



“The function of the university is not simply to teach bread-winning, or to furnish teachers for the public schools, or to be a center of polite society; it is, above all, to be the organ of that fine adjustment which forms the secret of civilization.”

- W.E.B. Du Bois, *The Souls of Black Folk* (1903)

The Department of African American Studies, Africana Women’s Studies, and History (AWH)

is one unique department that offers degrees in three specific areas. Each degree program area is designed for individuals interested in gaining comprehensive knowledge in African American, American or African Diasporic studies. The AWH Department offers courses leading to the

- **BA Bachelor of Arts** (HIS only)
- **MA Master of Arts** (AAS, AWH or HIS)
- **PhD Doctorate of Philosophy in Humanities** (AAS, AWS or HIS degree concentration)

DEPARTMENT HERITAGE

The consolidation of Atlanta University and Clark College in 1988 established Clark Atlanta University. Once combined, the departments inherited a uniquely, prestigious legacy. The AWH Department faculty continues to advance the twin foci of applicable scholarship and intellectual rigor. Like Clark College, the AWH Department seeks to provide higher education that is accessible and conducive to student success in life. Like Atlanta University, we work to provide an academic experience of the highest quality and one consistent with the tradition of scholarship created by such world class scholars as W. E. B. Du Bois and C. Eric Lincoln. We welcome scholars of all levels to join us in continuing the departmental legacy.

CAU Du Bois LEGACY PROJECT
2012 Major Works Seminar Series and
2013 Commemorative Conference

In 2012, Clark Atlanta University hosted a year-long reading seminar on the major works of W.E.B. Du Bois. Dr. Stephanie Evans, series organizer and convener of the 2013 conference was joined by Dr. Carlton Brown, the CAU President, the CAU Provost, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, and fifty faculty to engage a sustained consideration of Du Boisian texts. This collective reading happened in preparation for the 2013 *On the Wings of Atlanta* Commemorative Conference. Scholars of all levels were encouraged to join the CAU campus, Atlanta University Center, and Atlanta-metro institutions in a nation-wide Sankofa sojourn into the writing of the most profound, relevant and complex scholar of our generation. The year 2013 marks the 50th anniversary of the passing of Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois.

Project details online at:
<http://cauduboislegacy.net/>

African American Studies Mission

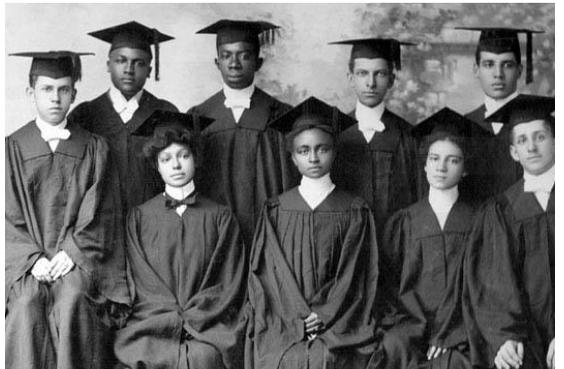
The mission of the CAU Degree in African-American Studies is to offer undergraduates and graduates an interdisciplinary course of study that expands and imparts knowledge related to cultures, and the history of the African Diaspora utilizing scholarly research, theoretical inquiry and policy analysis to prepare graduates for diverse professions who will understand experiences of people of African descent and others as well as promote social justice within the global community.

Africana Women’s Studies Mission

The mission of the CAU Degree in Africana Women’s Studies is to offer undergraduates and graduates an interdisciplinary course of study that expands and imparts knowledge related to gender, cultures, and the history of the African Diaspora utilizing scholarly research, theoretical inquiry and policy analysis to prepare graduates for diverse professions who will understand experiences of people of African descent and others as well as promote social justice within the global community.

History Mission

The mission of the CAU Degree in History is to prepare students in the major and in other disciplines with historical knowledge of human experience, past events and the understanding of global issues, diverse cultures, and our shared humanity.



DEPARTMENT OF
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AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

The African American Studies degree program was established in its present form in 1968. The degree is designed for students with professional interest in a comprehensive understanding of African American, African or Diasporic culture needed for work in various communities and institutions. Graduates are equipped with knowledge of, and sensitivity to, the teaching of African and African American socio-political cultures. The AAS degree program provides focus and breadth through an interdisciplinary approach. Because of the long tradition of African and African American studies at Clark Atlanta University, pertinent courses are also offered in many departments, particularly English, Foreign Language, Political Science and Sociology.



CAU students conducting research in AWH can take advantage of several Atlanta University Center Library Special Collections: Paul Lawrence Dunbar; Hoyt Fuller; Asa Hilliard; John and Lugenia Burns Hope; Maynard Jackson; Martin Luther King Jr.; C. Eric Lincoln; Walter Rodney; Tupac Amaru Shakur; Atlanta Student Movement; Atlanta University Presidents; Voter Education Project.

AFRICANA WOMEN'S STUDIES



Founded in 1982, the Africana Women's Studies is the only graduate degree-granting women's studies program located in an Historically Black College and University (HBCU), and the only women's studies program in the United States or the world which offers the doctoral degree in Africana Women's Studies (a Humanities PhD concentration). The AWS degree program provides opportunities for the systematic analysis of the convergence of gender, class and racial bias. Building on the legacy of activist women such as Lugenia Burns Hope, faculty and students focus on the comparative examination of the contributions, problems, strategies and concerns of Africana women. Analytical approaches that rigorously compare and contrast the lives of all women by class, age and color without regard to their geographic location are strongly encouraged. AWS is cross-cultural, international and interdisciplinary. Similar to many nontraditional programs and departments, AWS has a core faculty with faculty associates from additional CAU departments.

HISTORY

The History degree program serves as a center for historical study, providing a core base of knowledge of past events and fostering an atmosphere to examine the significance of those events on the human experience. With a commitment to academic excellence, to train historians and to enhance the historical knowledge of students in other disciplines, the department stresses the development of analytical skills and critical judgment. As an extension of the classroom instruction, students are encouraged to engage in practical applications of learning through service learning projects, internships, and study abroad. Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois served as a faculty member of history, economics, sociology, and social work at Atlanta University for a total of 23 years. During this time, he produced such works as the *Atlanta University Publications* (1898-1914), *Souls of Black Folk* (1903), *Black Reconstruction* (1935), *Phylon Journal* (1940) and *Dusk of Dawn*, the second of three autobiographies (1940). We undertake historical research, teaching, and service as a privilege and responsibility to be worthy bearers of this rich inheritance.



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