



May 2022



Juneteenth now recognized as official Emory University holiday

Emory University will recognize Juneteenth as an official holiday beginning this year. Juneteenth will be observed on Monday, June 20, 2022.

"Juneteenth is a day for remembrance and reflection on the struggle for equality that African Americans have led and endured in the nation," says Emory President Gregory L. Fenves. "At Emory, we will celebrate this holiday and cherish the time to understand our history as well as engage in the ongoing work required to create a more equitable university."

Emory has celebrated Juneteenth through various events and speaking engagements in the past, including in 2020, when university faculty, staff and students had an early release at noon on June 19 so they could spend the afternoon attending virtual events and reflecting on the meaning of the anniversary.

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Emory to rename campus spaces and professorships honoring Robert Yerkes and L.Q.C. Lamar

Emory University President Gregory L. Fenves will rename campus spaces and professorships honoring Robert Yerkes, a psychologist who vigorously supported eugenics, and L.Q.C. Lamar, who was a staunch defender of slavery.

The Yerkes National Primate Research Center will be known as the Emory National Primate Research Center, effective June 1. Professorships in the Emory School of Law named after Lamar will become the Emory School of Law Distinguished Professors.

Fenves' decisions, announced April 21 in a letter to the university community, are based on recommendations from the University Committee on Naming Honors, which he convened in October 2020 to evaluate the legacies of individuals whose names are honorifically recognized and elevated in spaces across Emory's campuses.

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Data for justice: Faculty across disciplines explore equity in AI

If red-light cameras in Chicago and other cities are supposed to be race-neutral, why do more Black and Latino drivers get busted there?

As data reflects and guides our actions, and society grapples with systemic inequality, four Emory College professors from diverse disciplines are leading 40 students to seek, gather and analyze data with justice in mind.

A new course this semester, QTM 310: Introduction to Data Justice, is not only about quantitative theory and methods (though juniors and seniors in that major quickly snapped up almost every available slot). The faculty team includes biology (Michal Abulky), English (Lauren Klein) and political science (John W. Patty and Elizabeth Maggie Penn) for the Emory College of Arts and Sciences course.

As an emerging field, data justice "considers how questions about data, its collection and its use are connected to broader social and political concerns, and how data-driven systems can be designed more equitably," the four said in their syllabus. "Such data is expansive and expanding, and serves as the basis for automated systems that range from resume screening to voting redistricting, predictive policing to cell-phone autocomplete."

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Emory Votes

Happy early voting everyone! The polls are open and we want to encourage you to get out and vote. If you're a DeKalb County voter, we encourage you to vote at the new polling site at Emory's 1599 building (1599 Clifton Rd NE Atlanta, GA 30322).

Early voting runs from May 2 - May 20. Election Day is May 24.

Resources and ways to make a difference:

Sign up for turbovote: emory.turbovote.org. Visit My Voter Page to double check your polling location/see sample ballot (MVP:pos.ga.gov) with branch vote to review your ballot and learn more about candidates/pollsters

U.S. elections/voting info: vote.org. Sign/share the Emory Votes pledge: https://forms.gle/gauD9ZXCkAfrxXMu6



Emory Ramadan 2022

Thank You

As the month of Ramadan concludes, Emory OSRL would like to thank all of our co-sponsors who helped make our celebrations so vibrant this year. During this month, Emory's Muslim community observed with daily fasting from dawn to sunset and nightly iftar communal prayers and dinner. On the Atlanta campus, each weeknight, prayer and a communal dinner was offered at Cannon Chapel.

Those who generously contributed financially to host an iftar this year included: Emory University Office of the President; Emory Healthcare (Personal donation of the Lewin Family); Executive Vice President of Business and Administration; Advancement and Alumni Engagement; Emory Campus Life; Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Emory College of Arts and Sciences; Candler School of Theology; Goizueta Business School; Laney Graduate School; Rollins School of Public Health; Woodruff School of Nursing; Emory Campus Dining; Muslim Students Association; Graduate Muslim Students Council; Emory Muslim Alumni Association; Emory Office of Spiritual and Religious Life; Hindu Students Association; and Emory Buddhist Club.

