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JANUARY 2022 UPDATES NEWSLETTER



CHALLENGING RACISM BOARD UPDATE

The Challenging Racism Board of Directors met on January 18, 2022 for the first meeting of the new year. At the meeting, it was decided that they will convene meetings every other month rather than every month.

The next meeting will be March 15, 2022.

UPDATES FROM CR PROGRAMS

Challenging Racism at H-B Woodlawn

Monday, January 24, 2022

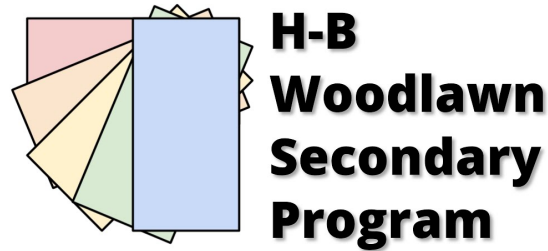
Challenging Racism finished its third program with H-B Woodlawn on January 24 with a session on Challenging Racism Everyday. Facilitators were Pat Harden, Amanda Lukoff, Whytni Kernodle, Jen Goen, and Dawn Kyser.

Many parents in this group are already involved in advocacy and are challenging racism in their professional lives as well as in other spheres of influence. Some of the things they are working on include an initiative to make the admissions

process to H-B Woodlawn more accessible to all Arlington County students by making personal visits to more elementary schools and, providing electronic plus other ways to submit applications.

Parents have also expressed interest in supporting the Diversity pillar and the programming diversity of opportunities. Several parent groups have worked together recently to present urgent equity needs to the School Board - Black Parents of Arlington, SEPTA, CCPTA, and more. The parents of H-B Woodlawn see opportunity to amplify their voices and actively support the common work of these groups.

We plan to gather again in the spring to share notes and to learn about other opportunities to challenge racism.



August Wilson's *Seven Guitars* Audience Talkback

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

On Tuesday, January 4 we gathered online for a virtual audience talkback about [August Wilson's *Seven Guitars*](#) recently produced by [Arena Stage](#). We discussed not just *Seven Guitars*, but also the life and work of one of the most important playwrights of our time. Some have described August Wilson as an American Shakespeare - we do not think that is an overstatement.

A couple recent film productions of [Fences](#) and [Ma Rainey's Black Bottom](#) are available for streaming. Pittsburgh Public Television produced a documentary on August Wilson - [The Ground on Which I Stand](#).



NOT TO BE MISSED

Trans Am

by Lisa Stephen Friday

featuring the music of Lisa Jackson & Girl Friday

[The Keegan Theatre](#)

Playing Jan 29 – Feb 26, 2022

Artist Talkback February 13, 2022 | Following the performance

Free and open to all patrons

TRANS AM explores the most complex and personal parts of the human experience, through the lens of Lisa Stephen Friday. With stories and songs, Lisa shares her own trans journey as a means of understanding our common human desire for self-actualization and respect while calling out the absurdity of a world obsessed with other-ness. An irreverent new one-woman autobiography, TRANS AM features the music of cult-favorite NYC glam rock band Lisa Jackson & Girl Friday.

Audience Talkback with CHALLENGING RACISM:

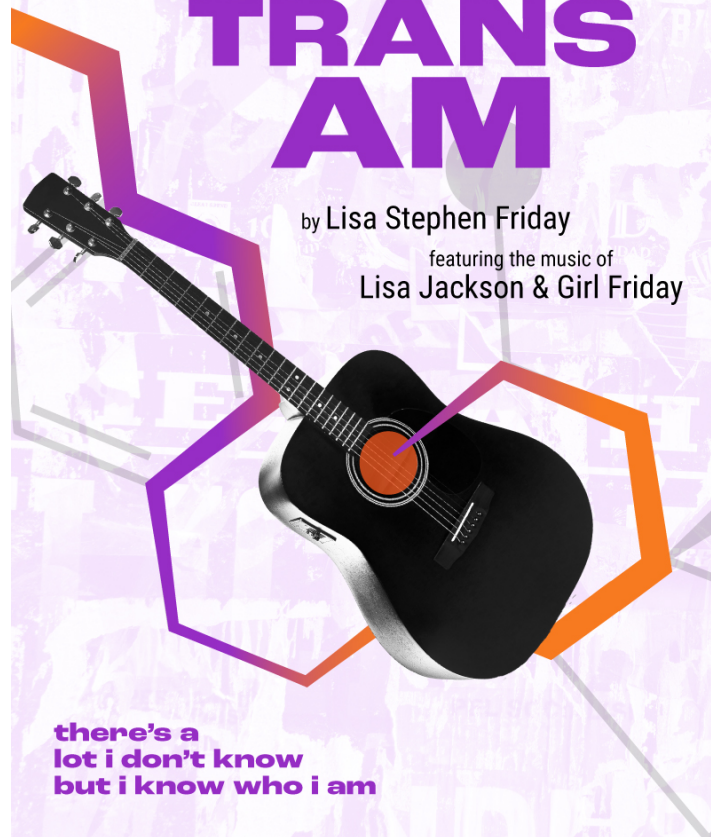
The Intersection of Race & Gender

February 20, 2022 | Following the performance

Free and open to all patrons

The Challenging Racism team joins us at Keegan to lead this audience event, offering enrichment and engagement through tailored educational materials and professionally facilitated discussions in conjunction with Lisa Stephen Friday's TRANS AM.

Purchase tickets [here](#).



CHALLENGING RACISM RECOMMENDS

February is Black History Month



Black History Month (also known as [African-American History Month](#)) is an annual celebration of achievements by African-Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in American history.

