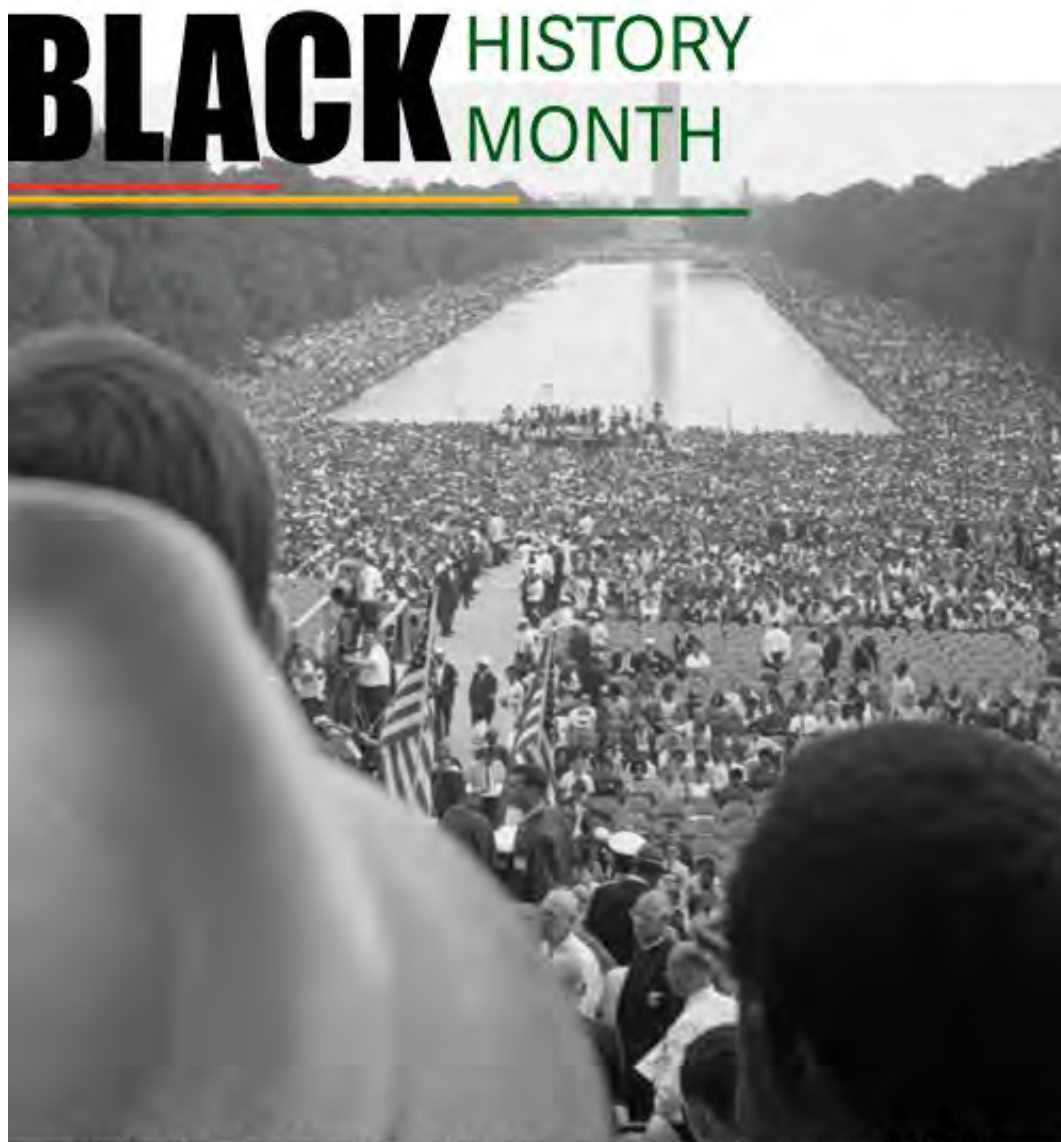




Check out the latest from the Office of Diversity, Inclusion & Equity!

