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Celebrating, and
Understanding Black
History Month”*

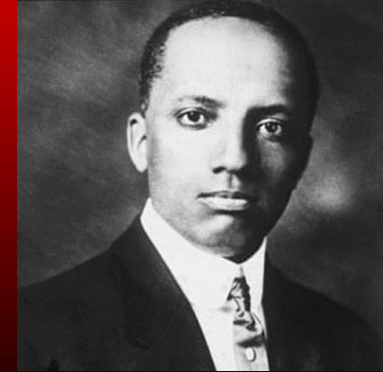


Dr. Carter Woodson

- born 1875
- of former slaves
- V.A. (Reconstruction)
- coal miner
- F. Douglass High
- 1903 Berea College (KY)
- 1908 Chicago (M.A.)
- Ph.D. Harvard 1912
- Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois (1895)
- Black history



Before Woodson



- **Dr. Pero G. Dagbovie**
- **“Du Bois was clearly the preeminent Black historian from the mid-1890s until 1915. But there were a host of other significant Black historians active during these years.”**
- **“Historians without portfolio.”**
- **“...group of non-professional persons ... feeling that their life experiences peculiarly fit them for chronicling some historical events.”**
- **“The Education of the Negro Prior to 1861” (1915)**

- 1915 (50th ann.)
- of 13th Amendment
- Chicago
- Woodson booth display
- Sold books

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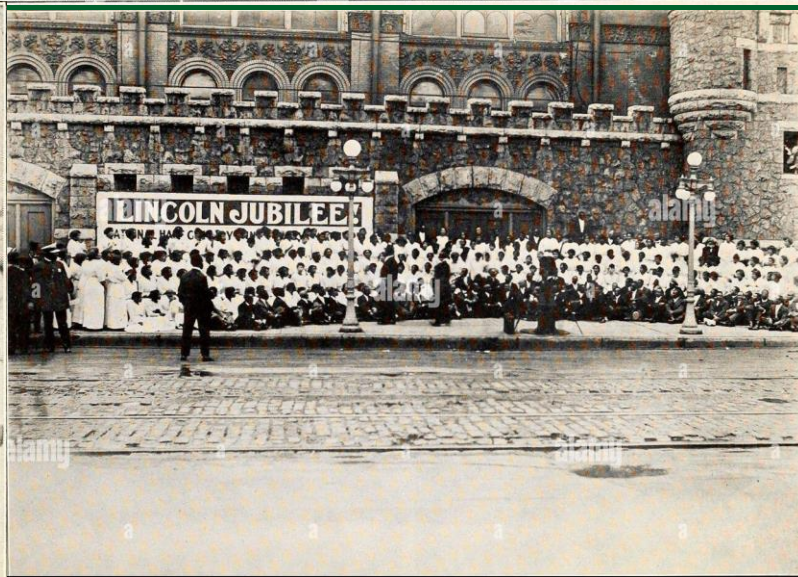
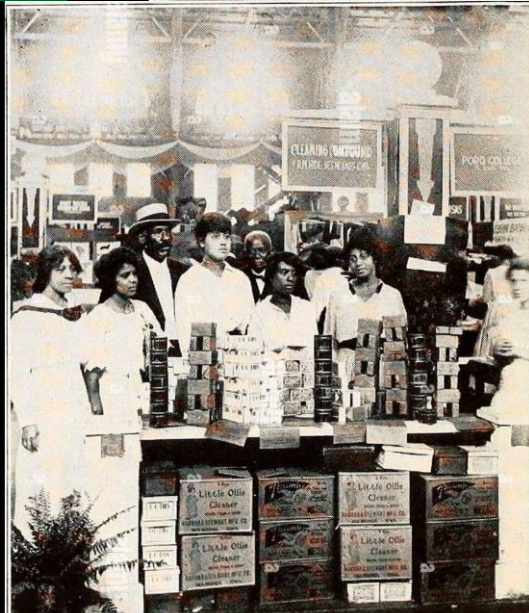


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George W. Williams

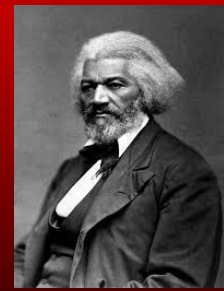
History of the Negro Race in America From 1619 to 1880



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Other Books:

