

# CAAS Synergy



Center for African American Studies &  
Multicultural Affairs  
PRESENTS

## JUNE *teenth* CELEBRATION

Fact # 1- Not ALL slaves were free after the  
Emancipation Proclamation on  
January 1, 1863

Fact #2- The slaves of Galveston, Texas  
found out they were free 2 years later on  
June 19, 1865

Fact #3- Juneteenth is also known as  
Freedom Day, Jubilee Day & Emancipation  
Day

JUNE 17, 2021 | 11:30-1:30

📍 Brazos Park | 601 S.W St., Arlington, TX 76010

Speakers • Food • Drinks • Free event

KEY NOTE SPEAKER: DR. PAMELA HILL

**Remember Our History:  
Juneteenth is Now a Federal Holiday!**

Fall 2021, Volume 1



# Campus and Community Engagement

## 10th Annual Opening Lecture

CENTER FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES WITH THE SCHOOL OF  
SOCIAL WORK AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PRESENTS

# 10TH ANNUAL OPENING LECTURE

## "CONDITIONS FACING AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE CONTEMPORARY UNITED STATES"

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ROLAND MARTIN

SEPTEMBER 29, 2021  
6 PM TO 8 PM  
UNIVERSITY CENTER, BLUEBONNET  
BALLROOM

To register for this event in-person:  
<https://common.forms.uta.edu/view.php?id=994593>

To attend this event virtually:  
<https://bit.ly/caas10thannual>

MAV UP! MASK UP!



**Roland Martin** served as the keynote speaker for CAAS' **10th Annual Opening Lecture!** A packed audience heard one of Black America's most preeminent journalists discuss a range of issues, from police brutality to the legacy of the Civil Rights Acts.

**Roland Martin** is originally from **Texas** and has local connections to the **DFW Metroplex**. Students, staff, faculty and the broader community came out to support!





# Campus Engagement

## October Power Hour

THE CENTER FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES PRESENTS

**"The Effects of Domestic Violence in Black America"**

**OCTOBER POWER HOUR**

*featuring:*

  

Debra Mitchell-Ibe, LCSW    Kiva Harper, LCSW-S    Lieutenant Jakisha Jones

**OCTOBER 6, 2021**  
**12 PM - 1 PM**  
**University Center,**  
**Bluebonnet Ballroom**

**To attend virtually:**  
<https://bit.ly/casactnetworkhour>

MAV UP!  
MASK UP!



October is **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. CAAS invited three local experts to discuss different ways in which African Americans are impacted by this important issue. **Social workers and law enforcement agree: we must devote more time, effort, and resources to addressing the impact of domestic violence: Four in ten black women experience domestic violence at some point in their lives.**



# Campus & Community Engagement

## Maverick Speaker Series

**UTA**  
MAVERICK  
SPEAKERS  
SERIES **VIRTUAL**

**HENRY  
LOUIS GATES, JR.**

**SEPT. 21 | 7:30 P.M.**

In September, **Dr. Henry Louis Gates** kicked off this year's **Maverick Speaker Series!** More than 2,000 students, staff, faculty, and members of our local community watched his discussion on the consequences of **Reconstruction Era** in American history. Afterwards, **Dr. Gates** shared his opinion on a number of important recent political and social matters including **Critical Race Theory, affirmative action,** and the importance of **Finding Your Roots!**

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**#MAVERICKSPEAKERS  
@HENRYLOUISGATES**

And that is the late doctor,  
not doctor, but law professor,

Maverick Speaker Series\_HenryGates Jr





# Campus Engagement

## In Case You Missed It!

**THE PAT BRANDENBURG SCHOLARSHIP IN AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES**

**ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP**

Pat Brandenburg, a UTA alumni, wants to help heal our nation's racial wounds by assisting promising students who are interested in African American Studies. Up to six \$3,000 awards are available. Recipients will be announced during "An Evening of Black Excellence: Achievements and Graduation" in early May.

