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DEPARTMENT of PSYCHIATRY  
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# Psychiatry & EDI

EDI Newsletter | February 2023

## ACCE Spotlight: National Black History Month

**The Psychiatry Department's Advocacy, Consumerism, and Community Engagement (ACCE) Action Group is highlighting National Black History Month in January!**

February is **National Black History Month**! Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard-trained historian and author, founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History [ASNLH; now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)] in 1915. In 1926 he initiated the first “Negro History Week” during the second week of February, a week that includes the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Fifty years later, in 1976, the celebration was extended to the full month of February. President Biden has described it as a “... time to celebrate the immeasurable contributions of Black Americans, honor the legacies and achievements of generations past, reckon with centuries of injustice, and confront those injustices that still fester today.”

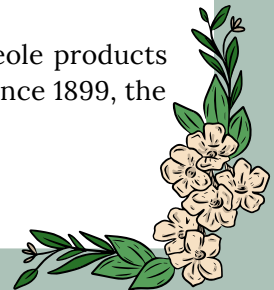
In 2023, the official theme for Black History Month is “Black Resistance.” The ASALH states “Black people have sought ways to nurture and protect Black lives, and for autonomy of their physical and intellectual bodies through armed resistance, voluntary emigration, nonviolence, education, literature, sports, media, and legislation/politics.” Read more about Black Resistance [here](#).

### **Celebrating Black History Month in New Orleans**

#### **Celebrate Black Culinary Culture:**

- Not only does [Dooky Chase](#) celebrate Creole cooking, but it also served an important role in Civil Rights movement as a meeting spot for leaders and activists. Tulane University recently celebrated the grand opening of Chapter IV, a new restaurant by chef Edgar “Dook” Chase IV, grandson of Leah and Dooky Chase. The restaurant is the anchor tenant in Tulane’s Thirteen15 apartment building located on Gravier Street.
- [Li'l Dizzy's Café](#) is located in Treme and is run by the Baquet family, which has a long history of serving Creole-Soul food to the community.
- [Willie Mae's Scotch House](#) was established in 1957 as a bar, and then added a barbershop and beauty salon before adding a restaurant. In 2005 it was nationally recognized with a James Beard Award, and today it is run by Willie Mae's great-granddaughter.
- [Vaucresson's Creole Café & Deli](#) is a third-generation business that makes authentic Creole products served in restaurants, grocery stores, and festivals throughout the New Orleans region. Since 1899, the Vaucresson family has produced their sausage products in the 7th ward of New Orleans.

Find more Black-owned restaurants in New Orleans [here](#).





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### Celebrate Black Art:

- The [McKenna Museum of African American Art](#) houses a collection of African diaspora fine art. You can also book a tour at [Le Musée de l.p.c.](#), a historic house museum dedicated to preserving the culture and legacy of free people of color in New Orleans.
- Check out the artwork of Brandon “B-Mike” Odums and others at [Studio BE](#), a warehouse installation in the Bywater that calls itself “a space for the local community and the culture that comes from it , and a welcomed space for visitors across the globe - a place all those voices go to sharpen their critical voice and imagine a future that benefits us all.”
- One of the current exhibitions at the [New Orleans African American Museum](#) features the work of Florestine Perrault Collins, the first documented Black woman photographer in New Orleans.

### Learn about the Black History of Mardi Gras:

- The [Backstreet Cultural Museum](#) and the [House of Dance & Feathers](#) have comprehensive collections of costumes, artifacts, and memorabilia related to Mardi Gras Indians and other African American cultural traditions in New Orleans.
- Read about the complicated history of race and Mardi Gras in [this article](#), and about the history of the Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club [here](#).



## ACCOUNTABILITY TIP!



### Being an Intersectional Ally

**Intersectionality is a framework for understanding how aspects of a person's identities combine to create unique modes of discrimination and privilege.**

- Check your privilege.
- Recognize and trust others' expertise and lived experience.
- Listen to and learn from them.
- Make space for and center their stories.
- Create a culture of acknowledgement and understanding.
- Be an accomplice to challenge existing policies.
- Engage in teachable moments, even when it's uncomfortable.



**Did you know that all past departmental EDI newsletters have been added online?** You can check out previous issues, as well as see past Book and Film Club picks, by [clicking this link](#).



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## JEDI CATS Office Hours

February 14 & 28, 2023; 5:00 p.m.

JEDI CATS hold open office hours for an hour. Feel free to join using [this link](#).

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## Film Club

February 6, 2023; 7:00 p.m.

Film Club discusses "42."

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## Book Club

February 23, 2023; 7:00 p.m.

Book Club discusses "Haben: The Deafblind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law."

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## 2023 Anti-Racism and EDI Teach-In

Friday, March 24, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The teach-in will open with an Indigenous panel featuring Lora Ann Chaisson (Principal Chief, United Houma Nation) and colleagues for the Bulbancha morning keynote. Heather McGhee, author of *The Sum of Us*, will be the national afternoon keynote. Interactive sessions with Tulane and community partners exploring environmental racism and anti-racism leadership follow each keynote, and faculty and staff affinity group gatherings end the day.

