31 - 4:00 pm-8:00 pm - School of Law - Room TBA

Fulbright Forum

Tuesday, February 12 – 5:00 pm-6:30 pm – Special Collections Library

Hear the experiences of Fulbright recipients during a panel discussion and informal reception. The Fulbright is an excellent fellowship for any US citizen willing to spend a year abroad after graduation. There are awards for graduate study, research, service, teaching, creative arts, and more. Panelists include a former English Teaching Assistant, an alum who continued research on Rwandan genocide memorials that she started as an undergraduate, and a current PhD student in art history who did research for her dissertation in Sweden. [For more information RSVP here!](#)

Fellowships Series – Office of Citizen Scholarship Development

Every Monday – 4:00 pm - Rotunda Multipurpose Room 121

Attend introductory workshops every month, which are great for first and second year students, and are the best first touchpoint with the Office of Citizen Scholarship Development. There are a number of sessions dedicated to fellowships that have deadlines in the fall. It is important that students consider opportunities early so that they can take prepare and take advantage of summer advising programs. Third and fourth years, graduate and professional students, and area alumni can attend sessions on the UK Awards, Asia Awards, and the Fulbright US Student Award this spring. [For more information](#)

In the Community

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"Voices for Change: Mixing Hip Hop and Environmental Justice"

Friday, January 25 - 6:30 pm-8:00 pm - Jefferson School African American Heritage Center

The Hip Hop Caucus is a national, non-profit and non-partisan organization that connects the hip hop community to the civic process to build power and create positive change. Guest speaker Mustafa Santiago Ali's talk will focus on the power of hip hop to connect people to issues of environmental justice and will feature music, dialogue, community conversation, and a free plant-based dinner. At 8:00 PM, head over to IX Art Park for an after party with area performers. Hosted by UVA Sustainability & the Nine Pillars Hip Hop Cultural Festival as part of the UVA Community MLK Celebration. [RSVP required](#) & all ages welcome.

2019 Community MLK Celebration Keynote Event: Journalist April Ryan

Wednesday, January 30 - 6:30 pm-8:30 pm - The Paramount Theater, Downton Mall

White House Correspondent April Ryan will deliver the keynote address that is free and open to the public. Tickets are required – reserve through the Paramount Theater box office: <http://www.theparamount.net/event/2019-community-mlk-celebration-keynote-speaker-april-ryan/> The event is presented by the University of Virginia Office of the Vice President and Chief Officer for Diversity & Equity, in partnership with the Frank M. Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, and Lifetime Learning in the UVA Office of Engagement.

Freedom Bound

Thursday, January 31 - 10:00 am - The Paramount Theater

Freedom Bound tells the true story of Addison White and his escape from slavery in Kentucky, his flight north on the Underground Railroad, and his rescue by the citizens of Mechanicsburg, Ohio. This important and turbulent chapter of American history comes to life through original songs, riddles and rhyme, and an array of characters that emerge from the past and relive the journey of the Underground Railroad. Mad River Theater Works creates vibrant and evocative plays that combine the rhythms and folkways of everyday life with tales about extraordinary individuals.

Careers in Community Organizing for Social Justice

Wednesday, February 6 – 7:00 pm – Rouss & Robertson Hall Room 227

The Direct Action & Research Training (DART) Center will hold an information session to discuss careers in community organizing with UVA students and alumni. [RSVP](#) Positions start August 12, 2019 in Lexington, KY, Louisville, KY, Columbus, OH, Richmond, VA, Charlottesville, VA, Columbia, SC, St. Petersburg, Tampa, West Palm Beach, Jacksonville, Daytona Beach, and Fort Myers, FL. Starting salary \$38,000/year + benefits. No prior organizing experience is necessary; fluent Spanish speakers are encouraged to apt [visit](#). Still have questions? Contact [Sarah Storar](#)

Opportunities with Deadlines

UVA Summer Diabetes Research Internship: May 20-August 2, 2019

Application Deadline: Tuesday, January 22

Undergraduates in this 10-week summer internship work with a UVA faculty mentor in pairs to conduct diabetes research, attend lectures, participate in professional development and shadow UVA physicians in the operating room and clinic. First through third year students should apply, as well as students from traditionally underrepresented racial, gender, and ethnic groups in the STEM and biomedical research fields.

See <https://surgery.virginia.edu/summer-diabetes-research-internship/> or contact Katherine Walters kcv3a@virginia.edu

VSGC Undergraduate STEM Research Scholarship Program

Application Deadline: Monday, January 28 by 11:59 pm

This program provides awards of up to \$8,500 to rising third and fourth year students in a full-time study of science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM), and who have a specific faculty-mentored research project that has NASA or aerospace relevance. Applied Health Sciences majors are not eligible for this program. For details, visit: <http://vsgc.odu.edu/undergraduatescholarships/>

Sydney Elizabeth Owens Memorial Award

Application Deadline: Friday, February 15 by 5 p.m. EST

Family and friends remember Sydney, an Echols Scholar, member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Lawn resident. This award supports an undergraduate student, with faculty support, to create a domestic or international semester experience. The award is for \$6,000 for the 2019–20 academic year. Online applications only. For more information, contact [Molly Bass](mailto:Molly_Bass) or 434-243-9019.