*for more information*  
visit [www.utah.edu/caas/scholarship](http://www.utah.edu/caas/scholarship)  
<https://www.utah.edu/caas/scholarship>  
Deadline: March 19, 2021

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- ✓ Full time undergraduate student
- ✓ 3.0 cumulative GPA
- ✓ Minor in African American Studies (preferred)
- ✓ Earned a "B" in at least one course from CAAS (AAST 2300, AAST 3310, AAST 3320, AAST 3350, AAST 4350)

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- ✓ Two short essays (no more than 500 words)
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation

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FB: CAAS UT ARLINGTON  
IG: UTARLINGTONCAAS

In May, CAAS awarded our first recipients of **The Pat Brandenburg Scholarship in African American Studies!**

**Tia Deloach Benson** and **Xavien Johns** each received more than \$3000 for their strong academic credentials and interest in African American Studies!

**Congratulations!**



**Tia Deloach Benson**  
Major: Computer Science



**Xavien Johns**  
Major: Marketing





# Campus & Community Engagement

In Case You Missed It!

Center for African American Studies on behalf of  
Alliance For Children

# TOILETRIES DRIVE

**WE NEED:**  
Shampoo  
Bar Soap  
Toothpaste/toothbrush, dental  
floss  
Deodorant  
Aftershave lotion  
Pocket-sized kleenex  
Disposable wipes  
Socks  
Any Full-size toiletry item

"The mission of Alliance For Children is to protect  
Tarrant County children from child abuse through  
teamed investigations, healing services and  
community education"

**ALLIANCE  
FOR CHILDREN**  
A Children's Advocacy Center

April 7-May 12

**DROP OFF LOCATION**  
SWIFT CENTER, SUITE 129  
1022 UTA BLVD  
ARLINGTON, TEXAS  
76013



**Tofe Salau** was a very productive **CAAS Social Work Intern**. She and **Ann Hunt-Rodgers** led a month long toiletry drive for **Alliance For Children (AFC)**, a non-profit advocacy center that aims to protect children from abuse and neglect. **AFC** accomplishes this goal by coordinating with local law enforcement agencies, the **Texas Department of Family and Protective Services**, and other organizations.

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**





# Give a Gift

Established in August 2012, the **Center for African American Studies (CAAS)** at the University of Texas at Arlington aims to cultivate an exceptional transdisciplinary experience through teaching, civic engagement, and community-based research focused on the diverse contextual conditions of Blacks in America and society at large. Our purpose is to foster the development of student, faculty, and community capacity to create progressive solutions that address social problems.

## **Endowed funding is being sought to support:**

- ◆ Lectures, events, and conferences
- ◆ Student enrichment initiatives
- ◆ Undergraduate and graduate scholarships
- ◆ Faculty and student community-based research

## To Give a Gift to CAAS:

1. Go to: <https://giving.uta.edu/Give>
2. Specify the amount
3. In the “Designation” box, please select “other”
4. In the “Comments” box, please type “Center for African American Studies”
5. Contact CAAS to let us know about your gift

*Thank you for supporting CAAS!*

For more information on how to support CAAS, please send and email to: [caas@uta.edu](mailto:caas@uta.edu)

# African American Studies Minor



Center for African American Studies

## MINOR IN (AAST)

What can you do with an African American Studies Minor?

Careers in:

Business

Education

News Media

Literature

Medicine

History

Law/Politics

Social Work

& more

Requirements include: 6 classes - 2 mandatory in AAST

Intro to African American Studies

AND

African American History OR

Race & Ethnic Groups in U.S. OR

Diverse Populations OR

Contemporary Black Experience

Collaborations with units across campus including  
ANTH, CRCJ, ECON, ENGL, LING, MANA, POLS, PSYC, SOCI, SOCW.

For more information about the Center for African American Studies (CAAS)

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For more information about the AAST Minor contact  
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# Save the Date

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Power Hour Lecture Series**  
**February 2, 2022**  
**(Stephone Coward of BlackBankUSA)**

**10th Annual Conference**  
**February 17th, 2022**  
**(Dr. Angela Davis of the University of California at Santa Cruz & Dr. Rayshawn Ray of the University of Maryland)**

**Power Hour Lecture Series**  
**April 6th, 2022**  
**(Dr. Yvette Wingate, Tarrant County Health Equity Coordinator)**

