

# WOMEN'S | HISTORY MONTH

# 2023

MARCH

CELEBRATING  
WOMEN  
& FEMMES WHO  
TELL OUR  
STORIES

## SPOTLIGHT

The Women's History Month Calendar includes a listing of campus and community events during and beyond the month of March. Unless noted, all events are free, open to the public, and will take place virtually or in-person as indicated. Dates and times are subject to change, please confirm with respective contact.

### THE WOMEN'S CENTER STAFF IS HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!

Currently enrolled students can schedule individual meetings with one of our Women's Center team members throughout the year by emailing us at [womenctr@louisville.edu](mailto:womenctr@louisville.edu). We also invite you to join the [Women Center EngageUofL Portal](#) to explore other ways to get involved.

Our team is also committed to assisting staff and faculty as they explore ways to foster spaces that are more inclusive and equitable.

### WOMEN'S CENTER WELCOMES DR. JABANI BENNETT AS DIRECTOR

Dr. Jabani Bennett (she/they) will serve as the first Black woman director of the Women's Center at the University of Louisville with the aim to co-create affirming spaces committed to gender equity from an intersectional feminist framework.

In her return to the center as the director, she is excited to share her expertise in equity-centered leadership to nurture innovative solutions with student leaders as well as the wider Louisville community.

### KENTUCKY WOMEN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 4

10am-1pm, Microsoft Teams

[Register](#)



Kentucky Women's Book Festival Authors, 2019. (Top left to right) Hannah Drake, Annette Allen, Julia Royston, (Bottom left to right) Flora K. Schildknecht, Julie Marie Wade, Emily Bingham.

### WOMEN'S CENTER 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION "OUR FUTURE IS INTERSECTIONAL: RE-IMAGINING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT"

Tuesday, March 21

6-8:30pm (Doors open at 5:30pm)

Founder's Union Building (ShelbyHurst Campus)

[Register](#)

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CENTER

OUR FUTURE IS INTERSECTIONAL:  
RE-IMAGINING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Subscribe to our bi-weekly newsletter to stay connected with the Women's Center!

## ONGOING EVENTS

- Women's Center Community of Kentucky Pearls social media campaign on [Instagram](#)
- UofL Trans Visibility Month - Join the LGBT Center during the month of March to support Trans students. Use the QR code to show anonymous support to Trans students.



### ★ WEDNESDAY 1 MESA DE ABUELA

12:30-2pm | Red Barn

Join the Cultural Center's Hispanic/Latinx & Indigenous Initiatives for a meal featuring various foods from across the Latin America!

### ★ WEDNESDAY 1 RAINBOW WALK

12-2pm | Meet at the Cultural & Equity Center

Join the LGBT Center as we chalk designated sidewalks.

### ★ WEDNESDAY 1 6TH ANNUAL GRACE HOPPER CELEBRATION OF WOMEN IN STEM

6-7:30pm | Cultural & Equity Center

Join us and be empowered as we acknowledge and celebrate women in STEM during the 6th Annual Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in STEM.

The program includes an inspiring keynote speaker, discussions, a Women in STEM panel, fun activities, and networking. Students from all majors, high school students, and professionals are encouraged to attend. Share this event with your friends, fellow students, and colleagues! In partnership with Humana. [Register](#)

### ★ THURSDAY 2 FEMINIST SPACE

12-2pm | Cultural & Equity Center

Play feminist games, embrace your creative side, bring your lunch, or just relax. Snacks & coloring book provided. Open to all identities. Activity: Share a story about a woman who has influenced or impacted you.

### THURSDAY 2 - SATURDAY 4 LOUISVILLE BALLET SPOTLIGHT SERIES: WOMEN IN FOCUS

Celebrate Women's History Month with the Louisville Ballet as we present three new works created by a team of women-only choreographers as well as scenic, costume, and lighting designers. This production will also feature work by the recipient of the Louisville Ballet 2023 Dysart Award, an annual award for rising choreographers. Choreographers include: Ching Ching Wong, Andrea Schermoly and Robyn Mineko Williams. [For ticket information and more details.](#)

### FRIDAY 3 KENTUCKY CANCER CENTER 15TH "DRESS IN BLUE" DAY

All of March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Colorectal cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed cancer affecting both men and women and continues to be a significant problem in Kentucky. Join the campaign by wearing your blue and posting pictures to social media, using #WipeoutColorCancer. For more information and colon cancer screenings resources, visit <http://www.kycancerprogram.org> or call 1-877-326-1134.

