

African American History & Research Methods

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1. My Story

- ◆ Born in Washington D.C. & Air Force "Brat"
- ◆ 1st Generation college student
- ◆ CSU, Long Beach; Stanford; University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Brown
- ◆ University of Florida

2. Black History Month¹

- ◆ Carter G. Woodson
- ◆ Mary McLeod Bethune
- ◆ Association for the Study of African American Life & History www.asalh.org

3. Cultural Identity: African Americans, Race, & Gender²

- ◆ Race does and does not exist
- ◆ Gender does and does not exist
- ◆ African Americans and American history

4. Ivory Tower and Higher Education

- ◆ College as ticket to the world
- ◆ Black history & academic excellence

5. Research Methods: "The Research Process"³ (Four Steps)

- ◆ Begin with a question or problem
- ◆ Find existing research that helps define the scope, approach, or content = literature review
- ◆ Look for sources (data) to help answer the question or solve the problem
- ◆ Interpret the meaning: have a thesis, argument, and evidence to support your statements

6. Culture, history, and academic excellence are for EVERYONE to enjoy!

¹ Sources: Black Women in the Ivory Tower, 1850-1954: An Intellectual History, Stephanie Y. Evans, 2007; The Early Black History Movement, Carter G. Woodson, and Lorenzo Johnston Greene, Pero Dagbovie, 2007.

² Sources: See Jim Binden and Barbara Ehrenreich links under "Worksheets & Data" www.ProfessorEvans.com

³ Sources: Practical Research: Planning and Design, Paul Leedy & Jeanne Ormrod, 2005.