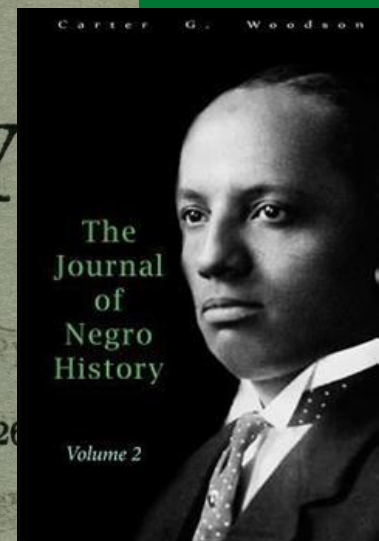
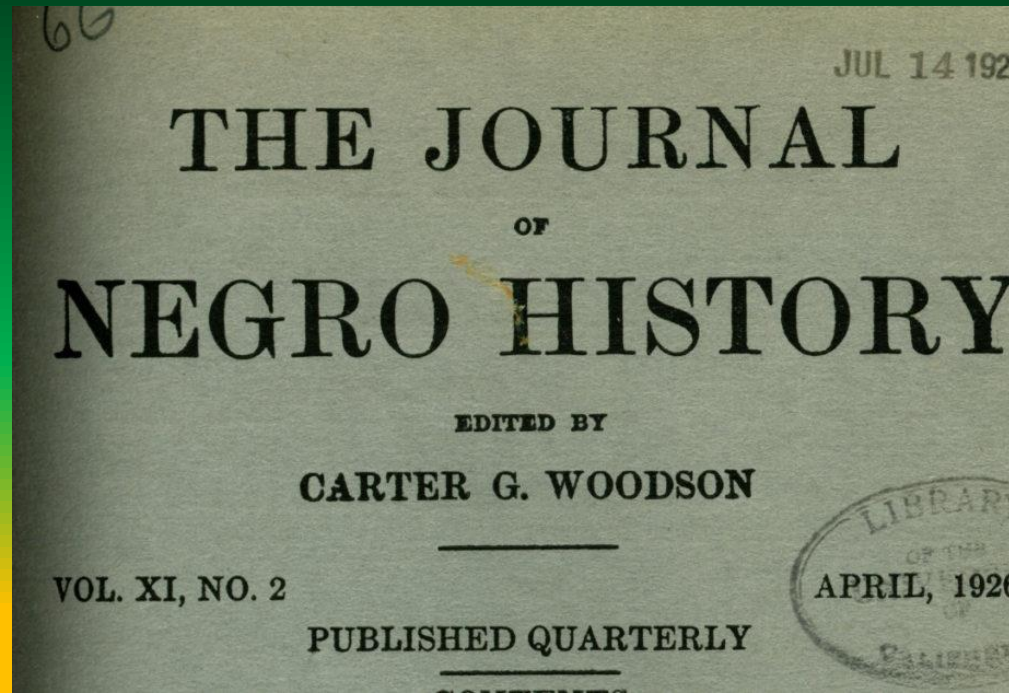
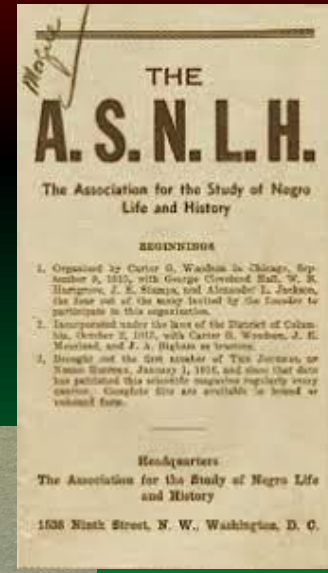


- Frederick Douglass – slave narrative (1845)
- Edward Johnson, “School History of the Negro Race in America from 1619 to 1890” (first major school textbook on African American history, 1891)
- Anna Cooper, “A Voice From the South: By a Black Woman of the South” (1892)
- Ida B. Wells, “A Red Record” (1895)
- William Crogman, “Progress of a Race” (1897)
- Booker T. Washington’s “Up From Slavery” (1900) and “The Story of the Negro” (1909)
- Monroe Work, “Negro Year Book” (1912)
- Benjamin Brawley, “A Short History of the American Negro” (1913)
- John Cromwell, “The Negro in American History” (1914)
- John Lynch, “The Facts of Reconstruction” (1915)



Association for the Study of “Negro” Life and History (ASNLH)

- 1915
- 1916 – The Journal of “Negro” History
- 1919 – Howard University
- 1919 – Black history course @ Howard
- was he first?



When Was African American History First Taught in a College?

- as of 1909: “...very few HBCU’S were regularly teaching courses in African American history, despite the fact that students at these institutions were required to know the histories of their schools and their founders.” (Dr. Pero G. Dagbovie)



- 1919 study: [as of 1918 only 8]

- Nebraska U
- Missouri U
- Chicago U
- Minnesota U



- start years?
- who taught these courses?