Thanks to the generosity of these sponsors, as well as the hard work of the Muslim student community, Emory was able to host these iftar dinners. Thank you. For more information please contact religiouslife@emory.edu.



Congratulations to all Class of 2022 Graduates

Belonging and Community Justice

Each year, Belonging and Community Justice hosts graduation celebrations for a number of student communities. We are excited to offer the following graduation celebrations this year: Graduating Women of Excellence Pinning Ceremony on March 24th

Lavender Graduation at Pride Awards On March 30th

Modupe Dayo on May 7th

CARAS on May 7th

First-generation Low-Income Graduation Ceremony on May 8th

Asian Pacific Islander and Desi American (APIDA) Graduation Ceremony on May 8th

Office of Spiritual and Religious Life

Multifaith Baccalaureate Ceremony on May 6th

Baccalaureate is a multifaith spiritual time of reflection and celebration on the Friday afternoon before Commencement.



Many Voices Tell Our Story: Celebration of Inclusion & Belonging School of Medicine Diversity Week

May 16 - 20, 2022

The SOM's inaugural Diversity Week will include lectures, breakout sessions, poster presentations and social activities, including a book party. We will also showcase incredible work being done on topics of diversity, equity and inclusion by our remarkable students, trainees, faculty and staff. And be sure to check out the art gallery in the James B. Williams Medical Education building, where artwork produced by members of our SOM community will be on display all week long.

Events are available for both in-person and virtual audiences. Selected highlights of the week:

Monday: Presentations by Carol Henderson, PhD, Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion, Chief Diversity Officer, and Advisor to the President, and Carolyn Meltzer, MD, Dean and John and May Hooval Dean's Chair in Medicine, Keck School of Medicine, USC

Tuesday: Health Equity Day featuring David R. Williams, PhD, chair of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Wednesday: A Conversation on Intersectionality and Allyship featuring Jason Schneider, MD, FACP, Chloé Jordan, and Sonya Haw, MD

Thursday: The Stories We Don't Tell about Asian Americans featuring Phi Nguyen, and Neurodivergent Voices: Lived Experience and Insights for the Health Care Community presented by Matthew Joel Segall, PhD, Paige Hewitt 21NBB, and Kitteren Kit Jester

Friday: Anti-Racism presented by Darren Hutchinson, Professor of Law and John Lewis Chair for Civil Rights and Social Justice, Emory School of Law

Don't miss a chance to connect with your colleagues at the Friday Block Party! View the complete lineup of events and register for as many sessions as you like. We hope to see you there.

Get more details at med.emory.edu/diversityweek.



Health Equity Day

Department of Medicine

May 17, 2022

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Virtual

This half-day conference aims to raise awareness and encourage action around the systemic health disparities that exist across racial, ethnic, cultural, and social groups, while also recognizing interventions and research across the department centered on health equity and advanced by our community members who have been historically underrepresented in medicine.

The event brings together stakeholders from all divisions and ranks, providing a platform to share compelling new findings, facilitate scientific exchange, and identify opportunities for collaboration.

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Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Executive Leadership Council Spotlight



EMORY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

2020-2021 Year End Report

The purpose of the Executive Leadership Council is to provide support and guidance toward achieving strategic goals for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. As a guiding principle, we want diversity and inclusion to achieve its goals of promoting diversity and institutionalizing equity and inclusion as core values by reviewing progress of initiatives through curricular audits.

Our goal is to create a culture and climate of equity and inclusion, where diversity is nurtured, valued, and celebrated. The School of Medicine is on a journey. Moving from excellence to eminence requires an unwavering commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) principles that must be more than promises. They must define who we are and how we engage with each other and with the community we serve. We're grateful for the hard work of so many faculty, staff and learners who helped craft the roadmap for our DEI journey.

