

# Black History Month

### **February is Black History Month**

a time to recognize the many contributions of Black people in America.

## **Inclusion Campaign**

The Inclusion Campaign is an initiative that incorporates media, events, partnerships, and other activities to advance MGH's commitment to health equity and racial justice. Its aim is to support programming that creates a welcoming environment and inclusive space for all. To celebrate Black History Month, the Inclusion Campaign is coordinating and promoting the following activities.

#### **MGH Events**

#### Java with Jimmy: Hypertension

Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM online

Your Healthy Java hosted by James (Jimmy) Hills is a regular show that informs the local community and supports community health. This episode will feature Dr. Oyere Onuma, a physician in the MGH Cardiology Department and the Associate Director for Diversity and Health Equity, who will discuss hypertension and inequities. Join online here.

#### Special Menu in the MGH Cafeteria

Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

Visit the **MGH Eat Street Cafeteria** for a special menu to celebrate Black History Month. The menu includes African Vegetable Soup, Beef Creole Soup, Shrimp and Okra Gumbo, Caribbean Jerk Chicken, Nigerian Jollof Rice, Roasted Sweet Potatoes and Onions, Collard Greens and Red Onions, Jamaican Glazed Carrots, and Sweet Potato Pie.

#### **AMMP's Black Maternal Health Discussion**

Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 12-1 PM on Teams

Join the **Association of MGH Multicultural Professionals** ERG meeting for a discussion on Black maternal health. **Nicole Smith, MD**, the Medical Director of Maternal Fetal Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital will be the guest speaker. **Join online here**.

#### Film Screening and Panel: Mental Health and Overcoming Trauma in the Black Community

Late February (Exact Date/Time TBA) on Zoom

In partnership with **GBH WORLD Channel**, the Inclusion Campaign is hosting a virtual discussion about mental health and overcoming trauma in the Black community. The event will include the screening of clips from the documentary <u>The Death of My Two Fathers</u>, followed by discussion with the film's director **Sol Guy**, **James (Jimmy) Hills** from the local show <u>Java with Jimmy</u>, and **Aderonke (Ronke) Pederson, MD** from <u>MGH's Depression Clinical and Research Program.</u> **RSVP here.** 

#### **Special Items in the MGH Gift Shop**

#### Month of February

The Inclusion Campaign is working with the **MGH Gift Shop** to bring in more culturally, racially, and ethnically diverse vendors, artists, and products to the store. Stop by the gift shop this February to check out the featured items and vendors for Black History Month. If you have suggestions for new diverse vendors or items, please complete our online <u>Submission Form</u>.

#### **Partner Events**

#### Book Reading and Discussion: The Struggles of Boston's Black Workers in the Civil War Era

Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM at the Museum of African American History

Join the **Boston Museum of African American History** for a discussion on *No Right to an Honest Living:* The Struggles of Boston's Black Workers in the Civil War Era. There will be a book reading with Bancroft Prize winner and two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist and historian, **Jaqueline Jones, PhD**, followed by a discussion with award winning author and historian **Kerri Greenidge, PhD**. RSVP here.

#### Better Together Series: Reflections on Medicine, Racism, and Society

Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM on Zoom

Join the **Harvard Medical School Better Together Series** for a discussion with **Lundy Braun, PhD**, Professor of Africana Studies, on medicine, racism, and society. The virtual discussion will be on the codification of race and racism in medicine and a history of race-based algorithms in the field of pulmonology. **RSVP here**.

#### Boston Globe: 16 Conversation-Creating Ways to Celebrate Black History

The Boston Globe collected 16 conversation-starting and joyful ways to celebrate Black History Month in Greater Boston this February View article here.

For more Black History Month events and resources and to learn more about MGH's Inclusion Campaign, visit our Apollo page or contact mghequityandinclusion@partners.org.