### ★ FRIDAY 3 WOMEN'S CENTER SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

The deadline to apply for these scholarships: Ann T. Allen Scholarship and Women's Club University of Louisville Scholarships is March 3. [Apply](#)

### ★ SATURDAY 4 KENTUCKY WOMEN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

10am-1pm | Microsoft Teams

The 17th annual Kentucky Women's Book Festival will feature three authors Saturday, March 4th, 2023 virtually on Microsoft Teams 10am-1pm. Featured authors include, Emily Bingham, Farrah Alexander and Angela Jackson-Brown. The festival will be recorded and posted afterwards. [For more information.](#)

### MONDAY 6 WOMEN'S ALUMNI COUNCIL LUNCH & LEARN

12-1pm | Zoom

The UofL Women's Alumni Council invites you to join us in our virtual Lunch & Learn series via Zoom where the Founder of the Louisville Salt Cave and expert in meditation, mindfulness and energetic healing, Nicole Bartlett, will equip us with resources and supports to aid in our expansion of self-care. Bring your lunch, give us 50 minutes of your time and an open mind and we promise you that it'll be a transformative time! The event registration fee is \$10.00. While the event has a registration fee of \$10.00, we offer the opportunity for registrants to pay what they can afford to pay. [Register](#)

★ **MONDAY 6**  
**THE TALK: ADVOCATING FOR YOUR SEXUAL  
HEALTH WITH PARTNERS, PARENTS, AND  
MEDICAL PROVIDERS**

12-2pm | Cultural & Equity Center

*Ignore stigma buzzing and chirping in your ears. Get educated and empowered to discuss your sexual health including contraception, STIs, pleasure, sexuality and more! Sponsored by: Health Promotion & Women's Center*

★ **TUESDAY 7**  
**CULTURAL CONEXIONES: WOMEN'S  
HISTORY MONTH, AN ORAL HISTORY WITH  
JUDITH JENNINGS**

12:30-2pm | Cultural & Equity Center

*Join the Cultural Center and Women's Center as they kick-off Women's History Month with a live oral history recording with Judith Jennings, who was the founding Women's Center Director in 1991. This oral history will cover various portions of Judith's life including her experience at UofL, her past and current activism, and offer words of wisdom and much more. Seating will be limited. Please RSVP. Light refreshments and food will be served. See you there!*

★ **TUESDAY 7**  
**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

6-8pm (Doors open at 5:30pm) | Red Barn

*Join us in honoring the stories of immigrant and refugee women and celebrating their resilience and contributions to our communities! Experience performances by students & community groups and savor the flavors of foods from around the world! Sponsored by: United Nations Association - Women at UofL, Women's Center & International Student and Scholar Services. Register*

**TUESDAY 7**  
**FEMME FORWARD SESSION**

2-3pm | Microsoft Teams

*Femme Forward highlights the personal journey of women and femme-identified people in the Cardinal community. Each session showcases the story of their personal and professional journey, while providing networking opportunities for attendees and reinforcing that each individual's pathway is different. You'll have the opportunity to connect and learn with UofL colleagues from all careers and backgrounds, exchange ideas, and grow as an individual. Featured guest: Katie Adamchik, Director of Student Success. Sponsored by the Commission on the Status of Women (COSW) and the Employee Success Center; 2 p.m.-3 p.m. virtual. Register*

**WEDNESDAY 8**  
**INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S DAY  
"EMBRACE EQUITY"**

*A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Together we can forge women's equality. Collectively we can all #EmbraceEquity.*

<https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>



**WEDNESDAY 8**  
**AMERICANA INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S  
DAY BREAKFAST BRIEFING**

9:30am-11am | Logan Street Market

*The Americana Center will host its 2nd annual ISWD Breakfast Briefing. The topic will be "Home Here & There?". What does it look like when you live in the United States but your family lives in a different country? How can people in Louisville work together to spread awareness about global issues that impact us all? Admission is free but there is a suggested donation of \$20. Register*

