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# **Wisconsin Historical Society to Offer a Variety of Events to Celebrate Black History Month**

**Madison, Wis.** – This February, the Wisconsin Historical Society will participate in Black History Month by offering a variety of exhibits, lectures, performances and more to the public.

“The goal of the Society is to bring to life some of the un-told stories through our collection and programs that depict the many diverse cultures in Wisconsin,” said Tanika Apaloo, adult education coordinator at the Wisconsin Historical Society. “We are excited to start telling these stories by bringing programming for Black History Month to people in Wisconsin this February.”

The mission of the Wisconsin Historical Society is to connect people to the past by collecting, preserving, and sharing stories. In order to achieve this mission, the Society is taking strides to implement an initiative that will increase the awareness of under-represented communities and cultures in Wisconsin.

During Black History Month, the Society will offer the following events:

- **On February 7** from 12:15-1:00 pm The Wisconsin Historical Museum will present, “History Sandwiched In: North of Dixie-Civil Rights Photography Beyond the South”
- **On February 16** from 4-7 the Wisconsin Historical Society will host Black History Month Open House: Step exhibition, Spoken-word, and a Presentation by Dr. Edward S. Holmes at the Wisconsin Historical Society headquarters
- **On February 18** the Wisconsin Historical Society will be at the Urban League of Greater Madison and present “An Overview of Wisconsin’s African-American History” and with the display, “Crossing the Line: The Milwaukee Fair Housing Marches of 1967-1968”
- **On February 21** from 12:15-1:00 pm the Wisconsin Historical Museum will present, “History Sandwiched in: Wisconsin’s Hidden History – Three Centuries of African American History in the Badger State”
- **On February 25** from 1:00-4:00 pm a presentation of “African-Americans Settle in Beloit” will take place at the Beloit Historical Society and the display, “Crossing the Line: The Milwaukee Fair Housing Marches of 1967-1968” will also be in location

Through this venture, the Society invites guests from across Wisconsin to discover the history of underrepresented cultures and communities. To learn more about the events visit <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/calendar/> .

## **About Wisconsin Historical Society**

The Wisconsin Historical Society, founded in 1846, ranks as one of the largest, most active and most diversified state historical societies in the

nation. As both a state agency and a private membership organization, its mission is to help people connect to the past by collecting, preserving and sharing stories. The Wisconsin Historical Society serves millions of people every year through a wide range of sites, programs and services. For more information, visit [wisconsinhistory.org](http://wisconsinhistory.org).

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