

# THE VIBE

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### Meet Robia!



Robia Smith-Herman, LCSW, joined the Counseling Center and Center for Black Culture in January of 2022. She received her Bachelor's in Psychology and Africana Studies from Gettysburg College, and her Master's in Social Service from the Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research at Bryn Mawr College.

Prior to joining the Drexel team, she worked at the Renfrew Center of Radnor as the Team Leader and Student Internship Supervisor.

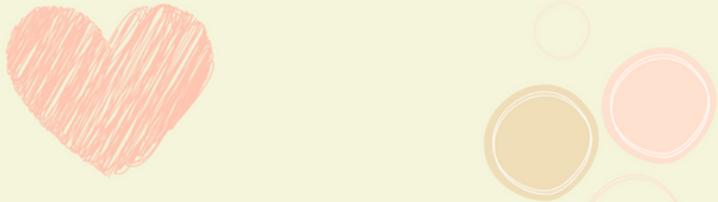
Within the therapeutic relationship, Robia is strength based, with a significant focus on the person in their environment with their intersecting identities. As an integrative therapist, she uses skills from Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Relational Cultural Theory, Exposure Therapy, including Prolonged Exposure, and Psychodynamic Therapy.

More personally, Robia is a huge soccer fan, loves Broadway, and enjoys visits to National Parks. Originally from Maryland, Robia has been in PA for over 10 years.

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We have started a monthly series dedicated to providing time to relax and unwind.

Below are the dates for this term.



## ● WELLNESS WEDNESDAY ●

11am - 2pm

aromatherapy



Week 3  
January 19th

coloring pages



Week 6

music



February 9th

healthy snacks



Week 9

March 2nd

Take a break and relax with us!



DREXEL UNIVERSITY  
Center for  
**Black Culture**



Happy Black History Month y'all!

While we love to reflect on our history during February, the celebration of our Blackness does not end with the month. We will continue to acknowledge Black excellence every single day.

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## Zeta Phi Beta Black History Month Raffle!



ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED  
KAPPA SIGMA CHAPTER

### Black History Month Raffle

Help support the Kappa Sigma chapter raise funds for the upcoming year! 30% of the proceeds will go to the Philadelphia Ballhawks AAU team

February 1, 2022 - February 25, 2022

#### Prizes:

- \* a Zora Neale Hurston Boxed Book Set
- \*a Mielle Organics Hair Care Bundle
- \*2 Tickets to the African American Museum in Philadelphia
- \*a \$100 CISE Gift Card



ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED  
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The price to enter the raffle is \$3 per ticket

Payments and donations can be made  
to the Chapter PayPal:  
[@KappaSigmaZeta](#)

Winners will be announced via Instagram live on  
February 28th



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Food is a huge part of Black culture so here are some FREE virtual cooking classes to partake in this month!

### **A History of Soul Food**



Saturday  
February 5th  
10am

### **A Taste of African Heritage**

Saturday  
February 5th  
10am and 1pm



You must register in order to gain entrance to the events

# SUMMER BREAK IN ECUADOR

INFO SESSIONS

ZOOM LINK IN BIO

CULTURE & COMMUNITY CENTERED DEVELOPMENT | 3 CRDS  
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

FEBRUARY 1ST | 5PM

application deadline feb 15th



**COUPLED WITH COMMUNITY-CENTERED LEARNING IN ECUADOR, THIS CO-CURRICULAR COURSE INTRODUCES STUDENTS TO THE COMPLEXITIES OF DEVELOPMENT AND VOLUNTEERISM – FROM LARGE INSTITUTIONS AND NGOS TO SMALL GRASS ROOTS ORGANIZATIONS. STUDENTS WILL EXPLORE HOW DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS CAN FURTHER MARGINALIZE THE VERY COMMUNITIES THEY INTEND TO SERVE. WE WILL THEN EXAMINE THE VALUE OF A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN APPROACH THAT RECOGNIZES CULTURE AND HISTORY AS A MODEL FOR LOCAL AND GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.**

# Donation Drive

FEBRUARY 1st - FEBRUARY 28th

<https://theecofoundation.com/opportunities/>

THE ECO FOUNDATION STRIVES TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH GETTING THEIR BASIC NEEDS MET, SO THEY CAN HAVE THE ENERGY TO LIBERATE THEMSELVES AND OTHERS. IN ADDITION TO FRESH PRODUCE DELIVERED WEEKLY BY OUR YOUNG BULS, WE CAN ALSO BENEFIT FROM TOILETRIES AND NON-PERISHABLES.



