

# AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

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The African and African American Studies Program offers an interdisciplinary minor open to students in all majors.

Students who pursue this minor examine the cultural, historical, economic, and political dimensions of people of African descent in America, the Caribbean, Africa, and throughout the Diaspora. Students learn theories and methodologies that are used to examine the complex dynamics of race, class, gender, and ethnicity in America. Through the coursework for this program, students develop critical and analytical approaches to societal issues because they are addressed through a variety of academic disciplines.

Students are encouraged to do an internship as part of the minor to further enhance their education and provide them with valuable preparation for the workforce.

## African American Studies Research and Resource Center

The goal of the African American Studies Research and Resource Center (Paul Robeson Room) is to facilitate new ways for George Mason University students to learn about the African diaspora. As part of their academic and community involvements, students often need to address issues related to African and African American Studies. The center offers them opportunities for hands-on experience with African and African American life. It has been instrumental in assisting students, faculty, staff, and the community in finding resources to accomplish this goal.

The center sponsors a lecture series and a scholar-in-residence program and offers research and resources support for the Mason community.

## Faculty

### Program Faculty

#### Associate Professors

LaNitra M Berger (<https://aaas.gmu.edu/people/lberger2/>)  
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## Programs

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