1920 Fired From Howard U

- **J. Stanley Durkee**



1922 “The Negro In Our History”



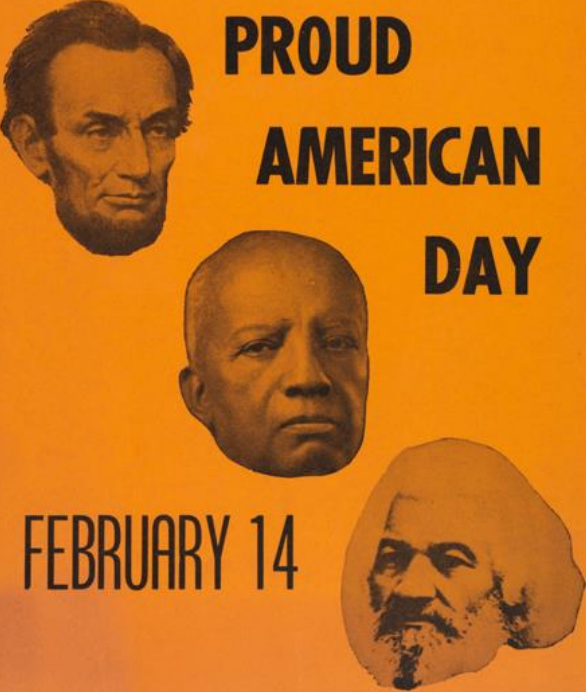
1926, “Negro History Week”

- ASNLH sponsor

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NEGRO HISTORY WEEK
FEBRUARY 9-16, 1958
Theme: "Negro History — A Factor in Nationalism and Internationalism"

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FEBRUARY 14

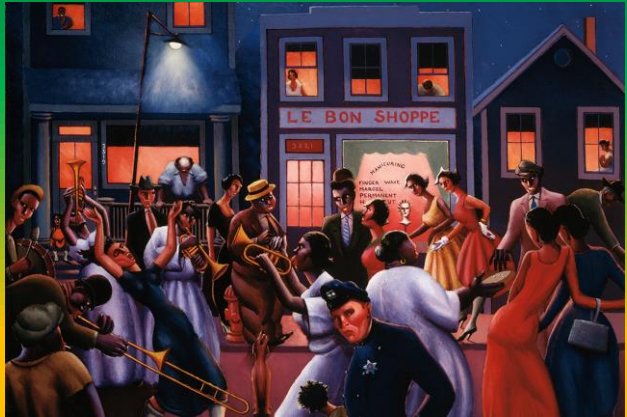
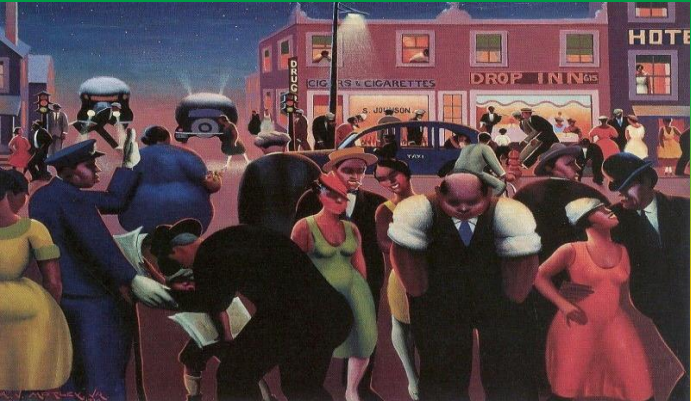
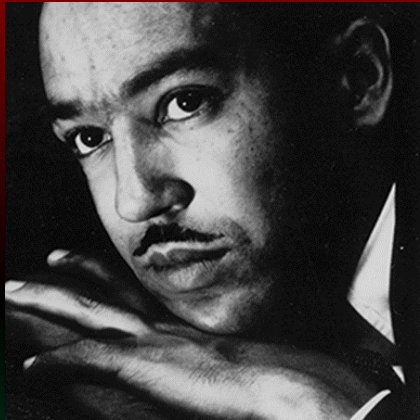
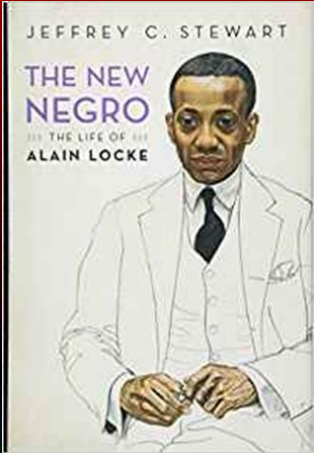


