The Association for the Study of African-American Life and History presents the 2022 Black History Month Virtual Festival with the theme Black Health and Wellness.

**Book Talk: Class Interruptions: Inequality and Divisions in African Diasporic Women's Fiction**

**Date:** February 8th, 7:00pm EST [online]

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**Book Talk: GET A GGRiPP: The Health and Wellness Movement Rooted in Black Cultural Traditions**

**Date:** February 10th, 7:00pm EST [online]

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The Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture celebrates Black History Month with virtual programming.

**Joyful Fridays: The Black Panthers**

**Date:** February 4th, 11:00am EST

"Kick off Black History Month with your little ones during this lesson on how the Black Panther Party contributed to the health and wellness of their communities. Then, paint a panther inspired by objects in the NMAAHC collection!"

Register here for the free virtual webinar.

**A Great Moral and Social Force - Conversation with Timothy Todd**

**Date:** February 22nd, 7:00pm EST

Writer Timothy Todd, in conversation with ESPN's Michael Fletcher, "will provide the social and historic contexts for the establishment of black bank ownership" based on his recent book discussing African American financial institution, economic independence, and wealth-building.

Register here for the free virtual webinar.
#BLKCREATIVES
#blkcreatives, created by Melissa Kimble, honors Black culture and community in their support network for Black creatives. Subscribe to their newsletter [here](#), and get access to their job board, products, and more at their [website](#).

**BRYAN FORD of ARTISAN BRYAN**
Bryan Ford is an Afro-Honduran baker focusing on redefining the meaning of "artisan" to include baking from diverse cultures, particularly Latin American baking. Follow him on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), and find his website (with recipes!) [here](#). Notably, Bryan is also outspoken about refusing tokenizing work during Black History Month.

**BLACK AND RAWW PODCAST**
Black and Raww is a podcast dedicated to space and dialogue on Black masculinity, with different themes each month. Its primary goal is to "create a diverse and expansive concept of what it means to be a Black man." Learn more on [Twitter](#) and their [website](#), and find the podcast on [Spotify](#).
Southern University receives coveted R2 ‘high research’ Carnegie designation
"Southern University and A&M College has been designated as a Carnegie R2 institution with 'high research activity,' the second-highest classification for American research universities. Southern is one of two Historically Black Colleges and Universities to newly receive the Carnegie Classification of Institutes of Higher Education designation." Ten HBCUs, including Southern, achieved or maintained their R2 designations out of the 3,000+ institutions evaluated.

Morehouse College Launches the Black Men's Research Institute
"Historically Black Morehouse College in Atlanta announced the formation of the Black Men’s Research Institute (BMRI), a pioneering initiative to study the economic, social, cultural, and personal outcomes of issues affecting Black men, particularly where disparities exist in the U.S. and internationally." The BMRI "will serve as a launchpad for the exploration of the first Black masculinities studies minor at a historically Black college or university," in addition to organizing an annual symposium.

North Carolina Central University Launches a New Health Communications Program
North Carolina Central University established an inter-disciplinary health communications core program with four goals: "improving health literacy in communities burdened with health disparities; identifying and testing innovative approaches to improve communication across various populations; supporting the university and community partners on research and practice around health communication, literacy and linguistics; and creating opportunities for students to share their passion for health equity and make an impact in their communities."

National Endowment for the Humanities Funds Research Projects at HBCUs
"The National Endowment for the Humanities has announced $24.7 million in grants for 208 humanities projects across the country. These grants support humanities initiatives at college campuses, innovative digital resources, conservation, research, and infrastructure projects at cultural institutions." Eight of these grants have been awarded to HBCUs.

Call for Proposals: Building a Culture of Health Equity Online Summit
Present your expertise & research at the Building a Culture of Health Equity Summit online May 19. "The goal of the online summit is to engage learners committed to advancing health equity in thought-provoking dialogue and create opportunities for future collaborations. The conference planning team is seeking speakers to present on four themes related to health equity: education, research, clinical care, and community and civic engagement." Proposals are due on February 28th: apply here!

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