


Diversity, Inclusion, and Cultural Competence

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020 EDITION

Celebrating Black History Month

Dear Colleagues,

I hope everyone enjoyed a restful holiday season. With the spring 2020 semester now underway and National Black History Month beginning this Saturday, I would like to remind you to look ahead and save the date for several great upcoming events. Schedule yourself in now before you inevitably get overbooked in the coming weeks!

February and March Events

Editor Discussion

Dionne Ford, co-editor of *Slavery's Descendants: Shared Legacies of Race and Reconciliation*, discusses the vision of [Coming to the Table](#), a national racial reconciliation organization. Lunch will be served.

More about *Slavery's Descendants*: The contributors to this edited volume tell their stories of dealing with America's racial past through their experiences and their family histories. Some are descendants of slaveholders, others are descendants of the enslaved, and many are descendants of both slaveholders and the enslaved. They share a commitment to critical discussion and thinking about our nation's history of oppression and its impact, as well as their quest to achieve a just and truthful society that acknowledges its past and seeks to heal.

When: Thursday, Feb. 13, noon–2 pm

Where: Information and Technology Building, Rackow Conference Room 750

RSVP: DiversityEventsRSVP@baruch.cuny.edu

Baruch Reads!

- **Student, Faculty, and Staff Read-Aloud and Book Discussion**

Sponsored by the Collective to Undo Racism at Baruch (CURB) and the Office of Diversity, Compliance, and Equity Initiatives, this event features select chapters from *Slavery's Descendants: Shared Legacies of Race and Reconciliation* to be read with a discussion following. Readings from different chapters will take place across multiple time slots during the day. We are thankful for our [community of facilitators](#).

When: Tuesday, Feb. 4

- 10–11:30 am
- 11:30 am–1 pm
- 1–2:30 pm
- 2:30–4 pm

Where: NVC Room 14-266

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- **Student, Faculty, and Staff Book Discussion**

Sponsored by CURB and the Office of Diversity, Compliance, and Equity Initiatives, staff, faculty, and students are invited to engage in discussions of Robin DiAngelo's *White Fragility*. Attendees are not required to read the book and can instead watch the following [book discussion](#).

Events will take place across several dates as noted below. We are thankful for our [community of facilitators](#). Lunch will be served.

When and Where:

- Tuesday, Mar. 3, NVC Room 14-269
- Thursday, Mar. 19, NVC Room 14-266

Time: 12:30–1:30 pm

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Faculty and Staff Mixer: Meet and Greet!

CURB and the Office of Diversity, Compliance, and Equity Initiatives invite faculty and staff to join us for a meet and greet mixer with colleagues committed to building an inclusive community for all our students. Refreshments served.

When: Thursday, Feb. 6, 4–6 pm

Where: NVC Room 14-280

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Student-Sponsored Events

We encourage all staff and faculty to attend the following events sponsored by the Black History Committee, Black Student Union, National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), and STARR Career Development Center. Please contact [Crystal Tejada](#) if you have any questions.

- **Opening Ceremony**

Kick off Black History Month with us! Enjoy delicious refreshments, music, a photo booth, meet with student club representatives, and more!

When: Thursday, Feb. 6, 12:40–2:20 pm

Where: NVC 2nd Floor Lobby

- **High School Visit**

Students, faculty, and staff will visit University Neighborhood Middle School and Orchard Collegiate Academy High School to meet with students and discuss college life.

When: Friday, Feb. 7, 11 am–4 pm

Where: University Neighborhood Middle School and Orchard Collegiate Academy High School

- **Sip & Paint**

Join for an adventure into Black Art and create a painting you can be proud of!

When: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6–9 pm

Where: NVC Bearcat Den

- **Curl Fest**

An event to discuss the history, myths, expectations, and trends around Black hair. Don't miss out on the free hair care products.

When: Thursday, Feb. 13, 6–8 pm

Where: NVC Room 2-125

- **Black Family Feud**

Teams will go head to head in a game of Family Feud with a twist. Brush up on knowledge of Black culture and cheer for your favorite team.

When: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 6–9 pm

Where: NVC Room 3-215

- **The Year of Return**

An educational dialogue about the significance of The Year of Return, a major landmark spiritual and birthright journey that marks 400 years of the arrival of enslaved Africans in Jamestown, Virginia.

When: Thursday, Feb. 20, 12:30–2:30 pm

Where: NVC Room 1-107

- **Black Business Expo**

An opportunity for Black entrepreneurs to showcase their business and discuss their journey in the business world.

When: Thursday, Feb. 20, 6–9 pm

Where: NVC Room 2-125

- **Amplifying Black Voices**

Express your passion and prose during a special open mic in celebration of Black Culture.

When: Monday, Feb. 24, 6–8 pm

Where: NVC Bookstore Cafe

- **4th Annual Diversity Career Expo**

Sponsored by STARR, this event is an opportunity for students to meet employers interested in recruiting diverse new talent for internships, leadership programs, and entry-level positions.

When: Tuesday, Feb. 25, noon–3 pm

Where: NVC Room 14-220

- **NABA Alumni Dinner**

Annual dinner serving to connect the club's current students to NABA alumni.

When: Tuesday, Feb. 25, 5:30–8 pm

Where: Information and Technology Building, Rackow Conference Room 750

- **Black Excellence Gala**

To close out Black History Month, we will have a gala showcasing the beauty of Black culture with special guests, performances, DJ, photo booth, and more!

When: Friday, Feb. 28, 6–9 pm

Where: NVC Room 1-107

Wishing you a wonderful spring 2020 semester. Thanks for your continued support in making Baruch such a strong and safe place for diversity and inclusion.

Sincerely,

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Chief Diversity Officer



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