February

February is Black History Month, an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in history.

Food Showcase
Thursday, Feb. 1, noon – 3 p.m., Student Center Cafeteria (MT)
WCSU will host a Food Showcase from noon to 3 p.m. in the Midtown Student Center Restaurant. This collaborative event between the Office of Intercultural Affairs and Sodexo Food Service, will feature signature dishes inspired by contemporary African-American chefs in honor of the university’s Black History Month celebration. Standard door rates apply; the public is invited. Sponsored by Sodexo Food Service and the Office of Intercultural Affairs

Movie ShowUp! Out (2017) (WCSU students only)
Friday, Feb. 2, 8 p.m., Science Building Room 125 (MT)
Jordan Peele’s multiple award-nominated horror movie!
Sponsored by Program Advisory Council, Black Student Union (BSU) and the Office of Intercultural Affairs

Movie Show After-Hours Party (WCSU students only)
Friday, Feb. 9, 11 p.m., Colonial Corner, Midtown Student Center
Sponsored by BSU and the Office of Intercultural Affairs

Black Body Zeitgeist: Image Activism and “The Woke” in Post–Obama America
Rescheduled due to weather
Snow date: Feb. 28, Student Center Room 201
Wednesday, Feb. 7, 12:15 p.m., White Hall Room 127 (MT)
Presenter: Dr. Siobhan Carter-David
In her lecture on Black Body Zeitgeist, Carter-David will talk about the history of today’s pressing conversations about Black politics, Black aesthetics and fashion. The relevance of this topic in the present day — a moment when people celebrate Beyoncé and follow Black social media, while dismissing movements like Black Lives Matter — is overwhelming. This talk is an opportunity to explore the connections between race, gender, popular culture, the market and communal creativity through the lens of fashion as art and politics.
Sponsored by History & Non-Western Cultures Department and the Office of Diversity and Equity

African Caribbean American Experience
Panel Discussion
Thursday, Feb. 15, 8 p.m., White Hall Room 127 (MT)
A discussion of the history of the Caribbean connection to the African and African American experience.
Sponsored by ACSA and the Office of Intercultural Affairs

Afro-futurism Panel Discussion
Thursday, Feb. 22, 5 p.m., Ives Concert Hall, White Hall (MT)
The featured speakers at this panel discussion are:
Dr. Donald Gagnon
Professor, English Department, WCSU
William Foster
Professor, English Department, NVCC
Steven Fullwood
Public Archivist
Lynne Johnson
Library at SUNY - Empire State College
Dr. Demetrius Eueldi
Professor, History Department, Wesleyan University

Movie Show After-Hours Party (WCSU students only)
Thursday, Feb. 22, 11 p.m., Colonial Corner
Sponsored by Black Student Union (BSU) and the Office of Intercultural Affairs

Celebration of the Life of Marian Anderson
Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6 p.m., Visual and Performing Arts Center, Veronica Hagman Concert Hall (WS)
Join us for a celebration of the life and music of legendary American singer Marian Anderson. Learn about how to become part of the initiative to name the School of Visual & Performing Arts in her honor. A reception will follow.
Get tickets at www.wcsu.edu/vpa/mariananderson.

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March

Women’s History Month was designated to the month of March in 1987 and highlights contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society.

Movie Showing: Girls’ Trip (2016) (WCSU students only)
Thursday, Mar. 1, 10 p.m., Science Building Room 125 (MT)
Sponsored by BSU and the Office of Intercultural Affairs

Black Student Union (BSU) Gala
Friday, Mar. 2, 7 p.m., Westside Campus Center Ballroom
Guest speaker: Tanesha Barnes
Tanesha Barnes is proprietor of T. Barnes Beauty LLC and runs Solace, a hair and esthetics studio in Bethel. A certified CT and NY Licensed Esthetician, Barnes graduated from New York University with a BA in sociology, Western Connecticut State University with a MA in history, and a second Master’s degree in Teaching for Social Justice from Spark Teacher’s Institute.
Sponsored by African Caribbean American Student Association, BSU, the Office of Intercultural Affairs and Minorities in Medicine

Movie Showing: TBA (WCSU students only)
Thursday, Mar. 22, 10 p.m., Visual and Performing Arts Center, Veronica Hagman Concert Hall (WS)
Sponsored by the Office of Intercultural Affairs and the Program Activities Council

Women’s History Month Speaker: Jennifer Finney Boylan
Wednesday, Mar. 28, 6 p.m., Ives Concert Hall, White Hall (WS)
Boylan is a nationally recognized LGBTQ advocate who has spoken on numerous college campuses. Until 2001, Boylan published under the name James Boylan, including novels, collections of short stories and her autobiography, She’s Not There: A Life in Two Genders. In 2013, Boylan was chosen as the first openly transgender co-chair of GLAAD’s National Board of Directors. WCSU will host Boylan, the Anna Quindlen Writer in Residence at Barnard College of Columbia University, for a Women’s History Month talk. The talk will be free and the public is invited.
For more information on this event, please contact Professor Martha (Marcy) May, Professor and Co-Chairperson, History & Non-Western Cultures Department at (203) 837-8481 or by email at mmay@wcsu.edu
Sponsored by the Macricosta School of Arts and Sciences, History & Non-Western Cultures Department and the Office of Diversity and Equity

April

Step Up Against Sexual Assault
Thursday, Apr. 14, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Midtown Student Center
Step Up is an event where people can write messages to survivors on flags that will be placed in the quad on the Midtown campus. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and this event is one of the ways that we recognize the importance of this month.

Women’s History Month
Wednesday, Apr. 25
On this day, we ask people to wear denim all day in order to raise awareness about sexual assault.