Schomburg-Mellon Humanities Summer Institute – June 3-July 19, 2019

Application Deadline: Friday, February 19

The 2019 Schomburg-Mellon Humanities Summer Institute offers housing, meals, and a stipend for ten rising undergraduate fourth years to live in New York City and engage in seminars and research. See: <https://www.nypl.org/help/about-nypl/fellowships-institutes/schomburg-mellon-humanities-summer-institute>

UVA Summer Medical Leadership Program (UVA-SMLP)

Application Deadline: Friday, March 15 by 11:59 pm EST

UVA-SMLP builds on the success of the previous summer medical academic enrichment programs [Medical Academic Advancement Program (MAAP) and Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP)]. The goal: to expose the participants to the “real world of medicine” to prepare them for medical school admission & future leadership positions in medicine/biomedical field. For more information, visit the homepage <https://www.medicalcenter.virginia.edu/smlp>

Summer Paid Internships: [UVA President’s Commission on the University in the Age of Segregation](#) (1865-1965)

Four internships available. Advanced undergraduate or graduate students, with a background in American history, will work with the President’s Commission doing archival research, document photographing, and professional transcription/editing of historical documents (training provided). Interns should demonstrate strong organizational and analytic skills, ability to work independently, and write clearly. These internships pay \$10/r. for undergrads, \$15/hr. for graduate students (up to 300 hours). To apply visit: <http://publichistory.as.virginia.edu/application>

Summer Interns Needed: [Jefferson’s University – The Early Life Project 1819-1870 \(JUEL\)](#)

Apply for three internship positions doing digital history, website development and archival research. Advanced undergraduate or graduate students with background in American history are encouraged to apply. Interns will work with the Jefferson’s University: The Early Life project team. They will create and expand a UVA Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities (IATH)-sponsored digital humanities archive and website on the early history of the UVA. These internships pay \$10/hour (up to 300 hours). At the end of the summer, the intern will understand the technical processes involved in the digital humanities and the early history of UVA. Visit: <http://publichistory.as.virginia.edu/application> for details.

Post-Grad Fellowships for Environmental Work: RAY Fellowship and Meridian Institute Fellowship

The Meridian Institute Ruckelshaus Fellowship provides the next generation of public policy leaders with the skills to support collaboration on complex and controversial problems. The Fellowship is a two-year, full-time position. Selected Fellows will

begin work in summer 2019 at either Meridian's Dillon, CO, or Washington, DC locations. The [Roger Arliner Young \(RAY\) Conservation Diversity Fellowship](#) focuses on increasing opportunities for people of color to learn about, engage with, and enter the environmental conservation NGO sector. [Visit](#) or contact [Kiera Givens](#) for more information.

Duke Summer Session

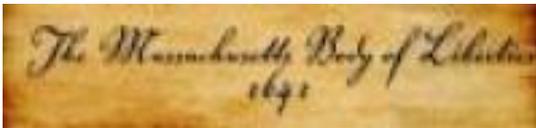
Summer College Dates: July 8 - August 3

Summer Academy Dates: June 16 – July 5 | July 14 – August 3

Accelerated STEM Academy Dates: June 16 – 21 | June 23 – 28 | July 8 – 13 | July 22 – 26

We are looking for staff members who will serve as positive role models, use sound judgment when making decisions, and have a genuine interest in participating in the academic and social development of adolescents. The characteristics we look for in our staff members are (1) honesty, (2) flexibility, (3) the ability to manage stressful situations, (4) initiative, (5) empathy, (6) compassion, and (7) the desire to deliver beyond what is asked. To apply, please fill out our [online application](#). We review applications and hire candidates on a rolling basis. If you have any questions, please contact: summercollege@duke.edu.

This Week in Black History



The [Massachusetts Body of Liberties](#) was the first legal code established by European colonists in New England. Compiled by the Puritan minister Nathaniel Ward, the laws were established by the Massachusetts General Court in 1641. The Body of Liberties, which prohibited slavery in many instances, but did allow for three legal bases of slavery: [1] slaves could be held if they were captives of war, [2] if they sold themselves into slavery or were purchased from elsewhere, or [3] if they were sentenced to slavery as punishment by the governing authority. The Body of Liberties used the word "strangers" to refer to people bought and sold as slaves; they were generally not English subjects. Colonists came to equate this term with Native Americans and Africans.



Martin Luther King Jr. (January 15, 1929 –April 4, 1968) was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement from 1954 until his death in 1968. Born in Atlanta, King is best known for advancing civil rights through nonviolence and civil disobedience, tactics his Christian beliefs and the nonviolent activism of Mahatma Gandhi helped inspire. King led the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott and in 1957 became the first president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). The 1963 King marched at the March on Washington, where he

delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. On October 14, 1964, King won the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality through nonviolent resistance. In 1965, he helped organize the Selma to Montgomery marches. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968 in Memphis and posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established as a holiday in numerous cities and states beginning in 1971; the holiday was enacted at the federal level by legislation signed by President Ronald Reagan in 1986. Hundreds of streets in the U.S. have been renamed in his honor, and a county in Washington State was also rededicated for him. The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., was dedicated in 2011.



[Michelle LaVaughn Robison Obama](#) (born January 17, 1964) is an American writer, lawyer, and university administrator, who served as the First Lady of the United States from 2009 to 2017. She is married to the 44th U.S. President, Barack Obama, and was the first African-American First Lady. Raised on the South Side of Chicago, Illinois, Obama is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School. In her early legal career, she worked at the law firm Sidley Austin, where she met Barack Obama. She subsequently worked in non-profits and as the Associate Dean of Student Services at the University of Chicago and the Vice President for Community and External Affairs of the University of Chicago Medical Center. Michelle married Barack in 1992 and they have two daughters. Obama campaigned for her husband's presidential bid throughout 2007 and 2008 and returned to speak for him in 2012. As First Lady, Obama served as a role model for women, and worked as an advocate for poverty awareness, education, nutrition, physical activity and healthy eating. She supported American designers and was considered a fashion icon. Since leaving the White House, she has embarked on a nationwide book tour for her bestselling memoir, *Becoming*, which has sold more copies than any other book published in the U.S. in 2018.