"Bitay fé ou vanse / A stumble moves you forward"
--Haitian Kreyol Proverb

On Black History Month

In the United States, Black History Month descends from "Negro History Week." In 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson began "Negro History Week" as a way to contest the commonly-held belief that African-descendant peoples were devoid of worthwhile contributions to world history. The second week of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. In 1970, Kent State University pioneered the expansion of "Negro History Week" into Black History Month. The majority of the US adopted the practice six years later.

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EVENTS

2/3: An Evening with Teju Cole, RSVP
2/8/2021: Black Faculty and Student Lunch, Zoom
2/9: AFST Tabling, Sayles
2/10: History Book Club, Black Labor and the Making of America, RSVP
2/11: AFST Tabling, Sayles
2/12: AFST Lecture, Dr. Mirielle Fanon-Mendes-France, RSVP
2/21: Black History Month Chapel Service, Is'mail Kushkush, The Islam of Malcolm X, Link TBD