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Harlem Renaissance

1920's



From a Week to a Month:

- West Virginia (40's)
- Dr. Woodson died in 1950
- Chicago activist – Frederick Hammurabi (60's)
- Kent State, Ohio (70's)
- ASNLH – month format; “Black” History Month
- Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (ASALH)
- 1976 Gerald Ford by presidential proclamation



1986 – Congress Acts

- February – national BHM
- President must make a proclamation
- annual theme

The screenshot shows the ASALH website with a dark blue header containing a search bar, social media icons, and a 'DONATE' button. The main navigation bar includes links for HOME, ABOUT, EVENTS, PUBLICATIONS, MEMBERS AREA, NEWS, JOB BOARD, ANNUAL THEMES (highlighted), PROGRAMS, SPEAKER BUREAU, SHOP, and CONTACT. The page title is 'BLACK HISTORY THEMES' with a breadcrumb 'HOME > BLACK HISTORY THEMES'. The main content area has a yellow background and contains three paragraphs of text, a 'Share' button with social media icons, and a 'black history month festival' graphic. The right sidebar features the ASALH logo and contact information, followed by a profile for Karsonya Wise Whitehead, President, including her current employer (Loyola University Maryland), professional background (2023 Professor of Communication and African and African American Studies, 2020 Founding Executive Director of The Karson Institute for Race, Peace, & Social Justice), and radio host duties (2017 Radio Host, Today with Dr. Kaye, WEAA 88.9 FM, Morgan State University; 2017-2022 Opinion Editorial Columnist, Conversations with Dr. Kaye, Baltimore Afro-American Newspaper).

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BLACK HISTORY THEMES

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When Carter G. Woodson established Negro History week in 1926, he realized the importance of providing a theme to focus the attention of the public. The intention has never been to dictate or limit the exploration of the Black experience, but to bring to the public's attention important developments that merit emphasis.

For those interested in the study of identity and ideology, an exploration of ASALH's Black History themes is itself instructive. Over the years, the themes reflect changes in how people of African descent in the United States have viewed themselves, the influence of social movements on racial ideologies, and the aspirations of the black community.

The changes notwithstanding, the list reveals an overarching continuity in ASALH—our dedication to exploring historical issues of importance to people of African descent and race relations in America.

[The Origins of Black History Month](#)

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Main Accomplishments

Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham



- ...let us think of Black History Month the way our nation honors its greatest moments and greatest people. Let us appreciate Black History Month in a similar way—as when our government sets aside a month or day, thereby giving it a special meaning for all Americans. No one should think that Black history is confined to the month of February, when evidence to the contrary appears everywhere and in every month.



Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham



- Thanks to the pioneering work of Woodson and ASALH, information on the contributions of persons of African descent to our nation and world is currently taught in universities and in many k-12 schools. Black history is featured in television documentaries and in local and national museums. It is conveyed through literature, the visual arts, and music. The great lives and material culture of Black history can be seen in national park sites and in the preservation of historic homes, buildings, and even cemeteries.



Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham



- **Black History Month is not a token. It is a special tribute—a time of acknowledgement, of reflection, and inspiration—that comes to life in real and ongoing activities throughout the year, just as the work of ASALH has for 106 years steadily asserted both racial pride and the centrality of race and the Black experience to the American narrative and heritage.” (2021)**



“If you teach the Negro that he has accomplished as much good as any other race he will aspire to equality and justice without regard to race. Such a program will upset the agenda of the oppressor...” (The Mis-Education of the Negro, 1933).



“If you are unable to demonstrate to the world that you have this record, the world will say to you, 'you are not worthy to enjoy the blessings of democracy or anything else.' They will say to you, 'who are you anyway?' ... let us, then, study ... this history ... with the understanding that we are not, after all, an inferior people. ... we are going back to that beautiful history, and it is going to inspire us to greater achievements. It is not going to be long before we can sing the story to the outside world as to convince it of the value of our history ... and we are going to be recognized...” (Speech to Hampton Institute)

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The mission of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH®) is to promote, research, preserve, interpret and disseminate information about Black life, history and culture to the global community.

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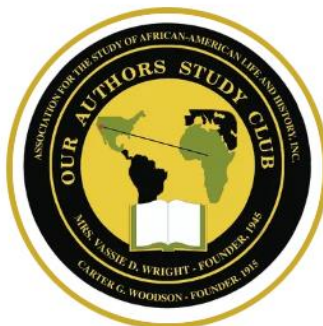
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OUR HISTORY

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