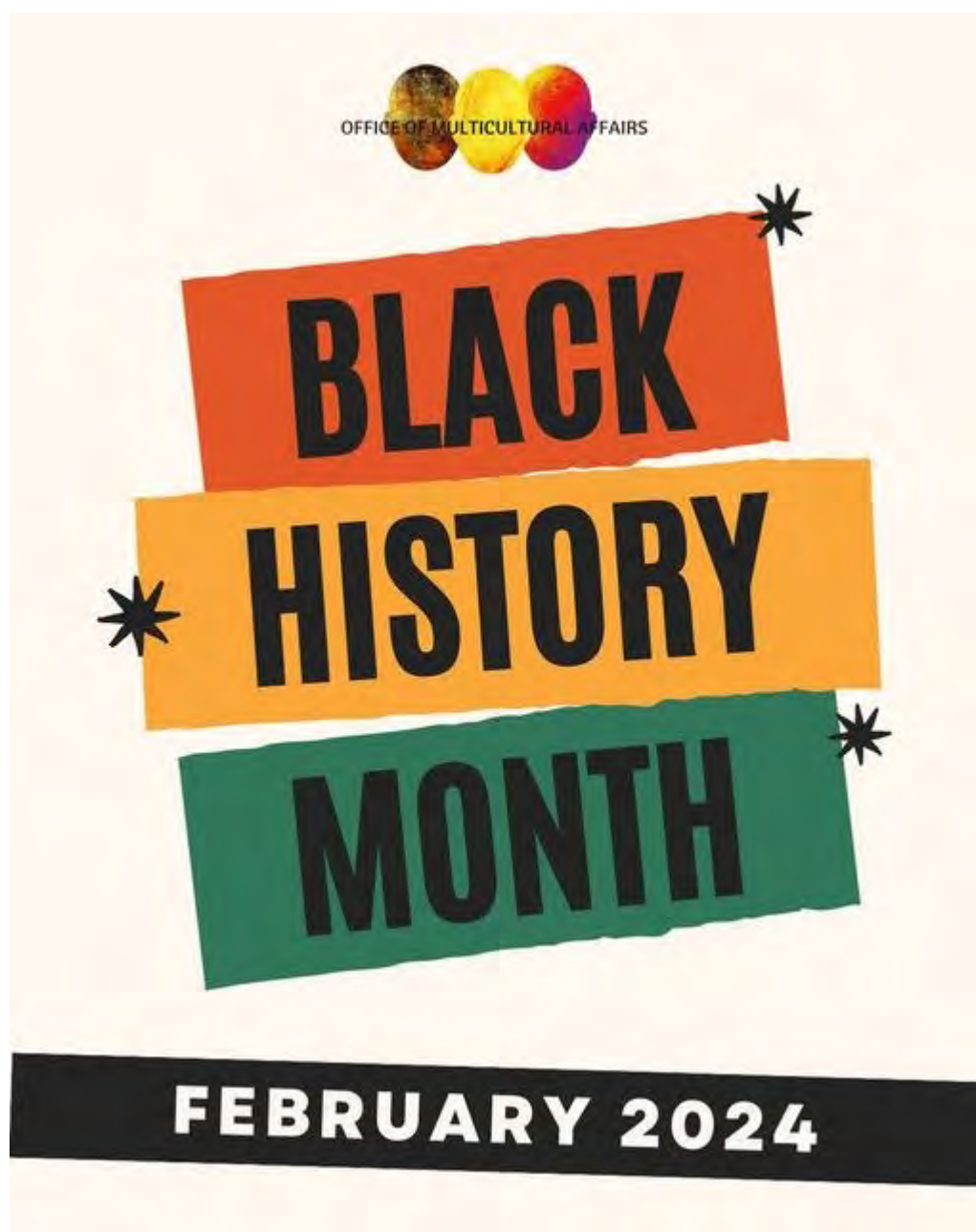


**Civil Rights March on Washington, D. C., August 1968,
photographer: Warren K. Leffler**

February is National Black History Month, a time to reflect on and celebrate the many contributions that Black Americans have made to the nation and the world. The history of the celebration can be traced back to Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH) and the creation of Negro History Week in 1925. The first celebration, held in February 1926 during the week of both Abraham Lincoln’s and Frederick Douglass’ birthdays, was immediately impactful. By 1950, the week had become central to African American life and more attention was brought to the celebration every year. The celebration expanded to a full month in 1976 for the nation’s bicentennial, with President Gerald Ford urging all Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” Every president since has issued a Black History Month proclamation, and the ASNLH, now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), continues to promote the celebration of Black history and accomplishments all year long.

For more information on National Black History month, visit <https://blackhistorymonth.gov/>.

Photo access at <https://www.loc.gov/item/2003654395/>



It's Black History Month! The OMA is proud to celebrate BHM 2024 through a range of events this month including:

- **February 20:** LU ALLY Black Experiences in the LGBTQ Community, co-sponsored with the Pride Center
- **February 21:** Restarting the Black-Jewish Alliance featuring Rabbi Sholomo B. Levy, co-sponsored with Jewish Student Life
- **February 21:** Commemoration of the Life and Death of Malcolm X with guest speaker Sheikh Muhammad Jaaber
- **February 22:** Cooking with Soul led with Chef Robert Rhymes
- **February 26:** Understanding African-Heritage in the Dominican Republic - A Panel Discussion
- **February 28:** History Makers Luncheon honoring Dean Georgette Chapman Phillips
- **February 29:** Black History Trivia-Faculty and Staff (lunchtime event)
- **February 29:** Black History Trivia-Students (evening event)

For more information on some of these sessions, see below! Keep an eye on their Instagram [@lehighoma](https://www.instagram.com/lehighoma) for details on the rest!



Please join Lehigh's Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee and Northampton Community College for an author talk and Q&A with **Heather McGhee**. McGhee designs and promotes solutions to inequality in America. Her first book, *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together* spent 10 weeks on the New York Times bestseller list and was long-listed for the National Book Award and Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction, among numerous other awards.

