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Did You Know? Black History Month Facts



Harriet Tubman (1820-1913) was a slave born on a plantation in Maryland. When she was thirteen years old she threw herself between a fellow slave and the plantation overseer who was about to whip him. The overseer struck Harriet on the head. For the rest of her life she had a form of epilepsy. When she was 29 Harriet Tubman escaped from slavery and dedicated the rest of her life to rescuing other slaves and to civil rights, including women's suffrage.



Claudia Gordon : Claudia Gordon, Esq., is the first deaf

World Rare Disease Day



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Rare Disease Day is an annual observance held on the last day of February (February 28th or February 29th in a Leap Year) to raise awareness for rare diseases and improve access to treatments and medical representation for individuals with rare diseases and their families.

The 8th annual World Rare Disease Day will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2015. On this day, various activities take place in the United States, Europe, Russia, Japan and elsewhere around the world. In preparation for World Rare Disease Day, Adaptive Educational Services will be handing out pamphlets containing rare statistics and facts about rare genetic diseases as well as awareness ribbons to spread the word about World Rare Disease Day!

Did you know?

- Rare Diseases impacts more people than AIDS and Cancer combined?
- There are over 7,000 distinct types of rare diseases, and more are being discovered every day.
- 95% of rare diseases do not have a single FDA approved drug treatment?



Come see us at our information table on Thursday, February 26 and Friday, February 27, 2015 for more information!

lawyer who is African American and female, and also the first deaf student to graduate from the American University (AU) Washington College of Law, in Washington, DC, in 2000. At AU, Gordon specialized in disability rights law and policy. Since earning her Juris doctorate from AU, Gordon has been active in working to ensure the rights of people with disabilities are respected.



Thomas Wiggins (1849-1908) was a slave from Georgia who may have been autistic. From an early age he had the ability to compose, and play music and he toured concert halls in Europe and America as a musical oddity. Geneva Handy Southall wrote a book about him entitled, "Blind Tom, The Black Pianist Composer: Continually Enslaved."

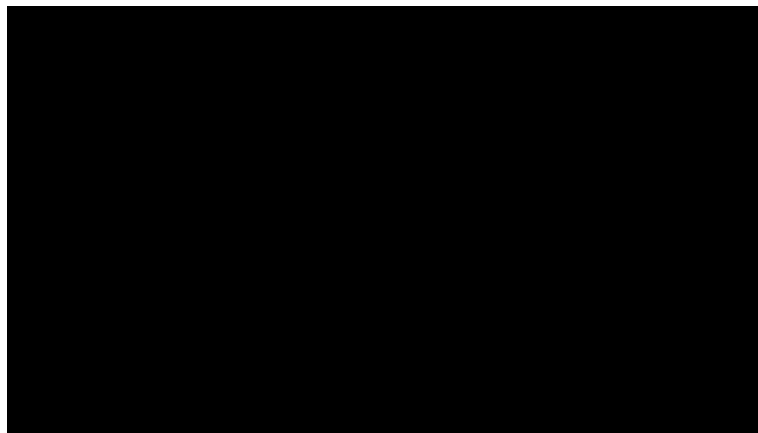


James Earl Jones (born January 17, 1931) is an American actor who in a career of more than 50 years has become known as "one of America's most distinguished and versatile" actors and "one of the greatest actors in American history." Since his Broadway debut in 1957, Jones has won three Emmys, a Tony Award, a Golden Globe and an Academy Award Nomination. He is also known for his voice acting, most notably as Darth Vader in the Star Wars film series and Mufasa in Disney's The Lion King. Jones is also well known

Tunnel of Oppression features AES client

The Tunnel of Oppression is an interactive event that highlights the contemporary issues of oppression. It is designed to introduce participants to the concepts of oppression, privilege and power. Participants are guided through a series of scenes that aim to educate and challenge them to think more deeply about issues of oppression. At the end of the tour, participants are provided with the opportunity to discuss their experiences with each other. Topics this year included: Race, Homelessness (Socioeconomic status), Domestic Violence, LGBTQIA+, Religion and Disability

"Respect when you have a disability is so much harder to come by, because you are disrespected so often..."



This year, AES client **Leslie Marsh** discusses the oppression endured while attending college as a person with a disability. For those of you who missed an opportunity to experience the tunnel of oppression, you always have next year. In the interim, you can still [catch Leslie's video confessional above.](#)

Black History Month 2015



History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by Black Americans, and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. The event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.

Black History month has been celebrated in February at IUPUI for decades. It gives us all the opportunity to celebrate the history, traditions, and accomplishments in the African-American community. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Dinner happens just before the Month's kickoff and is one of the oldest student-run traditions at IUPUI.

Black History Month Calendar (<http://aes.iupui.edu/black-history--4.jpg>)

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for his many other film, stage, and television roles. Did you also know, as a child Jones overcame a stutter that lasted several years?



upon request.

For more information about **Black History Month events** on or off campus, visit: <http://studentaffairs.iupui.edu/involved/social-justice-ed/black-history-month.shtml>

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Research Study on Accessible Tourism Facilities seeks participants

Dr. Lauren Lieberman and Dr. Ozkan Tutuncu from the Department of Kinesiology, Sport Studies and Physical Education (KSSPE) at the College at Brockport, SUNY are conducting a study to determine the accessibility of hotels and accommodation facilities with the life experiences of students (people) with disabilities. They are ready to send the questionnaire out to students with disabilities and their families and traveling companions. This study has **IRB approval** (see attached link) and the questionnaire should take about 10 minutes to complete fully.

Survey (<http://www.gumus.com/survey>)

Results are expected to help improve the accessibility of accommodation facilities. Both Dr. Lieberman and Dr. Tutuncu would be thankful for your participation as well as your sharing this link with any friends or family you may have who travel as a person with a disability