It began in 1926 as "Negro History Week," and became a national celebratory month in 1976. To celebrate this month, check out this list of events organized by Arlington Public Libraries.

[Featured Events](#)

Discover Black Voices from the United States, Africa and the global diaspora

Explore over 20 hand-picked booklists for all ages and interests, featuring a diverse lineup of fiction and non-fiction titles by contemporary Black authors.

These booklists cover a wide range of topics, including World War I, the Civil Rights Movement and Black Lives Matter. They include a variety of formats including picture books, graphic novels and historical fiction — collectively they highlight the Black experience, yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Black Voices Booklist



Oral History: Remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Arlington

Learn about the experiences of Arlington residents in the days before and after the March on Washington including Dr. King's connection to Arlington's Lomax AME Zion Church, and how a group of local high school students led a peaceful sit-in honoring his memory.



*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and Reverend Ralph Abernathy with members of the Lomax AME Zion Church and Father Ray from Our Lady Queen of Peace on August 27, 1963.
Photo donated to the the [Center for Local History](#) in 2020.*

[Learn More](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

A Seat at the Table: The Triumphs and Challenges of Black Education

[National Museum of African American History and Culture](#)

Friday, February 4, 2022

7:00 - 9:00 pm ET

Cost \$45

Access to higher education and formal schooling were new opportunities for African Americans during the Reconstruction era. Education advocates helped foster the founding of several HBCUs, which educated generations of educators, lawyers, medical professionals, and some of the greatest minds of the 20th century. However, the rise of Jim Crow forcibly segregated schools, leaving many black institutions underfunded and overburdened --- a complicated legacy that reverberates to the present.

[Dr. Julianne Malveaux](#) will moderate a conversation with [Taiisha Swinton-Buck](#), [Jitu Brown](#), and [Harry L. Williams](#) to examine why these issues are still present among Black-majority schools and the efforts made to change these outcomes.

A Seat at the Table is an interactive virtual program for participants to consider challenging questions about race, identity, and economic justice over a meal delivered to you by the museum.

Upon [registering for the program](#), you will make your meal selection with the museum.



History Alive! Coming Home: African Americans Returning from World War II [National Museum of African American History and Culture](#)

Monday, February 7, 2022

1:00 - 2:00 pm ET

Free online event (\$42 with book)

After victory in World War II, Black veterans continued the fight for freedom at home. History Alive! Coming Home explores stories and artifacts that reflect the economy, health care, education, housing, and political process for military veterans in the aftermath of WWII. Our living history interpreter tells the story of how those engaged in the military made their service useful not only for the good of their country, but to benefit both their personal lives and their community.

Live Stream & Recordings: Join the livestream or watch the recorded program on the [NMAAHC UStream](#).



**Make Good the Promises, at Busboys and Poets –
Conversation Featuring Kinshasha Holman Conwill and Paul Gardullo**
[National Museum of African American History and Culture](#)

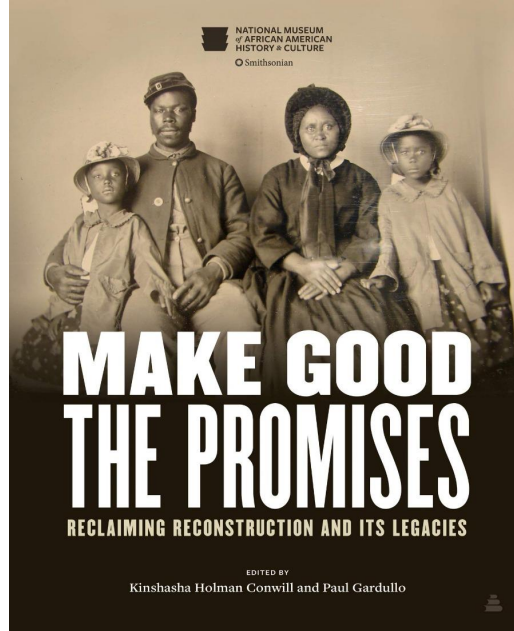
Wednesday, February 9, 2022

7:00 - 8:00 pm ET

Free online event (\$42 with book)

Join [Kinshasha Holman Conwill](#), NMAAHC Deputy Director and [Paul Gardullo](#), Curator in a virtual discussion of *Make Good the Promises: Reclaiming Reconstruction and Its Legacies* which they co-edited as the companion to the museum's exhibition about the lasting impact of Reconstruction. Their moderated conversation will focus on the book's exploration of themes of historic and contemporary importance concerning voting rights and education equity, as well as the legacy of institution and community building as wrought by this important historic era.

[Read more](#) about this event and register [here](#). The program will be hosted and streamed by Busboys and Poets.



Arlington Fair Housing Conference

[NAACP Arlington Branch](#)

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

6:00 - 8:00 pm ET

Explore the state of fair housing in Arlington County, including panel discussion on housing segregation, racial/ethnic opportunity gaps, and politics to promote equitable housing.

Free virtual event. All are welcome. Register [here](#).

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR CR

Are you interested in donating your time, expertise, or knowledge to Challenging Racism? One of the benefits of becoming a volunteer is you will be able to join us for several internal events, trainings and programs we host throughout the year. These opportunities are only open to staff, board members, facilitators, and **volunteers**.

We are looking for committee members for our Virtual 5K Race in May 2022, for each of our [committees](#), and for short- and long-term project support. Volunteer with Challenging Racism today!

Please complete the form below and feel free to contact us at volunteer@challengingracism.org

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