THE CBC WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE ECO FOUNDATION FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT RUSH BUILDING, 30 N 33RD STREET, FLOOR 1.

## NON-PERISHABLE

Canned Foods and Juices  
Dry Beans  
Peanut Butter or other Nut Butters  
Jelly  
Oatmeal  
Granola Bars  
Soups  
Canned Tuna or Chicken  
Rice or Quinoa  
Nuts and seeds  
Shelf Stable Milk and Milk Substitutes  
Pasta  
Pasta Sauce  
Popcorn Kernels (not microwave popcorn)  
Apple Sauce  
Cereal  
Pancake Mix  
Syrup  
Olive or Canola oil  
Jerky  
Dried fruits  
Honey  
Broth Stock (chicken, beef and vegetable)

## TOILETRIES

Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes  
Dental floss  
Soap  
Body Wash  
Face Soap  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Shower Caps  
Deodorant  
Lotion  
Towels  
Washcloths  
Facial tissues  
Toilet paper  
Hand Sanitizer  
Tampons  
Pads  
Combs  
Brushes  
Razors  
Shaving Cream  
Nail Care Kits

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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STUDENT CENTERS & ENGAGEMENT PRESENT

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH SCAVENGERHUNT



EXPLORE DREXEL, UNIVERSITY CITY AND CENTER CITY  
SEARCHING FOR MONUMENTS, VENDORS, EVENTS,  
AND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY TO WIN PRIZES!!

SCAVENGERHUNT HELD THROUGH GOOSECHASE  
(MUST DOWNLOAD TO PLAY)

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED FEB. 28TH VIA CE IG  
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1-27**

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**HIP HOP AND R&B  
PLAYLIST  
BINGO**

- 1** SCDI x SCE
- 2** Perelman Center for Jewish Life  
February 3, 2022 | 7pm
- 3** Win Prizes  
\$200 Cash, Earpods, & more!
- 4** Free Snacks  
Mad Fun!

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## PERELMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

A HIGH-ENERGY TAKE ON THE CLASSIC BINGO, HIP HOP AND R&B PLAYLIST BINGO DRAWS FROM YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF HITS FROM MUSICAL ARTISTS LIKE ALICIA KEYS, USHER, TLC, LUDACRIS AND MORE. JUST TRY NOT TO DANCE ALONG! YOU CAN PLAY WITH JUST YOUR PHONE AND A TABLET OR LAPTOP. A CUSTOMIZED HIP HOP R&B PLAYLIST BINGO CARD WILL BE PROVIDED WHERE YOU WILL SING ALONG TO THEIR FAVORITE SONG TITLES WHILE YOU MARK OFF THE ARTIST ON THEIR HIP HOP AND R&B PLAYLIST BINGO CARD. THE FIRST PERSON TO LINE UP FIVE IN A ROW WINS! HIP HOP AND R&B PLAYLIST BINGO GAME INCLUDES PRIZES UP TO \$200 PER WINNER! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS.

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TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT PLEASE EMAIL [BRIDGE@DREXEL.EDU](mailto:BRIDGE@DREXEL.EDU)



LEBOW BRIDGE PRESENTS  
THE ANNUAL SATURDAY SIT-IN

# bal·ance

(v) keep or put (something) in a steady position so  
that it does not fall

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2022  
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
GERRI C. LEBOW HALL

Email [BRIDGE@drexel.edu](mailto:BRIDGE@drexel.edu) for more info and to register

# AFRO-HOUSE DANCE!

THURS, FEB 10TH

1PM - 2PM

**VIRTUAL**

**NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!**

**YOU WILL NEED:**

- **WORKOUT CLOTHING**
- **LAPPA**  
(FABRIC TO WRAP  
AROUND PELVIS)
- **SNEAKERS**
- **HAND TOWEL**
- **WATER**



# BLACK & GLOBAL

**Thursday, February 10th**  
**5:30 - 6:30PM**  
**via Zoom**

Link to register: [www.bit.ly/3ADdQIO](http://www.bit.ly/3ADdQIO)

Learn about global programs  
and hear Black students  
share stories from their  
experiences abroad!