★ **WEDNESDAY 8**  
**WOMEN OF THE RESISTANCE: CELEBRATING  
OUR STORIES**

12-1:30pm | Cultural & Equity Center

*This panel will highlight women at the University who are also doing social justice work on campus and beyond. Speakers: Dr. Jabani Bennett, Women's Center Director, Dr. Cherie Dawson-Edwards, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and an Associate Professor for the Department of Criminal Justice, Mónica Negrón, Director of Hispanic, Latinx & Indigenous Initiatives, & Marian R. Vasser, Assistant Vice President for Inclusive Excellence and Belonging, Office for Diversity and Equity. Hosted by the Muhammad Institute for Peace & Justice and the Women's Center. Register*

**FRIDAY 10**  
**MUHAMMAD ALI CENTER FILM SERIES:  
STORMING CAESARS PALACE**

Doors open at 6:30pm | Muhammad Ali Center

*This film is a documentary that explores the rights of women on welfare. After losing her job as a hotel worker in Las Vegas, Ruby Duncan joined a welfare rights group of mothers who defied notions of the "welfare queen." In a fight for guaranteed income, Ruby and other equality activists took on the Nevada mob in organizing a massive protest that shut down Caesars Palace. (Film Premieres March 20th on PBS.) This event is free, but RSVP's are requested online. Register*

## WEDNESDAY 15 EQUAL PAY DAY

*This date symbolizes how far into the year white women (83 cents) must work to earn what white men earned in the previous year.*

- A.A.P.I. Women's Equal Pay Day, 75 cents - May 3rd
- Black Women's Equal Pay Day, 64 cents - Sept 21
- Mother's Equal Pay Day, 58 cents - Sept 22
- Native American Women's Equal Pay Day, 51 cents - Nov 30
- Latina Women's Equal Pay Day, 54 cents - Dec 8

*\*For women working full-time, year round.*

## FRIDAY 17 MUHAMMAD ALI CENTER DAUGHTERS OF GREATNESS SERIES: DEBORAH D. DOUGLAS

8:30 a.m., breakfast; followed by the program 9 a.m.-10 a.m I Muhammad Ali Center

*The "Daughters of Greatness" breakfast series honors prominent women engaged in social change, activism, and pursuits of justice. The stories and reflections they share are motivational to some people, transformative to others, and inspirational to all. The event will feature a breakfast and a speaker. [For ticket information and to register.](#)*

*(Note: The Daughters of Greatness Series continues April 14 with Betty Winston Baye, former columnist with the Courier Journal Newspaper)*

## TUESDAY 21 CEO PANEL: ROADS TO GREATNESS

4:30pm-6:30pm I UofL College of Business (Horn Auditorium)

*Roads to greatness can be hard but achievable with dedication. Four local CEOs will speak with students about their career journeys, personal experiences, the importance of education, and inclusivity in the workplace. Bring your questions for a live Q&A session with these inspiring and passionate community leaders.*

## WEDNESDAY 22 STOP THE BLEED TRAINING

*U of L Health-U of L Hospital is part of a nationwide campaign called Stop the Bleed which provides bystanders with the simple steps they can take in an emergency situation to stop life-threatening bleeding. Register for this free session at the Beechmont Community Center, 205 W. Wellington Avenue, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (Note: Training for large groups is available. For more information on this session or details, email Tracie Burchett, BSN, RN at [tracie.burchett@UofLHealth.org](mailto:tracie.burchett@UofLHealth.org)*



**U of L** WOMEN'S  
CENTER

March 21, 2023

## 30th Anniversary Celebration

**Our Future is  
Intersectional:**

**Re-imagining  
Leadership  
Development**

*A place where ALL are welcomed to engage in achieving gender-equity and social justice.*

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6-8:30pm (Doors open at 5:30pm)

Founder's Union Building (UofL ShelbyHurst Campus)  
*The Women's Center is celebrating 30 years at the University of Louisville! That's right –30 years! This year, we plan to focus on the importance of an intersectional feminist and antiracist framework in social justice leadership with our celebration serving as the kickoff. Free dinner will be provided.*

