

Remembering the Past, Building the Future!

BPN NEWSLETTER | FALL 2021



'Many years in the making'

"This moment is many years in the making," said Lesley-Ann Brown-Henderson, assistant vice president for inclusion and chief of staff in the Division of Student Affairs. "Over the past five years, we have diligently worked to center Black student voices through every phase of this project while also engaging with Black alumni, faculty, and staff, and together we have arrived at the completion of the project. There was much intentionality put into every aspect of this project, which was overseen by the Black House Renovation Steering Committee."

<https://www.northwestern.edu/inclusion/reviews-and-reports/bh-renovation-pages/black-house-grand-re-opening-events.html>

Student Activists Celebrating the Success of The Bursars Office Take Over 1968



Bursar's Office Takeover Exhibit

Come visit Deering Library to view *They Demanded Courageously: The 1968 Bursar's Office Takeover* exhibit on display through the end of the fall quarter. The exhibit features original archival documents recounting the historic student protest and its lasting impact on Northwestern. It also has a special feature highlighting the history of the Black House.

<https://sites.northwestern.edu/bursars1968/>

In the News at Northwestern!

NU Library Staff Seeks Formal Recognition of Union

On October 12, employees of Northwestern University Libraries marched to Provost Hagerty's office to deliver a letter, notifying the University of their intent to form a union with the Service Employees International Union, Local 73 (SEIU). Staff are seeking greater transparency from the University and a voice in the decisions that affect them, especially in light of the 2020 furloughs, layoffs, financial cuts, and increased workloads during the pandemic.

<https://sites.google.com/view/nulwu/home>

**YESTERDAY, WE MARCHED THE PROVOST'S OFFICE
TO DEMAND RECOGNITION FOR OUR UNION
AND DELIVER OUR DEAR COLLEAGUES LETTER.
WE HAVE STRONG MAJORITY SUPPORT FOR OUR
UNION - RECOGNIZE US!**



Robin Means Coleman named Chief Diversity Officer

Robin R. Means Coleman has been named Northwestern University's vice president and associate provost for diversity and inclusion and chief diversity officer.

"Robin Means Coleman is the perfect fit for Northwestern, and we are thrilled to welcome her to the University," Hagerty said. "She has deep experience developing policies and best practices for advancing diversity, equity and inclusion at research institutions across the country," Hagerty said. "She will help us realize the University's commitments to equity and inclusion, during a time when we, as a University and a country, grapple with pervasive anti-Blackness and the inequitable effects of a global pandemic."

<https://news.northwestern.edu/stories/2020/11/robin-means-coleman-chief-diversity-officer/>



Robin Means Coleman

Northwestern expands social justice and anti-racism learning

“Leaders will not engage purely in theoretical discussions, but also will focus on behavior shifts and action steps to ensure we lead from an anti-oppression lens to create lasting change at Northwestern.”

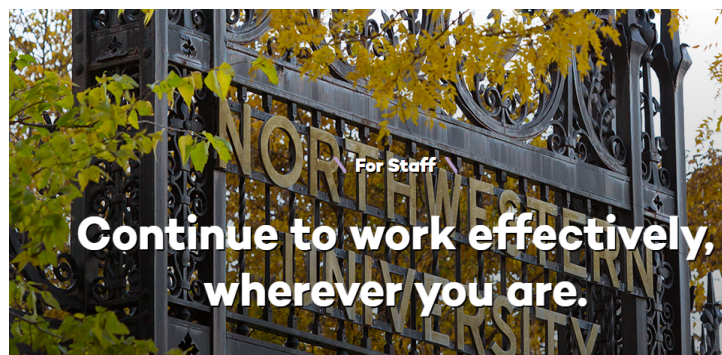
TiShaunda McPherson
Senior Associate Vice President of Equity
<https://news.northwestern.edu/stories/2021/10/northwestern-expands-social-justice-and-anti-racism-learning/>



Majority of unvaccinated Americans are concerned enough about COVID-19 to wear masks

While 29% of Americans are still unvaccinated, nearly two-thirds of this group (19%) are concerned enough about the spread of COVID-19 to regularly wear a mask, and the No. 1 reason for a large majority of the, is concern about family members contracting COVID19

<https://news.northwestern.edu/stories/2021/10/majority-of-unvaccinated-americans-are-concerned-enough-about-covid-19-to-wear-masks/>



<https://www.northwestern.edu/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/information-for/staff/>

BPN | In the News!