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# DIVERSE ENTREPRENEURS IN ACTION!

Sustainability, Innovation, and Social Justice

Dr. Kimberly McGlonn and Grant BLVD

Wednesday, February 16 | 4:00pm to 4:45pm via Zoom



Join us for a 30-minute interview followed by Q and A with Dr. Kimberly McGlonn, Founder and CEO of Grant BLVD.

From developing the idea, to launching a sustainable clothing store blocks from Drexel's campus at the height of the pandemic with a focus on social justice, Dr. McGlonn will describe her entrepreneurial journey and the mindset and skillset that motivate her.

Registration Link:

[https://bit.ly/DEI\\_McGlonn](https://bit.ly/DEI_McGlonn)

**BESSIE SMITH,  
EMPRESS OF THE BLUES,  
IN 1920s  
PHILADELPHIA**  
Modern, Transformative and  
Unsung

In lecture,  
**Prof. Alphonso McClendon,**  
author of *Fashion and Jazz*, will trace  
Bessie Smith's steps from  
**Christian Street to Ridge Ave**  
told through her  
dress, performance and lifestyle.

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Zoom Webinar  
**Wednesday, February 16, 2022**  
**6:00 - 7:00pm**  
Register in Advance  
via the link



DREXEL UNIVERSITY  
**Westphal**  
College of Media Arts & Design



IN LECTURE, PROF. ALPHONSO MCCLENDON, AUTHOR OF FASHION AND JAZZ, WILL TRACE BESSIE SMITH'S STEPS FROM CHRISTIAN STREET TO RIDGE AVE TOLD THROUGH HER DRESS, PERFORMANCE AND LIFESTYLE. THIS EVENT IS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE EXHIBITION VENUS AND DIANA: FASHIONING THE JAZZ AGE PRESENTED BY DREXEL'S ROBERT AND PENNY FOX HISTORIC COSTUME COLLECTION AT THE WESTPHAL COLLEGE OF MEDIA ARTS AND DESIGN.

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THE BLACK FACULTY AND  
PROFESSIONAL STAFF  
ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

THE ANNUAL

BLACK  
**HISTORY**

MONTH  
REMOTE  
LUNCHEON

SAVE THE  
DATE

CELEBRATING BLACK JOY



FEBRUARY  
23  
2022

DATE: FEBRUARY 23, 2022

TIME: 12NOON-1:30PM

LOCATION: ZOOM (LINK TO FOLLOW)

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## KIMMEL CULTURAL CENTER



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, HERITAGE, AND ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF BLACK ARTISTS IN THE WORLD OF PERFORMING ARTS WITH A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AND BEYOND!

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH AROUND THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA PLEASE VISIT THIS LINK FOR A LIST OF EVENTS FROM THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA



### Children of the Black History Movement Station

📅 Tue, February 1, 2022 2:00 p.m.

Lucien E. Blackwell West Philadelphia Regional Library

Come learn about children past and present who have and are shaping Black history. Use books to complete a fun activity. While supplies last all children completing the activity will get a fun prize! This program is intended for children ages 12 and under and their families. Visit...



### Black Inventors Challenge with LEAP

📅 Thu, February 3, 2022 4:00 p.m.

Haddington Library

Join us for our after-school program, LEAP. In this series we will explore several known and unknown Black inventions that contestants will have to match with their inventors. Treats and prizes provided.



### Animation

📅 Tue, February 22, 2022 4:00 p.m.

Overbrook Park Library

Join us for a discussion of Black animators featuring an interview with Trevor Pryce, the owner of www.ovfx.com, the largest Black owned animation studio in the world.

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