



BEYOND THE DREAM

SPRING 2021 SPEAKER SERIES

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Mirna Valerio



Dr. Talithia Williams



Justin Shaifer

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of the Black community in U.S. history.

JANUARY 16-17

Martin Luther King Day of Service Food Drive

Center for Public Impact | Food and hygiene items will be collected and donated to the Brown Bag Food Project.

FEBRUARY 1-28

Taste of February

This celebratory month-long series of events to commemorate Black History and highlight positive impacts and accomplishments made for communities of color and celebrate all the amazing students and campus organizations here at BGSU that are committed to diversity and inclusion.

FEBRUARY 3

Musician Phillip-Michael Scales | 7 - 8 p.m.

An engaging live show online delivering a genuine, heartfelt show with top sound quality. Did we mention he is B.B.'s Kings nephew?!

FEBRUARY 5

Black Alumni Council Event | 7 - 8 p.m.

Lunch and Learn: Update on the BGSU community featuring BGSU President Rodney K. Rogers and Jennifer McCary, Chief Diversity and Belonging Officer.

Falcons After Dark | 7 - 10 p.m. | Afro-Futurism

FEBRUARY 6

Mirna Valerio, Author & Speaker | 9 a.m. - Noon

Mirna Valerio delivers a workshop for faculty and staff on Introduction to Identity, Social Justice, and Anti-Racism.

FEBRUARY 9

Ebo Barton, Poet & Educator | Noon - 1 p.m.

Spoken Word with Ebo Barton

LGBTQ+ Possibility Models Series

Higher Education | 3 - 5 p.m.

Register at bgsu.edu/pmfeb

FEBRUARY 9

Mirna Valerio, Author & Speaker

Graduate students | Noon - 1 p.m.

TRIO students | 1 - 2 p.m.

Mirna Valerio facilitates student break-out sessions. Topic: PASSION FORWARD – discovering your own “story” and your ability to name and identify your personal brand.

FEBRUARY 10

KEYNOTE with Mirna Valerio

Mirna Valerio delivers a keynote to the entire BGSU community on: Your Body is a Beautiful Work in Progress: Our Incredible, Beautiful Bodies.

FEBRUARY 11

Next Gen Conversation with Erin Upchurch | 12:30 - 1 p.m.

The discussion will center on historical and current struggles of queer and trans youth of color, as well as looking ahead toward the future.

FEBRUARY 13

Black Expo | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Virtual Movie Session: 6 – 8 p.m. | BTSU Theatre
Jazz Session: 6 – 8 p.m. | BTSU
Spirit Tasting from brands from Black companies

FEBRUARY 16

KEYNOTE and Q & A with Dr. Talithia Williams, Big Data Expert, Math Professor & Host of NOVA Wonders | 6 - 7:15 p.m.

Student Session: 12:00 – 12:45 p.m.

FEBRUARY 25

Black Issues Conference TBA | 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

BIC 2021 will explore “Our Untold Stories”, featuring a keynote, a panel of BGSU alumni, and sessions on culture and issues impacting the African American community.

MARCH 1-31

Womxn’s History Month 2021

MARCH 4

LGBTQ+ Possibility Models Series: Mental/Behavioral Healthcare | 3 - 5 p.m.

Register at bgsu.edu/pmmarch

MARCH 10

Latino/a/x Issues Conference | 8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Celebrating 25 years of the LIC featuring invited filmmaker Jayro Bustamante, his film *La Llorona*, and research and creative presentations by BGSU students and others.

MARCH 29

Undergraduate Symposium on Diversity | TBD

Undergraduate presentations on a wide range of diversity issues including topics related to culture, ethnicity, race, gender, sexuality, socioeconomic status, age, and disability. More information and registration of presentation can be found at bgsu.edu/usd.

APRIL 1-30

Celebrating APIDA (Asian American/Pacific Islander/Desi American) Heritage Month

APRIL 6

KEYNOTE and Q & A with Justin Shaifer, LinkedIn Top Voice in Technology, Science Show Host & STEM Educator | 6 - 7:15 p.m.

Student Session: 12:00 – 12:45 P.M.

APRIL 7

LGBTQ+ Possibility Models Series: Non-Profit Sector | 3 - 5 p.m.

Register at bgsu.edu/pm april

APRIL 14

Lavender Graduation

APRIL 17

Latino/a/e/x Graduation

APRIL 18

Black Graduation

APRIL 19

Military Experience, Mental Health, and Resilience with Ugo Naija '05 | 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.

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