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**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2021 12:14 PM  
**To:** Chemistry Users  
**Subject:** Happy Black Friday!

Hello, All,

The Chemistry Department's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee is excited to bring you this week's installment of the "Black Friday" newsletter highlighting Black History Month on-campus, community, and museum events. In celebration of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science yesterday, this week we are highlighting two female African American Chemists and their contributions to the body of science. Again, we encourage each of you to take part in as many BHM events as possible. 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

# Black Chemist Highlight

## ALICE BALL

*by Megha Satyanarayana*

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Credit: Wikimedia Commons

### Alice Ball

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Around the turn of the 20th century, leprosy was a major public health concern in Hawaii. Alice Ball was a chemistry instructor at the College of Hawaii, which would become the University of Hawaii. She had earned a master's degree in chemistry from the institution, looking for active components in a medicinal plant, [the kava root](#). Ball was the first woman and first Black woman to earn a chemistry degree at the university, as well as to become an instructor.

In 1916, Harry Hollmann, a doctor at Kalihi Hospital who was treating people with leprosy, asked Ball to help him determine the active ingredients in chaulmoogra, a plant that had been used with some

success to treat the disease. Hollmann was looking to isolate something concentrated and injectable, and in one year, Ball had figured out how to fractionate the active oil, allowing her to solubilize it (*Arch. Derm. Syphilol.* 1922, DOI: [10.1001/archderm.1922.02350260097010](https://doi.org/10.1001/archderm.1922.02350260097010)).

Ball died suddenly, at the age of 24, possibly of accidental chlorine poisoning in a laboratory. Her work was taken up by a male scientist who tried to take credit for her discoveries. Chaulmoogra injections based on Ball's work became a standard treatment for leprosy until the 1940s. In 2000, Hawaii Lieutenant Governor Mazie Hirono named Feb. 29 "[Alice Ball Day](#)."

## WINIFRED BURKS-HOUCK

*by Marsha-Ann Watson*



Credit: NOBCChE

Winifred Burks-Houck

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Winifred Burks-Houck was an environmental organic chemist and the first woman president of the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE), serving from 1993 to 2001.

Burks-Houck was born in Anniston, Alabama, in 1950 and earned her bachelor's degree in chemistry at Dillard University and her master's in organic chemistry at Atlanta University. Burks-Houck worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as an environmental chemist for many years analyzing environmental hazards, minimizing potential threats to worker safety, and ensuring that the lab limited environmental impacts during its operation.

But Burks-Houck is best remembered for her work in advancing the interests of Black chemists. During her tenure as NOBCChE president, she developed partnerships with organizations such as the American Chemical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

After her death in 2004, NOBCChE honored Burks-Houck by establishing the Winifred Burks-Houck Professional Leadership Lecture, Awards, and Symposium. The awards honor professional women

as well as students for their achievements in science, technology, engineering and math; leadership; and entrepreneurship.

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

# On-Campus Events



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

**PUBLIC HUMANITIES SERIES: 2020**

**CONVERSATIONS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**  
**LET'S TALK ABOUT FOOD**

Florida HUMANITIES | University of Central Florida | UF CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES AND THE PUBLIC SPHERE Liberal Arts and Sciences | UF Department of Spanish & Portuguese Studies | UF Center for Women and Gender Studies

## **Conversations in the Neighborhood: Exploring the Dishes of Africa**

This discussion will look at the African diet before colonization. What were the common spices used by transformed food throughout the African Diaspora? Can food be decolonized? This event takes its audience from the African Diaspora to discuss cooking techniques of the past and present.



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

This event is hosted by the Peace Corps recruiting offices at the UF International Center.

[Register Here!](#)



# APLU Celebration of Black History Month Featuring a Special Discussion with Black Leaders February 22, 4:00pm



Join the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities on February 22 at 4:00pm EST for a special hourlong webinar in which we will hear from Black leaders in public higher education.



**James D. Anderson**  
Dean, College of Education,  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



**Susan M. Collins**  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs,  
University of Michigan



**David W. Anderson**  
President,  
State University of New York

During this event, the featured speakers will discuss their own personal journeys at their universities, how their universities have made toward better serving Black students, and explore the challenges they face as they work to do more to expand access, ensure the success of Black students, and support their faculty. Amy Cole-Smith, APLU's Associate Director for External Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, will moderate the discussion.

