

FEBRUARY IS: BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2015 Theme:
A Century of Black Life, History, and Culture

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) chose the theme to recognize institution-builders. The ASALH was established in 1915, to carry forth the work of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, known as the Father of Black History. In 1926, Woodson initiated the annual February observance of Negro History Week. He chose February because of Abraham Lincoln's birthday on February 12, and Frederick Douglass' accepted birthday of February 14. Negro History Week evolved into a month-long celebration in 1976 and is observed every February as Black History Month. **ASALH Website: www.asalh.org/index.html.**

SPOTLIGHT: Dr. Nathan Hare, Psychologist, African American Studies Professor

Dr. Hare was born on April 9, 1933. He was the first person hired to coordinate a black studies program in the United States, at San Francisco State University in 1968. Hare wrote the "Conceptual Proposal for a Department of Black Studies" and coined the term "ethnic studies" which was being called "minority studies." Hare had just been dismissed from a six-year period as a sociology professor at Howard University, after he wrote a letter to the campus newspaper, *The Hilltop*, in which he questioned Howard president James Nabrit's statement to the Washington Post on September 3, 1966, that he hoped to eventually increase white enrollment to as much as 60%. Hare had taught sociology at Howard University since 1961. Hare is the founding publisher of *The Black Scholar* from 1969 to 1975. In 1979, he co-founded the Black Think Tank with his wife, Julia Hare. The Black Think Tank addresses the problems and concerns of the African American community. Hare also maintains private practice in clinical psychology in San Francisco, CA. Hare holds two doctorate degrees, one in sociology from the University of Chicago in 1961, and the second in clinical psychology from California School of Professional Psychology in 1975.



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