



VIRGINIA TECH celebrates 50 YEARS of CIVIL RIGHTS in AMERICA

Virginia Tech is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 with a series of monthly events sponsored by the Department of Human Resources' Office of Equity and Access and the Office for Diversity and Inclusion. Events are free and open to the public.

Fifty Years of Civil Rights in America

To kick off the celebration, the 11th annual Advancing Diversity Workshop will include a panel discussion of the impact and future of the Civil Rights Movement through the perspectives of employment, higher education, and community organizing.

Panelists will include David Cline, assistant professor of history; Penny J. Franklin, local and national union leader and civil rights activist; Dale Robinson, manager, Compliance and Conflict Resolution, Human Resources; and Pamela Vickers, coordinator, University Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Services, Human Resources. The discussion will be moderated by Devon Lee, PhD student, Africana Studies, Department of Sociology.

January 14 | 1:30-3 p.m.
Assembly Hall
Holtzman Alumni Center

Can One Person Change the World? A Conversation by Ask Big Questions

Ask Big Questions is an organization that brings diverse college students together for conversations that help people better understand themselves and others. For Black History Month, the conversation will focus on civil rights. The event is open to all faculty, staff, students, and community members. Refreshments will be provided.

February 3 | 6 p.m.
Black Cultural Center
Squires Student Center



Reading Chinua Achebe's Arrow of God as Gender History Speaker and Reception

Nwando Achebe, History professor at Michigan State University, founding editor of the Journal of West African History, and author, will discuss her late father's work, which was published the same year the Civil Rights Act of 1964 passed. African cuisine and other refreshments will be provided. This event is being hosted by the Africana Studies program, and will be followed by a reception at 1 p.m.

February 27 | 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Brush Mountain Room
Squires Student Center

Lived Experiences During Campus Integration

This discussion is part of the Department of Human Resources' lunchtime webinar series, "Our VT: Building Community at Virginia Tech." Participants can log into the webinar or attend in-person. Registration will be required.

March 21 | 12-1 p.m.
National Capital Room
North End Center

Everyone Matters Featuring Nikki Giovanni

Through the Civil Rights celebration, Virginia Tech will bring the Everyone Matters global campaign of inclusiveness and equality to Blacksburg. The program will include remarks by University Distinguished Professor Nikki Giovanni and a short film followed by a candlelight ceremony and reception.

April 2 | 4:30-7 p.m.
Assembly Hall and Gallery
Holtzman Alumni Center

Register at:

www.diversity.vt.edu/features/civilrights