This event will be in person on Thursday February 29 at Northampton Community College (3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem PA 18020), College Center 220. This event will also be live streamed (see below). The schedule is:

7:00pm: Keynote lecture with Q&A (livestreamed at Lehigh's Business Innovation Building, Room 108)

8:00pm: 30-min reception with the author

[Visit the event website for more information.](#)

LUally Spring 2024



Black Experiences in the LGBTQ+ Community
Tuesday, February 20
12:00 - 1:30pm

Join us for an interactive workshop in partnership with the Office of Multicultural Affairs and in recognition of Black History Month at Lehigh.

Facilitated by **Scott Burden, Director & Ariel Torres, Associate Director of The Pride Center and Dr. Robert Robinson, Director of The Office of Multicultural Affairs**

Head to go.lehigh.edu/LUally or scan the QRcode for session descriptions and registration



Registration is required, free pizza lunch provided



The Pride Center is committed to making each and every one of our programs and initiatives accessible and inclusive. If you are planning to attend a program and have any accessibility needs or desires, please contact Mel Kitchen at mbk411@lehigh.edu in advance of the program for coordination.



LUally delivers skills-based, educational opportunities for the Lehigh community, while centering the philosophy that allyship is a continuous process that looks different for everyone. This month's session is "Black Experiences in the LGBTQ+ Community" on Tuesday, February 20 from 12:00-1:30 PM, facilitated by Scott Burden, Director and Ariel Torres, Associate Director of the Pride Center and Dr. Robert Robinson, Director of OMA. Pizza lunch is provided—registration required. Sign up at go.lehigh.edu/lually. Email pridecenter@lehigh.edu with questions or for needed accommodations.

NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Cooking with Soul

and *Chef Robert Rhymes*

Join the Office of Multicultural Affairs for an educational and hands-on exercise expanding your knowledge on the history and origin of "Soul Food." Chef Rhymes, Chef Baxter and the students are preparing a Southern dish that will be ready to enjoy at the conclusion of the exercise.

FEBRUARY 22, 2024 | 3-6PM
 NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 BUS PICK UP AT CHRISTMAS-SAUCON @ 3:00PM



Scan to Register

Join the Office of Multicultural Affairs for **Cooking with Soul**, an educational and hands-on exercise expanding your knowledge of the history and origin of "Soul Food." Chef Rhymes, Chef Baxter and the students will prepare a Southern dish that they will then enjoy together in fellowship on Thursday February 22 at Northampton Community College. Buses will pick students up at Christmas–Saucon at 3 PM, and return to campus at 6 PM. [Register here](#) or scan the QR code above. For questions or more information email inmca@lehigh.edu.


OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

Lehigh Jewish Student Life

Lehigh Hillel

RESTARTING THE BLACK-JEWISH ALLIANCE

FEBRUARY 21ST
 3:00PM-4:00PM
 Health, Science & Technology
 HST Building - Room 101
 124 E Morton St.
 Bethlehem, PA 18015



Please join us as we invite Rabbi Sholomo B. Levy, Professor of history at Northampton Community College, as he uses his unique perspective as a Black Jew to lead a "courageous conversation" around the issues that divide Blacks and Jews today.

Join OMA, the Office of Jewish Student Life and Lehigh Hillel for **Restarting the Black-Jewish Alliance** on Wednesday, February 21 from 3-4 PM in HST 101. Rabbi Sholomo B. Levy, Professor of History at Northampton Community College, brings his unique perspective as a Black Jew to lead a "courageous conversation" around the issues relevant to these communities today. Email inmca@lehigh.edu with questions or for accommodations.

OMA OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PRESENTS

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HISTORY MAKER Luncheon

Guest Speaker
 DEAN GEORGETTE CHAPMAN PHILLIPS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
 HST FORUM ROOM 101



Join us at the Celebrating Black History Month: History Maker Luncheon, hosted by the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Where we will honor Lehigh University's very own Georgette Chapman Phillips, the Dean of the College of Business.

Secure your spot now, as spaces are limited



Scan to Register

OR REGISTER AT GO.LEHIGH.EDU/OMAEVENTS

We are **Celebrating Black History Month** with a **History Maker Luncheon!** Join us as we celebrate Lehigh's own Georgette Chapman Phillips, the Dean of the College of Business on Wednesday February 28 from 12-1 PM in HST Room 101 (The Forum). [Spaces are limited so register now!](#)



Don't forget to **nominate deserving faculty, staff and students** for the appropriate University awards that are open now! This year we are proud to introduce the Inclusive Excellence Awards—there is one for staff and one for faculty! These awards will recognize and honor staff and faculty for outstanding contributions to research, administration, practice, advocacy and/or policy, and whose work informs and advances the understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusive excellence here at Lehigh! Staff award nominations are due by Friday March 8, and faculty nominations by Friday September 6. [Visit the University Awards page](#) for more information and to nominate (Lehigh log-in required). The Student Life Leadership Awards are also open, with lots of chances to recognize our amazing student leaders. Nominations for those awards are due on Wednesday February 28; [visit the webpage for instructions on submitting!](#)