- 2021 Executive Summary DEI Strategic Plan
Program for Retaining, Supporting, and Elevating Early-career Researchers at Emory (PERSEVERE)
Bold Leader Series

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Affinity Month

The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion celebrates the rich tapestry of human experiences at Emory University. This month, May 2022, we recognize Asian American and Pacific Islander Month and Jewish American Heritage Month. In collaboration with campus partners, we have curated resources that highlight, educate, and encourage a sense of community.



The Stories We Don't Tell About Asian Americans

School of Medicine

May 19, 2022

8:00 am

SOM Auditorium 103 | Zoom

Presented by Phi Nguyen, executive director for Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta.

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The social and political activism of the Asian American movement

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Despite a long history of immigrants from Asia contributing to the economy, culture, and history of the United States, the term "Asian American" is more recent than you might expect. Yuji Ichioka, a student at the University of California Berkeley, coined the term in 1968 to unite various immigrant groups of Asian origin under a common banner. Previously, such immigrants tended to consider themselves distinct groups according to the countries from which they immigrated, but Ichioka and others saw the potential for collaboration between people from Japan, the Philippines, Vietnam, and elsewhere on social and political issues.

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Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have enriched America's history and are instrumental in its future success.

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A Museum Without Walls

Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center

We at the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center believe the soul of a museum lies not in its brick-and-mortar walls but in what happens inside those walls — the experiential friction between guests and hosts, history and future.

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A Jewish American Heritage Month Message by Emory's Jewish Chaplain, Rabbi Jordan Braung

As we head into Jewish American Heritage Month, it feels like an appropriate time to look back on an academic year that was full of opportunities to celebrate the Jewish experience at Emory. From the celebration of the High Holy Days to a festive Hanukkah party in Emory Student Center in the Fall semester and from a Tu B'Shvat hike in Lullwater to a Yom HaShoah commemoration in Cannon Chapel in the Spring, there has been no shortage of times and spaces for our students, staff and faculty to bring their Jewish identities to campus.

Being Jewish in America in 2022 does not mean one thing. For some people, the celebration of holidays is what Judaism looks like. For others, Jewish identity is expressed through a commitment to social justice and equality. I was delighted that this year ODEI helped facilitate a conversation between a group of Jewish leaders on campus and Professor Deborah Lipstadt, who was recently confirmed to be an ambassador combating the global rise in Antisemitism. Jewish life in America (and at Emory!) is truly a mosaic. Our diversity helps create a whole that is more vibrant, more dynamic and more connected than any of us could be alone.

For more information about Jewish Life at Emory, including the academic, religious, and cultural resources Emory offers to support Jewish students, faculty, staff, and the whole campus, please contact Rabbi Jordan Braung at jordan.braung@emory.edu.



Thought Leader Series | Antisemitism: A Conversation With Dr. Deborah Lipstadt and Dr. Carol E. Henderson

Previously Recorded

The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Thought Leader Series identifies opportunities to engage in conversation with some of the foremost thinkers at Emory and more broadly across the world who can provide educational awareness around topics and issues that create barriers to experiencing a more inclusive Emory, and a more humane and just society.

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Celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month

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To celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month, here are some resources at Emory's Woodruff Library: Jewish Life in America, c.1654-1954. Contains materials related to the history of Jewish people and communities in the U.S. from the 17th to the middle of the 20th century. American Jewish Historical Newspapers Index to Jewish Periodicals Online Jewish Studies Oxford Bibliographies Jewish Studies

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ODEI Learning Corner



History of Antisemitism: Fall 2022 Course Offerings at TJS

For Fall 2022, the Tam Institute for Jewish Studies is listing a diverse set of undergraduate courses in the fields of literature, history, Middle Eastern Studies, and religion. Whether you're interested in Holocaust memory, the turmoil, Judeo-Arabic, the History of Antisemitism, Ancient Mediterranean Societies, or Maimonides, take a look at all that's being offered.

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