N 2021 Northwestern Student Affairs Campus Partner Award

NOMINATION FOR:
+ SUPPORT OF THE RENOVATION OF THE BLACK HOUSE,
TELLING STORIES OF THE BLACK STUDENT EXPERIENCE,
AND A VARIETY OF OTHER INITIATIVES WITH
MULTICULTURAL STUDENT AFFAIRS +

CHARLA WILSON
+ *Archivist for the Black Experience*
+ **NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES**



A THANK YOU from Loester M. Lewis B 100!

Tracey A. Gibson-Jackson

I applaud you using all your names 🍷 I had to reach out and thank you personally for the hard work done with enthusiasm and love to make Homecoming Weekend/Black House rededication so special for me! I am still basking in the glow of the weekend celebrating my 50th reunion.



Student Spotlight | Nolan Robinson!

BPN is inspired not only by black staffers who are showcased in the Journey Narratives, we continue to be inspired by our black students. Their challenges and struggles are what makes them leaders of tomorrow.

Some of you may have heard of Nolan Robinson. He spoke with such passion when he shared his struggles and challenges as a black student here at Northwestern.

<https://news.northwestern.edu/stories/2021/02/nolan-robinson-film/>

BPN | Past Events



BPN Presents a “Is It Just Me” Session

Ellen spoke of how important self-care is - especially now and how red flags at work adds to stress. Ellen provided us with causes and how ‘generational trauma’ is inherited. Ellen also ended with an inspired action that we must identify when we’re running on empty so we can replenish our resources

[HTTPS://WWW.BBC.COM/WORKLIFE/ARTICLE/20210415-WHY-LONG-TERM-WORKPLACE-TRAUMA-IS-A-REAL-PHENOMENON](https://www.bbc.com/worklife/article/20210415-why-long-term-workplace-trauma-is-a-real-phenomenon)

BPN Presents Male Members Dialogue Sessions



Join the Zoom conversation with facilitator [Walter Crawford](#), executive and leadership coach. Walter, alongside Northwestern BPN male members, Michael Hill, Omar Negron, and Jabari Thomas will include you in an engaging dialogue that speaks to the Black Male Experience in and around Northwestern. (*This is a safe space.*)

BPN Presents Members Dialogue

Sessions:

**Breast Cancer
Awareness Month –
A Chat with Dr.
William Gradishar**

On Friday, October 22, 2021, [Dr. William Gradishar](#) spoke with some of our members during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In addition to discussing new research and treatments, Dr. Gradishar answered the questions that were on the minds of our community.



BPN | Upcoming Events

BPN Presents November 18 | Journey Narrative

Omar Negrón is a Senior Support Specialist at Northwestern University Information Technology



BPN Presents December 21 | Journey Narrative

Janet Dees is the Steven and Lisa Munster Tananbaum, Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at The Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University



BPN Presents February 22 | Journey Narrative

Darnell Hines Jr., is the Director of Alumni Relations and Engagement



BPN Action Item: Please provide your input

https://northwestern.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_73ASsbyouIAJOPs

**Take our
Survey**

Stay Connected!

- ✚ The BPN Dialogue Monthly meeting every month. Check-in the Zoom meeting as we discuss topics that impact us. This session is about bringing together our voices to help generate ideas for inspired actions. Joins us as we dialogue to build a healthier and vibrant community.
- ✚ Look for more BPN Journey Narratives coming



CONNECT WITH US!

<https://sites.northwestern.edu/nbpn/>

[Click here](#) to join BPN's mailing list to receive updates and information from our group.

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#)