

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH **2023** CELEBRATING WOMEN WHO TELL OUR STORIES

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Get links to virtual events at mtsu.edu/jac.



All Month

Tennessee Women's Hall of Fame Exhibit

Keathley University Center

Stop by the second floor hallway of the Keathley University Center to view the Tennessee Women's Hall of Fame Exhibit and celebrate local women who have made a difference.

Monday, February 13

Music By Women for the Bassoon

6 p.m., Hinton Hall, Wright Music Building



Wednesday, March 1

National Women's History Month

Opening Ceremony and Trailblazer Awards

2 p.m., Sam Ingram Center

Join us for an opening ceremony to celebrate this year's National Women's History Month and honor the 2023 Trailblazers who embody the theme of Women Who Tell Our Stories.



Thinkfast Women's History Month Trivia

7 p.m., Student Union Ballroom

Monday, March 13

Beyond the Bench—Bringing Together Business, Chemistry, and Creativity

6 p.m., Science Building, Room 1003

Dr. Natalie LaFranzo

Director, Marketing Communications, Personalis, Inc.
Member-At-Large, ACS Board of Directors and ACS Career Consultant



Tuesday, March 14

Allship, Advocacy, and the Future of STEM:

Where Do I Fit In?

6 p.m., Science Building, Room 1003

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Wednesday, March 15

"MTSU Women Storytellers" Author Event

11 a.m.–1 p.m., Phillips Bookstore

Meet MTSU Women Storytellers and hear more about how they share their lives through storytelling. Books available for purchase and signature.



Saturday, March 18

Flute Festival

9 a.m., Hinton Hall, Wright Music Building

Featuring Leading Ladies in Music- Jill Felber, Claudia Anderson and Angeleita Floyd
mtsulute.weebly.com/2023-flute-day.html



Monday, March 20

Speak in the Tongue of Your Father: Gendered Life Writing

3–3:55 p.m., Honors 106, Honors Lecture Series



Enjoy Dr. Kate Pantelides' (Associate Professor of English, MTSU) presentation based on a forthcoming article about her own experiences writing, influenced by her father's role as an immigrant. In her talk, Pantelides will frame her work alongside other women's stories, including those of Virginia Woolf and Alice Walker.

Monday, March 27

Women Telling their Stories of Life and Death

10:20–11:15 a.m. and 12:40–2:05 p.m., Honors 106

This panel will recognize, promote, and celebrate the work of three women in telling their stories to the Tennessee public about the ways in which the death penalty traumatizes victims' families, ensnares the innocent, and saps vital state resources.



Monday, March 27

My Historical Subject Penned Her Own Eulogy: Marie Zakrzewska and the Challenges of Writing Biography

3–3:55 p.m., Honors 106, Honors Lecture Series

Listen to Dr. Arleen M. Tuchman present her experience writing *Science Has No Sex: The Life of Marie Zakrzewska, M.D.* In her talk, Tuchman will discuss the intersection of gender, scientific medicine, and 19th-century political radicalism through the life of one of the first women physicians in the United States.



Monday–Wednesday, March 27–29

Craft Nite Kit Pickup

9–11 a.m. and 1–3 p.m. in STU 330

Pick up a kit for NWHM Craft Nite (details below).



Wednesday, March 29

Lunch and Learn: Women Who Tell Our Stories

Noon, STU 210

Meet and hear the stories of MTSU alum Jessica Figueroa, who participated on *Survivor Millennials vs Gen X* Season 33 (and currently filming an upcoming project) and Ashley Till, Sirius XM radio personality and owner of Board & Brush Murfreesboro. Lunch is provided.



NWHM Craft Nite: Board & Brush

8 p.m. on Zoom

Pick up a kit and Zoom with us as we celebrate National Women's History

Month through Board & Brush art. Zoom info provided when you pick up your NWHM Craft Nite kit. Pickup times: Monday–Wednesday, March 27–29, 9–11 a.m. and 1–3 p.m., in STU 330.



Thursday, March 30

International Women's Poetry Reading

4 p.m., Tom Jackson Building

At this event where we celebrate the power of women's voices through poems. We will read poems written by women all over the world in their original languages and in English.



Tema Stauffer: Southern Fiction

6 p.m., Bragg 103

Southern Fiction explores the history of the American South using its literary tradition as a road map by focusing on environments that have shaped the imaginations of 20th-century Southern writers.



