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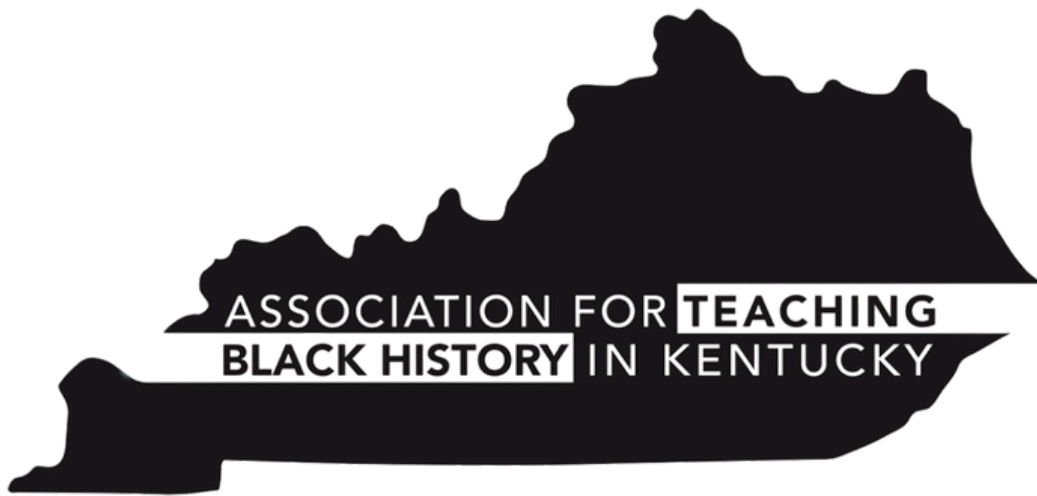


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ATBHK Celebrates Women's History Month

At the Association for Teaching Black History in Kentucky, we believe that honoring Black women is essential to telling the full, honest story of our past and shaping a more just future. We stand on the shoulders of Kentucky giants like Julia Britton Hooks, Georgia Davis Powers, Mae Street Kidd, Mary E. Merritt, and Alice Allison Dunnigan, women whose courage, brilliance, and determination opened doors and transformed communities across the Commonwealth and beyond.

Their stories reflect the very heart of our mission to center the voices that have too often been overlooked and to equip educators with the tools to bring those stories to life for Kentucky students. As we honor these trailblazers, we also recommit ourselves to ensuring that the next generation not only learns their names, but understands the power of their legacy and their own role in continuing it.

Black Women of Kentucky's Civil Rights Movement Tour

ATBHK is proud to partner with the West End Women's Collaborative to offer this powerful bus tour experience. Bone by Bone: Black Women of the Louisville Civil Rights Movement invites participants to explore Louisville's civil rights history through the lives, leadership, and organizing of Black women who shaped the city during the 1960s. The tour highlights stories of activists such as Georgia Davis Powers and others whose work challenged segregation and advanced civil rights through protest, legal action, and community organizing. Led by Mariel Gardner, president of the Collaborative and a dedicated local activist, this experience reflects a deep commitment to preserving Black history, uplifting community voices, and creating meaningful connections to place and legacy.

Tickets for this free tour can be secured [here!](#)



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Professional Reading

Out of the Ashes: Building a New American Democracy

In “Out of the Ashes: Building a New American Democracy,” Hasan Kwame Jeffries, PhD, writing for the Southern Poverty Law Center, invites readers to reflect on the fragility of democratic institutions in the United States and the urgent need to reimagine them. The piece highlights how the erosion of systems designed to protect democracy creates both danger—through rising authoritarianism—and opportunity to build a more inclusive and resilient future.

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