Events

The Department of African American Studies hosts and sponsors events throughout the academic year to support faculty scholarship, student interests, and community relationships.

Annual Events:

Brown Bag Series

Each semester, African American Studies hosts “brown bag” events where faculty and students are invited to present their research and lead open discussions with attendees. In the past, topics have included hip-hop and existential authenticity, Afrofuturism, the New Negro Movement, and Black Education during COVID-19, to name a few. These gatherings are warm and welcoming opportunities for students and faculty to share ideas and learn about Black Studies in a relaxed but intellectually rich setting. All are welcome and encouraged to bring their lunch.

BRIDGE Lecture

Since 2011, African American Studies has collaborated with the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies to invite an emerging scholar in Black Women Studies to deliver the annual BRIDGE lecture in recognition of the intellectual intersection between Black History Month (February) and Women’s History Month (March).

Society of African American Studies

Every year, majors and minors in African American Studies coordinate events on important topics in Black Studies and community experiences.

For more information about events and lectures, contact the Department of African American Studies, at (314) 977-2242, or dana.guyton@slu.edu

Upcoming Events:

The Society of African American Studies will host “Black Maternal Health: A Panel Discussion” on Friday, April 21st from 1-2 pm in the CGC, Seminar Room 124A. In-person attendance is encouraged. A livestream of the conversation is available here.

This conversation brings together SLU students and the broader St. Louis community in an effort to raise awareness about the work being done to advance Black Reproductive Justice in legislative advocacy, healthcare spaces, and in community. The event will occur during ATLAS Week as it directly aligns with the ATLAS Week theme, “Chasing the Echoes of Freedom: The Fight for Freedom in the 21st Century”.

Check out the zine, “Whose Rights” to learn more about Jackson v. Reproductive Health Services—a landmark case in the Reproductive Justice Movement with origins in the state of Missouri.

Check out the zine, “Whose Fight” to learn more about the origins and legacy of Black Reproductive Justice in the US.

Check out this website to learn more about Black Maternal Health Week.

Sponsored by the Society of African American Studies, Department of African American Studies, the Department of Women's and Gender Studies, the Albert Gnaegi Center for Health Care Ethics, Office of the Dean, the Division of Diversity and Innovative Community Engagement (DICE), and ATLAS Week.