SPARE's Girlboss Gala

7 p.m., STU Ballroom

Come on out and listen to some amazing female artists and learn about other campus organizations to enjoy a night full of women who rock!

Thursday–Saturday, March 30–April 1

National Women's History Month Film

4 and 7 p.m. Thur. and Fri., 1 and 4 p.m. Sat., STU Video Theater

Join us in the STU theater Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for a movie picked by the SPARE Film Council in honor of Women's History Month. See mtsu.edu/campuslife/events.php for title and time closer to the event.



Friday, March 31

MTSU Women's Tennis Match

4 p.m., Adams Tennis Complex



Friday, April 7

Music for Hope

4 p.m., Hinton Hall, Wright Music Building

Wu Man is an internationally renowned musician and cultural ambassador who has dedicated her life to ensure "the next generation [grows] up knowing different cultures" (*New York Times*).



Tuesday, April 18

Equali-TEA

4:30 p.m., Miller Education Building

Join us as we promote education for women and girls in Middle Tennessee.
www.mtsu.edu/jac/nwhm.php



Thursday, March 23

COME FOR THE KEYNOTE, STAY FOR THE COMEDIAN

National Women's History Month Keynote, Nancy Giles

6 p.m., Student Union Ballroom

See bio on other side to read about Nancy Giles.



An Evening with Brittany Broski

8 p.m., Student Union Ballroom

She took the internet by storm with her wit, charm, and of course, distaste for kombucha. Broski will answer questions and talk about life as a woman in the entertainment industry.



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National Women's History Month

Keynote Speaker Nancy Giles

Emmy Award-Winning Commentator, Comedian

Thursday,
March 23

6 p.m.

Student Union Ballroom

CBS *Sunday Morning* contributor **Nancy Giles** is a comedian, actress, and social commentator. Since 2002 her work on the Peabody Award-winning CBS News program has earned her five Emmy Awards for her unique blend of common-sense wisdom, laugh-out-loud humor, social and political commentary, and interviews. A funny, perceptive, and provocative observer of today's world, Giles examines topics ranging from politics and race to pop culture and body image. She has been a guest on MSNBC's *The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell*, *The Beat with Ari Melber*, and *All In with Chris Hayes*.



Giles is a veteran of Chicago's esteemed Second City improv troupe. Her solo shows include *Black Comedy: The Wacky Side of Racism*, *Things My Afro Taught Me*, and *The Further Adventures of the Accidental Pundette*. She also has appeared in Off-Broadway plays, TV series, and films, including *Big* and *Working Girl*.

Giles won back-to-back Gracie Awards from the Alliance of Women in Media for *Giles and Moriarty*, a CBS Radio talk show with CBS correspondent Erin Moriarty. And her podcast, *The Giles Files*, takes a lively spin on trending topics from pop culture to politics.

For more than 30 years, Giles has volunteered with The 52nd Street Project, helping at-risk kids take part in the arts.

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National Women's History Month Button

Toni Morrison 1931–2019

Pulitzer Prize and Presidential Medal of Freedom winner **Toni Morrison** is celebrated as a groundbreaking writer, having been the first African American woman to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. Born Chloe Anthony Wofford on February 18, 1931, Morrison grew up in Lorain, Ohio. She moved to Washington, D.C., where she attended Howard University, receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1953. From there, she attended Cornell University, receiving her master's degree in American Literature in 1955.



She began her career as an educator at Texas Southern University and then returned to teach at her alma mater, Howard University. In 1965, Morrison joined a Random House Publishing subsidiary as an editor of the company's textbook division, but shortly thereafter was transferred to the Random House fiction department as the first Black female senior editor. She was a catalyst in bringing Black literature to the forefront, working with both African and African American authors.

Morrison herself began writing as a student at Howard University, but she was not a published author until 1970, when *The Bluest Eye* was published by Holt, Rinehart, and Winston. Many novels later, Morrison celebrated the publication of one of her most well-known works, *Beloved*, in 1987. This bestselling novel won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1988 and was adapted into a film in 1998, produced by and starring Oprah Winfrey.

After *Beloved*, Morrison was the Robert F. Goheen Chair in the Humanities at Princeton University and a professor in the Creative Writing program. Following her retirement from education, Morrison wrote children's books with her son, until his passing. Throughout her extraordinary life, Morrison worked with authors who told the stories of their lives and the lives of others, and made connections with writers, authors, and activists who influenced her work and the work of generations to come.

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