



Message from the Office of Diversity, Compliance, and Equity Initiatives

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Fighting for Respect: Virtual Screenings and Panel Discussion, Part of Baruch's Collaboration with the New York African Diaspora International Film Festival

Dear Baruch College Community Members,

With the generous support of the [CUNY Black, Race and Ethnic Studies Initiative \(BRESI\)](#) and the [Andrew W. Mellon Foundation](#), the Baruch College Office of Diversity, Compliance, and Equity Initiatives (ODCEI) has been privileged to host lectures, panel discussions, and film screenings throughout the 2022–23 academic year. In particular, Baruch College ODCEI administrators have been using [CUNY BRESI](#) funds to foster a collaboration with the [New York African Diaspora International Film Festival \(NYADIFF\)](#) to conduct virtual and in-person film screenings from the extensive cinema libraries of the [NYADIFF](#) and [Artmattan Films](#). Each screening also features a conversation with the filmmakers and/or panelists.

Virtual Screenings and Special Panel Discussion

Our third event is a virtual screening of the documentary [Fighting for Respect: They fought for Liberty in France and Equality at Home \(United States/France, 2021\)](#). The film captures the plight of African American soldiers who fought in WWI, receiving the Croix de Guerre military decoration from France while still fighting for equality in the United States.

You may watch the film for free on a special platform and engage with its producer at a virtual panel discussion:

- **Mark Your Calendar for the Panel Discussion:** On Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 5–7 pm, ODCEI will host a special screening and panel discussion with producer Julia Browne, CEO and founder of Walking The Spirit Tours.
- **A Week of Virtual Screenings:** The film will also be available to the Baruch community on a special platform from Monday, Feb. 27, through Sunday, Mar. 5.

For more information and to register to watch the film and join the virtual panel discussion, please review the [flyer](#) and select a showing/register [here](#).

We look forward to engaging with you virtually on February 28, and we will continue to share the latest in the series as events become available.

Sincerely,

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