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**Sent:** Friday, February 5, 2021 10:24 AM
**To:** Chemistry Users
**Subject:** Happy "Black" Friday!

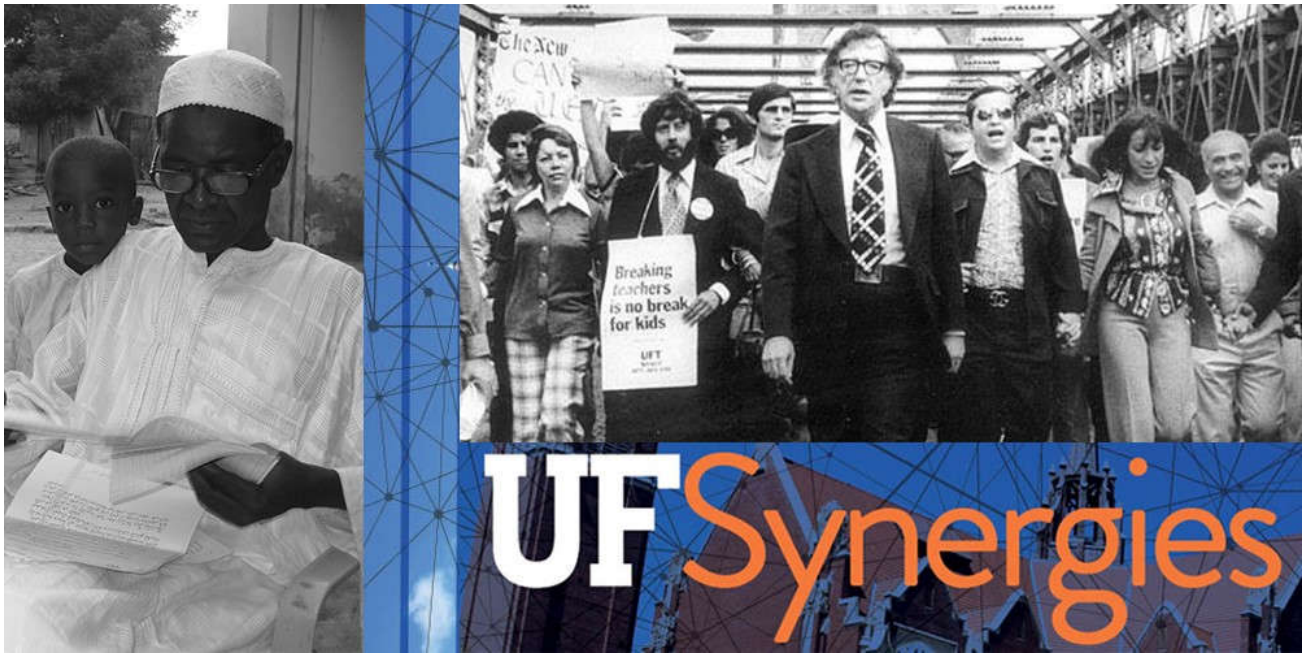
Dear All,

In celebration of Black History Month (BHM), the Chemistry Department's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee will release a weekly newsletter every Friday in February highlighting on-campus and community Black History Month exhibits, events, etc. We will also be highlighting a number of black chemists, their achievements, and contributions to the body of science. We encourage each of you to take part in a BHM event. It is our hope that by participating, you are inspired and strengthened to do the individual work required to realize greater diversity, equity, and inclusion for all.

Sincerely,
DEI Committee

# On-Campus Events

## UF Synergies: Language, Policing and Schools
## Monday, February 8, 5:00 PM




This Synergies presents Professor Fiona McLaughlin's research establishing a trans-Saharan region of shared linguistic influences, and Tedder Doctoral Fellows David Meltsner on the origins of the U.S. school-to-prison pipeline and Rachal Burton on Toni Morrison and the relationship between colonialism and anti-Blackness.

