Civil Rights In America

Wednesday, Feb. 5
African-American Heritage Kick-Off Celebration
11 a.m.–1 p.m., Student Center, Multipurpose Room
Keynote Speaker: Keith Ware, Campus Coordinator, African-American Male Initiative
- Re-enactment by Barnes Bradshaw, Missouri History Museum
- African Dance Troupe
- Musical Performances
Sponsored by Campus Life: 314-513-4294.

Thursday, Feb. 13
We’ve Got the Blues
9:30–10:30 a.m., Student Center, Multipurpose Room
Learn about African-American blues artists from peer speakers and participate in the discussion – practice their communication skills – via public speaking and interpersonal communication. Participants will learn about these artists through organized speeches, piano performances and video.

Wednesday, Feb. 19
Lunch and Learn: Civil Rights in America
11 a.m.–12:15 p.m., Student Center, Multipurpose Room
Dr. Linda Collins addresses the history of civil rights in the United States.

Tuesday, Feb. 25
Drums and Music of Africa with Bobby Norfolk
11–11:45 a.m., Child Development Center
Let Emmy Award-winning storyteller Norfolk take you on a journey to Africa through folktales and music.
Organized by Darlene Nei, Child Development Center: 314-513-4891.

Wednesday, Feb. 26
Winter Open Mic
Noon–3 p.m., Student Center, Multipurpose Room
The Poetry Club’s annual Winter Open Mic event offers students, staff and the community a chance to share their original poetry (spoken word or traditional) as well as brief political or social issue speech in honor of Black History Month. Brief original song and music is also welcomed as musical interludes.
Organized by Regina Popper, English Department: 314-513-4763.

Thursday, Feb. 27
Major Black Writers: Harlem, USA
11 a.m.–1 p.m., Student Center, Multipurpose Room
Visit spring 2014’s Major Black Writers class to see student presentations about Harlem Renaissance authors. From James Baldwin and Zora Neale Hurston to Langston Hughes and Richard Wright, the Harlem Renaissance was undeniably one of American literature’s most influential movements.
Organized by Lonetta Oliver, English Department: 314-513-4132.

Feb. 3—Feb. 28
Road to Freedom: Dred Scott Exhibit
Instructional Resources Building (Library), 2nd Floor, Hours: Monday - Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Saturday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
From its founding in 1764, St. Louis has been home to African-Americans. Until 1865, most were enslaved. The Dred Scott Decision tells the story of St. Louis’ enslaved blacks and their quests for freedom. The roads they took varied, but the goal of the journey remained the same: to share America’s promise of liberty and justice for all. This exhibit contains images of documents, photographs and objects from the collection of the Missouri Historical Society, tracing the pursuit of freedom in 19th-century St. Louis. Sponsored by David L. Underwood Library.