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED AT TULANE?

Are you interested in joining a group of committed individuals working to advance our departmental EDI initiatives? Our **Diversity Committee** and **JEDI CATS** are recruiting new members. Learn more about our various initiatives [here](#) or reach out to Angela Keyes ([akeyes@tulane.edu](mailto:akeyes@tulane.edu)) for more information.

**Equity Thursdays** is a weekly conversation and lunch series hosted by the Center for Academic Equity (provided free of charge)! They offer workshops, presentations, and discussions led by members of the Tulane community and guests from the GNO. Join them as they connect to distinctive academic opportunities and provide a forum for reflection on the intersection of identity and the academic experience. They welcome students, faculty, and staff to come to Equity Thursdays and join the CAE community!

Equity Thursdays are held on the uptown campus in the Richardson Building, Room 115, every Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30 PM CST.

The EDI Professional Development Program (EDI-PDP) has announced a number of electives for the Spring semester, including topics such as supporting LGBTQ+ staff, students and faculty; disability rights; supporting veterans at Tulane; and intercultural competency. A full list of offerings can be found on [the EDI webpage](#).

Consider joining one of the [Tulane Faculty & Staff Affinity Groups](#) as a space to connect and thrive together. All are welcome!



We hope you'll join us for our club meetings, and for all our exciting events!

Angela

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# Film Club

Date and Time: February 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Link: [Please click here](#) to join our Zoom meeting.



In February, Film Club will discuss the film "42." "42" tells the story of two men -- the great Jackie Robinson (Chadwick Boseman) and the legendary Brooklyn Dodgers manager Branch Rickey (Harrison Ford) -- whose brave stand against prejudice forever changed the world by changing the game of baseball. In 1946, Rickey signed Robinson to the team, breaking Major League Baseball's infamous color line. Facing racism from every side, Robinson demonstrated tremendous courage by letting his talent on the field do the talking -- ultimately winning over fans and his teammates and paving the way for others to follow. The gifted athlete dealt with tremendous pressure and threats from racist fans and players, but persevered to become a legendary baseball player and a heroic figure in American history.

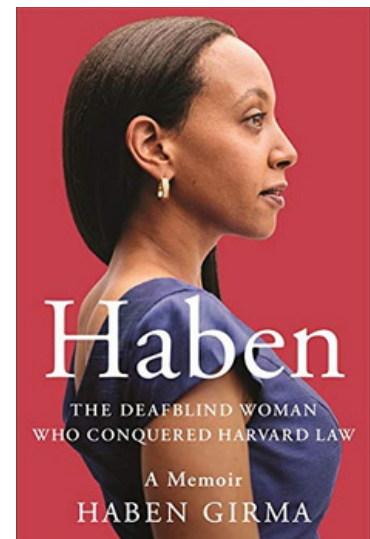
"42" is available for streaming through Amazon, Tubi, Google Play, Vudu, and Apple iTunes.

# Book Club

Date and Time: February 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

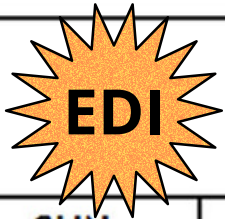
Link: [Please click here](#) to join our Zoom meeting.

Book Club will be reading about the incredible life story of Haben Girma, the first deafblind graduate of Harvard Law School, and her amazing journey from isolation to the world stage. Haben grew up spending summers with her family in the enchanting Eritrean city of Asmara. There, she discovered courage as she faced off against a bull she couldn't see and found in herself an abiding strength as she absorbed her parents' harrowing experiences during Eritrea's thirty-year war with Ethiopia. Their refugee story inspired her to embark on a quest for knowledge, traveling the world in search of the secret to belonging. She explored numerous fascinating places, including Mali, where she helped build a school under the scorching Saharan sun. Haben takes readers through a thrilling game of blind hide-and-seek in Louisiana, a treacherous climb up an iceberg in Alaska, and a magical moment with President Obama at The White House. Haben defines disability as an opportunity for innovation. She learned non-visual techniques for everything from dancing salsa to handling an electric saw. She developed a text-to-braille communication system that created an exciting new way to connect with people. Haben pioneered her way through obstacles, graduated from Harvard Law, and now uses her talents to advocate for people with disabilities. Warm, funny, thoughtful, and uplifting, this captivating memoir is a testament to one woman's determination to find the keys to connection.



*Current and active members of ACCE include Kankshi Thakur, Kristen Pearson, Maegen Vincent, Sherry Heller, Amy Mikolajewski, and Hien Le Sanchez. Please email Kankshi Thakur ([athakur@tulane.edu](mailto:athakur@tulane.edu)) if you are interested in joining!*





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