[Register Here!](#)



**The Year of the Black  
CACE Conference: Febru**



The African American & African Diaspora Studies

# CACE 2021

Conference on African American & African Diaspora Studies

## "The Year Of the Black Panther"

February 24th – 25th, 2021 (Virtual)

### **Registration Deadline, February 15, 2021**

Our conference will feature presentations and panels by students, alumni, and faculty from various schools and universities. The theme! We welcome the UNCG and Greensboro community to attend the conference details with their students. All research presentations

CACE 2021 HERE: <https://forms.gle/HwqY>

### **Tuesday, February 23,**

*CACE 2020 Literary Café — 5-6pm*

### **Wednesday, February 24,**

*Welcome & Panel Roundtable— 10am*

*Research Presentations and Workshops — 11am*

### **Thursday, February 25,**

*Research Presentations and Workshops — 11am*

*Closing of Presentations: Panel Roundtable — 1pm*

*AADS Student Awards for Research and Creative Achievement — 2pm*

**For More Information:**  
Website: [aads.uncg.edu](http://aads.uncg.edu)  
E-mail: [aads@uncg.edu](mailto:aads@uncg.edu)  
Facebook: [facebook.com/uncg.aads](https://facebook.com/uncg.aads)  
Twitter: [@AfAmStudiesUNCG](https://twitter.com/AfAmStudiesUNCG); [#AADSUNCG](https://twitter.com/AADSUNCG)

[Register by February 22](#)

**Implicit Bias and Microaggression: Impact on Learning**  
**February 26, 12:00-1:00 PM**



## “Implicit Bias and Microaggression: Implications for learners, physicians and patients”



**Dr. Donna M. Parker**  
*Associate Director  
Office for Diversity & Health Equity  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Psychiatry  
University of Florida*

**Friday, February 26, 2021  
12:00-1:00pm**

[Live Stream Presentation](#)

At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

1. Identify examples of implicit bias and microaggression
2. Recognize the significant consequences of implicit bias and microaggression
3. Determine how to mitigate implicit bias and microaggression

“Dr Parker has disclosed that she has no relevant financial relationships to disclose. No one else in a position to disclose any financial relationships to disclose.”

**Accreditation:** The University of Florida College of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education for continuing medical education for physicians.

**Credit:** The University of Florida College of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1AMA PRA Category 1 credit only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**In order to receive credit, anyone watching the live streaming presentation must submit their evaluation by the end of the lecture to marpen@ufl.edu or 352-392-9887(fax).**

This program has been approved for 1.0 clinical hours of continuing education for clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists by Shands at the University of Florida, Patient and Family Resources, BAP-7. CEU or CME credit is only available to those licensed ONLY IN FLORIDA. Certification of completion provided to all participants regardless of state.

Click here to view upcoming presentations: <http://psychiatry.ufl.edu/education/grand-rounds/upcoming-presentations/>  
Section #1200

Psychiatry Grand Rounds (<https://psychiatry.ufl.edu/education/grand-rounds/>) – Click on the Grand Rounds (on learners, physicians and patients”) to view the live stream presentation.

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

[View the livestream here](#)

## [Dr. Patricia Hilliard-Nunn Black Film & Film Literature Collection](#)

The George A. Smathers Libraries are dedicating a legacy collection of Black film & film literature to

Dr. Hilliard-Nunn was a beloved educator and activist who dedicated many years to the UF African American Studies Program and had been a part of the University and Gainesville communities for many years prior. During her time at UF, she taught a broad range of courses in film and media. In 1993, she earned her doctorate in Mass Communication from Florida State University, and she continued to teach and research film and media equally as skilled behind the camera as she was behind a lectern, utilizing her skills as a director and filmmaker.

The Dr. Patricia Hilliard-Nunn Black Film and Film Literature Collection is a selection of popular films spanning Black film history and scholarly works on Black film theory, criticism and analyses. The Collection contains a variety of formats, including DVD and Blu-ray discs, and is managed by Stephanie Birch, African American Studies Librarian, with the support of Jeanne Ewert, Film Studies Librarian. The Collection will be designated by a custom-designed print and/or digital guide.

The Collection is also supported by an [online guide](#) for both campus and public users. It includes a full list of film titles in the collection, available to the community, online and through the UF Libraries.

Beginning February 12 and throughout Black History Month, a selection of DVDs and Blu-ray discs from the Collection will be on display at the UF Libraries to UF students, faculty and staff. A corresponding display will be available to the public through the Alachua County Library District website: <https://www.aclib.us/>.

For questions concerning the collection or Library West display, please contact Stephanie Birch, UF African American Studies Librarian. For the Alachua County Library District display, please contact Joyce West, Public Services Division.

# Community Events

- 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/>

[Celebrate Black History Month on a Full Stomach](#)  
[Black-owned restaurants to support in Gainesville](#)  
[\(source: the independent florida alligator\)](#)

[https://www.alligator.org/article/2021/02/celebrate-black-history-month-on-a-full-stomach?ct=content\\_open&cv=cbox\\_featured](https://www.alligator.org/article/2021/02/celebrate-black-history-month-on-a-full-stomach?ct=content_open&cv=cbox_featured)

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