Zoom registration

## Let's Talk About Food
## Saturday, February 13, 1:00 PM

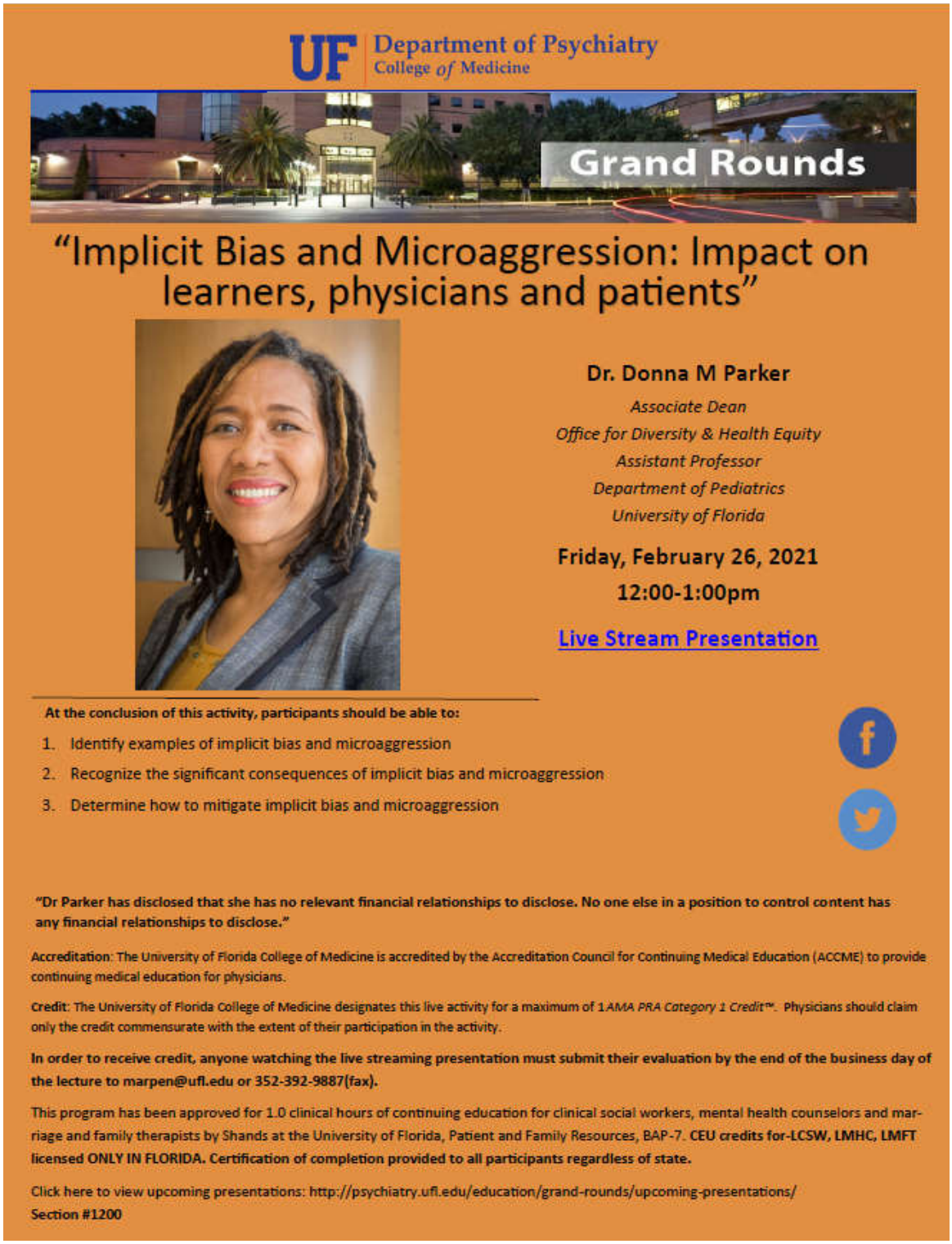
Florida Humanities | City of Gainesville | UF Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere, Liberal Arts and Sciences | UF Department of Spanish & Portuguese Studies | UF Center for Gender, Sexualities, and Women's Studies Research | UF Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida

**Conversations in the Neighborhood: Exploring the Dishes of Africa and the African Diaspora.**

This discussion will look at the African diet before colonization. What were the common spices used by Africans across the continent? How has colonization transformed food throughout the African Diaspora? Can food be decolonized? This event takes its audience on a culinary journey with speakers throughout the African Diaspora to discuss cooking techniques of the past and present.

Zoom registration

## Implicit Bias and Microaggression: Impact on Learners, Physicians and Patients
## February 26, 12:00-1:00 PM




Psychiatry Grand Rounds (https://psychiatry.ufl.edu/education/grand-rounds/) – Click on the Grand Rounds title ("Implicit Bias and Microaggression: Impact on learners, physicians and patients") to view the live stream presentation.

