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DIVERSITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Dear Diversity Leaders & Ambassadors,

We are excited to kick off Black History Month with a host of events to celebrate and honor the accomplishments and sacrifices of leaders who fought for the human rights of this community. Also, our [affinity month celebration](#) is going to start in mid-February and the careers and personal journeys of a few Black faculty members will be recognized so please take the time to review their stories when they become available. Lastly, we have also made available the [Emory University School of Medicine African American History](#) timeline and our [Racism & Social Justice Webinar Series](#). We invite you to celebrate with us, reflect, and learn how to be a part of the continued effort to promote equity and justice across our community.



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Monday, February 1st

Uprooting Racism embedded in Medical Education -
Registration is [open](#).

Structural racism encompasses historical and current public policies, institutional practices and cultural norms, which perpetuate racism across systems including education and health care. Transformative change in health professions education requires a systems thinking approach to successfully combat the structural racism deeply embedded at every level of our medical educational programs. -
Panelist – Sheryl Heron, MD, MPH

Thursday, February 4th

[The 2021 Pellom McDaniels Sports History Lecture Series: Bigger than Sports](#) will feature speakers Howard Bryant, an award-winning ESPN Writer, William C. Rhoden, an award-winning NY Times Columnist, and Emory University History Professor Carl Suddler discussing an uneven playing field in sports and media.

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Friday, February 5th

The Atlanta Global Studies Center will host a public event: [Race Beyond Borders: Understanding Race as a Global Concept: Power Access and Policy](#), which is a discussion on theoretical and experiential definitions of race and how it is viewed in other parts of the World. Our very own Dr. Sheryl Heron, Associate Dean for Community Engagement, Equity & Inclusion is a featured panelist.

Sunday, February 7th

Emory Libraries partners with the BronzeLens Film Festival for the [Athlete. Scholar. Activist: Chapters in the Life of Dr. Pellom McDaniels](#) event, which begins with a screening of the film “Flash Here and There Like Falling Stars: The Life and Work of Dr. Pellom McDaniels III,” followed by a conversation featuring Nsenga Burton, Valerie Boyd, Leatrice Ellzy, Fahamu Pecou, and Jon Posnanski.

Please save the dates below:

- February 11th: [The Privileged Poor: How Elite Colleges Are Failing Disadvantaged Students](#)
- February 17th: [The 17th Annual Hamilton E. Holmes Lecture](#)
- February 21st – 24th: Black Men in White Coats Screening and Discussion

We have more to come! Stay tuned. We encourage you to share programs and initiatives mentioned above accordingly with your respective units. Please join us in congratulating Jada Busy-Jones, MD, FACP and the Department of Medicine’s faculty and staff for raising \$2,000 for the Georgia Justice Project! We appreciate your passion and support for social justice.

Warm regards,

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