Upcoming Webinars

2/16- What Black Students Wish Educators New- Alumni Edition
2/19- Culturally Relevant Frameworks for Black Student Mental Wellbeing
2/29- Beyond Diversity Philosophy: An Introduction

Join one, some, or come to all!

All webinars start at 12:00pm (noon) Arizona Time

Celebrating Black history means learning Black history!
What do you know about Black education in the United States?
ANTI-LITERACY LAWS

In Virginia, should free negroes or their children assemble at a school, to learn reading or writing, any justice of the peace may dismiss the school, with twenty stripes on the back of every pupil. —Jay's Inquiry p. 23.

In Louisiana, the penalty for instructing a free black in a SUNDAY SCHOOL is, for the first offence, five hundred dollars, for the second offence, DEATH.

—ibid.

BOSTON, THE LIBERATOR APRIL 26, 1839
CARTER G. WOODSON
HISTORIAN, AUTHOR, EDUCATOR
FOUNDER OF NEGRO HISTORY WEEK

MAIN ISSUES WITH EDUCATION

• BLACK PEOPLE WERE BEING EDUCATED AWAY FROM THEMSELVES

• BLACK PEOPLE WERE TREATED AS A PATHOLOGY VS HUMAN

• THE INTENTIONAL ERASURE OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AND BLACK PEOPLE

• THE PREVAILING MYTH OF BLACK INTELLECTUAL INFERIORITY
“There is a need for an education that empowers and supports Black people. Because if Black people are being educated away from themselves, then it is assured that all other humans are being miseducated and educated away from themselves as well.”
DeSantis defends blocking African American studies course in Florida schools

SEGREGATION NOW, SEGREGATION TOMORROW AND SEGREGATION FOREVER!

George Wallace
American Governor
“There is that great proverb— that until the lions have their own historians, the history of the hunt will always glorify the hunter.”

-Chinua Achebe
As Some Schools Are Banning Books And Black History, This Mom Is Sharing African Culture With Students Across America

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Black Philosophy of Education

Education for freedom, for racial uplift, for leadership and citizenship.

“ You pursued learning because this is how you asserted yourself as a free person, how you claimed your humanity. You pursued learning so you could work for the racial uplift, for the liberation of your people. You pursued education so you could prepare yourself to lead your people (Perry, 2003).”
All Black Education has been based in fugitive pedagogies and practices.
What exactly are fugitive pedagogies and practices?

Teaching and other educational practices that have been employed for the purposes of Black people being able to enact their own visions of teaching and learning (Givens, 2021).

Ex. Anti-literacy Laws → Night Schools

Ex. Limited Resources for Black Schools → Community Funded Schools

Ex. Curriculum Restrictions based on funding source → Double preparation with classical curriculum
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What is General Education?

Integrated core requirements by which every student must participate successfully to complete their college/university level program of study.

- Exercise the privileges and responsibilities of democratic citizenship
- Develop sound moral and spiritual values
- Use methods of critical thinking
- Understand one’s cultural heritage
- Develop a balanced personal and social adjustment
- Express thoughts clearly in speaking, writing, reading, and listening with understanding (Johnson, 1952)
Gen Ed from its inception has always been a fugitive practice in Black communities.
Building Learning Communities
Building Gen Ed Courses
Building Resources

Dr. Carter G. Woodson

The Negro in Our History (1922)

Carter G. Woodson
Kessinger Legacy Reprints
Subversive Teaching
Building Schools
BHM Challenge

Learn more about the Black history within your skill area, content area, or interest area.
Start with search engines.
Contact your department librarian.
Visit Special collections.

Don’t just learn, share with students, colleagues, other humans!