*\*Free Transportation options for UofL students*

*Featuring:*

- A panel of Louisville community leaders highlighting the importance of collective work in social justice with a feminist perspective
  - Karina Barillas, Executive Director, La Casita Center
  - Cathe Dykstra, Chief Possibility Officer, President & CEO of Family Scholar House
  - Dr. Kaila Story, Associate Professor, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, with a joint appointment in the Department of Pan-African Studies. She holds the Audre Lorde Chair in Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.
  - Grace Simrall, Chief of Civic Innovation and Technology for Louisville Metro Government
- Women's Center Awards presentations
- Community Pearls of Kentucky - Recognition of 30 women and femme community leaders
- Entertainment and performances from the community

*For more information and to register, visit our [website](#) or email [womenctr@louisville.edu](mailto:womenctr@louisville.edu).*

## WEDNESDAY 22 - THURSDAY 23 GRADUATE STUDENT REGIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The Graduate Student Research Regional Conference is in its 16th year and offers graduate students an opportunity to share their research with the U of L community through oral talks and poster presentations, while gaining valuable experience in presenting their work to an interdisciplinary audience. It also highlights the diversity of research on campus and across the region, and allows students to engage in meaningful networking opportunities. [For more information and to register.](#)

### ★ THURSDAY 23 UNPACKING FEMINISM: NO TERFS ON OUR TERF

12-2pm | Cultural & Equity Center

The dissemination of Trans-Exclusionary Radical Feminist (TERF) ideology has coincided with rising rates of systemic and interpersonal violence toward transgender people over the last decade. In this panel discussion we will discuss the detrimental impacts of TERF rhetoric on the trans community, how to spot TERF ideology, and how to better support trans people in your community.

### FRIDAY 24 U OF L ANNUAL ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP SYMPOSIUM

9am-2pm | UofL Ekstrom Library

The UofL Annual Engaged Scholarship Symposium is an opportunity to network and share current research and teaching activities involving community partners and service to the community.

This year's theme is "Making a Difference Through University Community Collaborations." [For more information and to register.](#)

### ★ FRIDAY 31 PINK! DRAG SHOW

7pm | Student Activities Center Ballroom

PINK is U of L's student-produced drag show! In addition to providing great entertainment, PINK is an opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and the broader community to celebrate the rich culture and diversity of U of L's LGBTQ+ and allied community. FREE but make sure to bring tips for the performers! [RSVP](#)

## APRIL/MAY

### APRIL 2-4 KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF BLACKS IN HIGHER EDUCATION (KABHE) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Various sessions | UofL Student Activities Center  
In its 40th year, the conference theme is "A Legacy That Rises While Lifting Others" and is designed for all higher education administrators, faculty, staff and students to acquire and disseminate information such as best practices and current trends used to assist students of color. [For more information and to register.](#)

### APRIL 10 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

7pm | UofL Student Activities Center

A virtual Awareness Program will take place to bring together everyone from community organizations, campuses, and neighborhoods to protest sexual and relational violence and honor the stories of those who have been impacted. The annual event is sponsored by the UofL PEACC (Prevention, Education, and Advocacy on Campus and Community), 7 p.m.

Contact Tisher Pletcher, [Tisha.poletcher@louisville.edu](mailto:Tisha.poletcher@louisville.edu) for more information or call 852-7014.

### MAY 19 11TH ANNUAL PATHWAYS WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

10am-3pm | Virtually

This annual conference is open to all University of Louisville women employees. [For more information and to register...](#)

### ★ MAY MAMMOGRAM SCREENINGS FOR U OF L EMPLOYEES

Date and location to be announced.

The U of L Brown Cancer Center Mammogram unit will be on campus to provide breast cancer screenings for women over 40. Women who have received the COVID-19 vaccine or booster will be eligible for a mammogram 6 weeks after last dose. To reserve your spot, call 852-6318. Proper ID and insurance card required. University Club parking lot, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Sponsored in part by the Women's Center).



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TRANS  
STUDENTS**

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