

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

MacEwan University celebrates Black History Month

Black History Month is a time to recognize the importance of equity, diversity and inclusion, and a series of events will be taking place within the MacEwan University community.

“I encourage everyone at MacEwan and the community to take part in the Black History Month events. It is vitally important that we continue to recognize we all need to work toward being more inclusive,” said Dr. Annette Trimbee, MacEwan’s president and vice-chancellor. “We must make sure that our students see themselves reflected in our faculty, staff, and leadership. Events like Black History Month are a perfect opportunity to do that by recognizing the excellence of people who represent a range of worldviews, ethnicities and genders.”

The series of events begins today with [Tracking Black Canada – Trailblazers](#), a virtual trip around Canada that highlights the often-forgotten history of early Black communities.

On February 2, a forum to explore the challenges of [Creating While Black](#) creates a space for Black History Month to intersect with the university’s 2022 [Interdisciplinary Dialogue](#). Rochelle Ignacio, co-founder of Black-Owned Market, will join Alain Intwali and Bobby Tyndale on a panel to discuss how their Blackness impacts their ability to master digital content and storytelling or grow a grassroots organization into a sustainable business model.

On February 5 and 6, visit the Black-Owned Market (BOM) Black Futures at the Art Gallery of Alberta, hosted by Rochelle Ignacio. While you’re there, plan to stop by the [5 Artists. 1 Love](#) art exhibition, curated and produced by MacEwan alum Darren Jordan.

On [February 16](#), the History and Classics Club is partnering with the Office of Human Rights, Diversity and Equity to host an online screening and discussion of *I Am Not Your Negro* (2016), Raoul Peck’s award-winning documentary about the great American writer James Baldwin.

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