Friday, February 26, 2021
Psychiatry Grand Rounds 12pm-1pm

View the livestream here

# “All Black Lives Matter” exhibit opens at Library West

Link 1:https://www.alligator.org/article/2021/01/all-black-lives-matter-exhibit-opens-at-library-west?fbclid=IwAR1K9IswSCaYbetxYB3gySIWr63nbXFsGe2GmTm7si5HLRTm59ttGmPHiRA
Link 2:https://twitter.com/UF/status/1357073079965413376

# Africana Studies as Missed Education: From Carter Woodson to Afro Futures

Link:https://afam.clas.ufl.edu/2021/02/01/africana-studies-as-missed-education-from-carter-woodson-to-afro-futures/

# Black in Biological Anthropology Week

The newly formed Black in Biological Anthropology group will be hosting a week of virtual events on Twitter and Instagram (@BlackInBioAnth) from**February 1 - February 7, 2021!**
The goal of this week-long event is to showcase the incredible Black scholars in Biological Anthropology, highlight our work, create connections, forge a strong support network, and connect Black scholars with numerous opportunities in the field of Biological Anthropology.
As noted on the flyer above, we will be hosting four events in addition to our social media blitz. The event flyer and registration can be found atthis link.

# Black American Experiences in Peace Corps Service

Wed. Feb 17th5:30 – 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Serving in the Peace Corps is a great way to immerse yourself in a new culture, learn a new language, and have the experience of a lifetime. Join us at this information session to learn about the experiences of Black American volunteers,  ask questions about service, and gain tips to guide you through the application process.

Register here:https://ufl.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIocuGtqTsuEteMmIxoGO6X0AisKRX7Cssm
This event is hosted by the Peace Corps recruiting offices at the UF International Center and Florida State University.

# Community Events

- Saturday, Feb. 6 and Sunday, February 7 at 4 p.m.: African History in the Middle Ages with Kali (virtual)
- Friday, Feb. 12 at 8 p.m.: Duo Paloma (virtual concert)
- Friday, Feb. 19 at 8 p.m.: Faith and Majesty (virtual concert)
- Friday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m.: Decyo McDuffie (virtual concert)
- Sunday, Feb. 28 from 2-5 p.m.: Social Justice Murals tour and meet and greet with the artists
- Throughout February: Honoring our Legends (tour Evergreen and Pine Grove Cemeteries, markers highlight prominent Black figures in their final resting places

# Museum Events

## Harn Museum of Art:

### Elusive Spirits: African Masquerades

December 1, 2015 – March 2020
https://harn.ufl.edu/exhibitions/elusivespirits

## Florida Museum of Natural History

South Florida People and Environments
https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/exhibits/south-florida/

# Black Chemist Highlight

## ST. ELMO BRADY

*by Megha Satyanarayana*

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St. Elmo Brady

In 1916, St. Elmo Brady, born in Louisville, Kentucky, became the first African American to earn a PhD in chemistry. He did his graduate work at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and his research focused on how the acidity of carboxylic acids changed based on the addition of different chemical groups. He taught for several years at what would eventually be called Tuskegee University and eventually became the chair of the chemistry department at Howard University.
Several years later, Brady returned to Fisk University, where he had earned his undergraduate degree, to lead its chemistry department. He took over from another noted Black chemist, Thomas W. Talley.
At Fisk, Brady created the nation's first graduate program in chemistry at a historically Black college and eventually did the same at three other universities. In 2019, the American Chemical Society designated the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Fisk University, Tuskegee University, Howard University, and Tougaloo College National Historic Chemical Landmarks because of the work that Brady accomplished at those institutions. He died in 1966.

https://cen.acs.org/people/profiles/Six-black-chemists-should-know/97/web/2019/02

# James Andrew Harris

## March 26, 1932 – December 12, 2000

James Andrew Harris is the first African American to participate in a major new-element identification program. He was also a co-discoverer of elements 104 and 105. Unlike his colleagues, Harris did not have a doctoral degree, however, he was later awarded an honorary Ph.D. from Houston-Tillotson College in 1973 and two Merit Awards—one from the Mayor of Richmond, CA, and the other from the National Urban League.

**More about Harris:**

- The Faces of Science: African Americans in the Sciences

Noteworthy from the ACS: https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/whatischemistry/african-americans-in-sciences.html

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I can't breathe -- Eric Garner 7/17/14, George Floyd 5/25/20