Let us welcome February and take every chance to show love to all we meet!

In this issue of the Cougar Catch-Up, you'll find the planned events for the month of February and student highlights. Lastly, check out the calendar for the dates and links to the new graduate dean interview forum! Be sure to attend and ask questions to determine the best fit for the graduate school!

We love and appreciate all of y'all!
Brooke, Taylor, Claudia, and Jill
February is Black History Month

Looking for ways to celebrate Black History Month? Check out the list below for books, shows, movies, plays, and podcast that celebrate Black History! Featured above are James Baldwin, a novelist, playwright, poet, essayist, and activist, and Mae Jemison, an engineer, physician, and astronaut.

### Books
1. *How to be an Anti-Racist* - Ibram X Kendi
2. *Root Magic* - Eden Royce
   (Bonus - Charleston author!)
3. *Between the World and Me* - Ta-Nehisi Coates,
   (also a movie)
4. *The Hate U Give* - Angie Thomas, (also a movie)
5. *The Fire Next Time* - James Baldwin

### Shows
1. *Black-ish* - ABC
2. *Dear White People* - Netflix
3. *Tuskegee Airmen: Legacy of Courage* - History Channel
   Feb 10th, 8:00 pm
4. *13th* - Netflix
5. *Insecure* - HBO

### Movies
1. *Just Mercy* - 2019, (also a book)
2. *12 Years a Slave* - 2013, (also a book)
   (also a book)
5. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* - 2017,
   (also a book)
6. *Judas and the Black Messiah* - In theaters and
   on HBO Feb 12th

### Plays
1. *Pipeline* - Dominique Morisseau
2. *The Niceties* by Eleanor Burgess

### Podcasts

### Episodes
1. *Red Summer, 1919* - Stuff You Missed in History Class
2. *Wilmington Coup of 1898* - Stuff You Missed in History Class
3. *What You Need To Know About Medical Racism* - Black History Year
4. *A Thousand Ways to Kneel and Kiss the Ground* - Code Switch
Ready to graduate and get placed into a killer job? The upcoming spring career fair is hosted by the Career Center via the Handshake app. Some employers are looking specifically for graduate students. To register and reserve your spot for the online event, register at handshake. For more information on the event, reach out to Erin Halford (odeae@cofc.edu) at the Career Center. After the career fair, be sure to check out the Graduate Student Association and Career Center joint seminar, Interview Preparation Tips (see page 4 for ad.)
INTERVIEW PREPARATION WORKSHOP

For this month's career center workshop, we will be preparing for interviews! The meeting will take place on Feb. 25th at 6:30 pm via zoom.

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thank you to all council members who answered the doodle poll for meeting dates. Since everybody was split evenly on Wednesday and Friday dates, we will alternate this semester! This month's meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17th, at 7:00 pm.

https://cofc.zoom.us/j/97108349947
Second year marine biology graduate student, Lindsey Transue, is using passive acoustics to study soundscape patterns in Charleston Harbor and Port Royal Sound for her thesis project. A soundscape includes the biological, physical, and human-made sounds in an ecosystem. The biological sound producers in SC estuaries are bottlenose dolphins, snapping shrimp, and fish such as spotted sea trout and red drum, and patterns of biological sound can be used to learn about animal behavior, habitat quality, and community structure. Lindsey’s project will explore these patterns and then compare them to diversity measures collected through traditional metrics by the SC Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) to see if passive acoustics could provide an alternative method of tracking biodiversity in local estuaries. Outside of analyzing acoustic files, Lindsey helps conduct visual dolphin surveys with the USCB Marine Sensory and Neurobiology Lab and volunteers with SCDNR inshore fisheries surveys.
Hello, everyone! My name is Simone, I am a candidate for my Masters in Public Administration degree and am currently completing a certificate in Arts and Cultural Management. I grew up in a small town in coastal Connecticut and relocated to Charleston, South Carolina in 2015 to pursue an undergraduate degree in Arts Management at the College of Charleston. An interest in exploring the cultural and nonprofit sectors in a broader scope led me to begin graduate work at the College's Public Administration program. I've been able to wear a few different hats during my time as a Graduate student. A passion for Arts Education brought me into my role at the Charleston Gaillard Center, where I have worked since August 2019, writing grants to support the Gaillard's Education and Community Program which provides children of the Lowcountry with barrier-free arts education. I hold a Fellowship with the South Carolina Arts Alliance - the only state-wide arts advocacy organization - where I am currently planning South Carolina's Arts Advocacy Week. I am the 2020-2021 Graduate Assistant for the Arts Management Program, and an instructor with Dance.Laugh.Learn. a dance, music, and drama program providing classes to children ages 6 months through 5 years old. Each of these experiences, as you can see, is highly intertwined with the arts. I am fueled by my passion for sharing the intrinsic and extrinsic benefits of the arts with the broader community, and the skills that I've acquired through the Public Administration Program and the Arts and Cultural Management certificate have certainly propelled my ideas, opinions, and career track.
GRADUATE STUDENT WORK HIGHLIGHT
WE WANT TO HIGHLIGHT YOUR AMAZING WORK!

STEM MAJORS
Made a super cool discovery? Interested in interdisciplinary collaboration? Once a month, we would like to highlight YOU!

NON-STEM MAJORS
Excited about an internship or a cool project you've worked on? Once a month, we would like to highlight YOU!

HOW TO SUBMIT:
Send us a fun picture and a blurb about your research via email to Brooke Blosser (blosserbc@g.cofc.edu) or Jill Goodman (goodmanj1@cofc.edu) by the 25th of each month! Highlights will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

1. Dr. Kameelah Martin
   9:00 am Campus Wide Forum
   Zoom here

2. Dr. Judy Millesen
   1:00 pm Campus Wide Forum
   Zoom here

3. Black History Month Lecture
   5:00 pm
   register here

4. Graduate Student Council Meeting
   6:30 pm

5. Spring Career Fair - Online via Handshake
   12:00 pm

6. Interview Workshop - Career Center
   6:30 pm

SA Event
CofC Event
City of Charleston Event