



# FAMILY SCIENCE & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

## Department Newsletter

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### Welcome Our Visiting Professor

The FSHD Department is excited to welcome Dr. Helal Mohiuddin as a Visiting Professor for 2024.



*Dr. Helal Mohiuddin*

Dr. Mohiuddin is a social scientist with nearly three decades of experience in postsecondary teaching and qualitative research on diverse areas of livelihood development and human resilience. He has teamed-up on many commissioned research

projects for international development organizations and donor organizations such as UNICEF, United Nations Development Programme, Action-Aid, Concern Worldwide, Human Development Research Centre, [BRAC](#), and Rotary International.

An academician by profession, he has taught sociology, anthropology, development studies, regional planning, globalization studies and gender studies courses at several universities in Bangladesh and Canada. Dr. Mohiuddin also served in government positions with the Province of Manitoba in Canada.

His current areas of research interest are diaspora, diversity and inclusion, decolonization, refuge and statelessness, aging, adolescence development and mental health.

This semester he will be focusing on his research and teaching FSHD 200 - Introduction to FSHD. His experience and knowledge perfectly complement the mission of our department. Please join us in welcoming him to the FSHD family! ■

### FSHD Department Offers Undergraduate Scholarships

The Family Science and Human Development Department proudly offers tuition-based scholarships each year through our scholarship program. Undergraduate FSHD students who have at least one semester remaining at MSU are eligible to apply by submitting an application form, resume, transcript and one-page essay. Details and the application can be found [here](#). The deadline to apply is **Monday, February 26, 2024**. We anticipate presenting:

#### Katharine B. Hall Scholarship

This scholarship recognizes the professional and academic accomplishments of a full-time prospective senior student with a minimum 3.5 GPA who is also an active participant in FSHD department activities or member of a professional organization affiliated with their course of study.



#### Doris Ruslink Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to a full-time or part-time undergraduate FSHD major who maintains a minimum 3.0 GPA and provides evidence of financial need.

#### Dalila Reid Award

This award recognizes a full-time or part-time undergraduate student FSHD major with a concentration in Family Services and a minimum 3.0 GPA. Preference is given to students who have exhibited significant contributions in the area of community service with families and/or children, and with demonstrated financial need.

#### Family Science and Human Development Award

The FSHD award will go to a full-time or part-time undergraduate junior or senior majoring in FSHD (all concentrations) with a minimum 3.3 GPA and significant contributions in the area of community service with families and/or children. ■

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**February 1**  
Deadline to [Apply](#) for  
Teacher Education Program

**February 26**  
FSHD Scholarship  
application deadline

## We asked the FSHD community: “What does Black History Month mean to you?”

**B**lack History Month means looking back, acknowledging, and celebrating those who have made an impact on our world for the better. Some individuals include Martin Luther King Jr., Jane Bolin, Garrett Morgan, and many others. They have shaped and opened the way for other black individuals to believe in themselves and their dreams. They proved that they can accomplish anything they set their minds to.

- Dephany Ruiz '24

**B**lack History Month to me means hope, hope that justice prevails. As long as we stand for our rights and what we believe in, no one can tell us we are less worthy for something we have no control over such as the color of our skin or the place we were born. You might be considered an enemy of this country for standing up to your rights of equality but when justice finally wins, you will be a hero just like Martin Luther King.

- Tawanda Hubbard  
FSHD Doctoral Student

**T**he purpose of Black History Month is to embody the past, present, and future Black individuals that continue to make change and evolve the status quo of what has been done before. It is important to recognize and acknowledge the strength, perseverance, and virtuosity of people such as Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King Jr., Mae Jemison, Barack Obama, Halle Bailey, and so many others who use their talents and abilities to create a world where anyone, no matter the race, can achieve and strive for greatness for future generations.

- Samiyah Lewis '25

**I**honor their bravery, perseverance, endurance, selflessness, love, humor, talents, and intelligence among all those who have worked quietly or loudly, visibly or invisibly. They empower anyone facing invisibility, being muted because of being different, and suffering from any kinds of violence, discrimination, and injustice to follow in their footsteps for a better future.

- Dr. Soyoung Lee  
FSHD Associate Professor

**B**lack History Month is not just a month; it means celebrating the resilience and achievements of black people continuously, every single day. If I were to talk to historical figures like Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, or Madam CJ Walker about my life as a black woman, they probably would not shed a tear and likely tell me to put on my big girl panties and keep moving because what they endured was far beyond my struggles. Our ancestors and freedom fighters have fought to be treated as equal, not by the color of our skin, but to have the same opportunity that is created for people of all races.

- Cookie Howard  
FSHD Junior, part-time

### Black History Month Themes

The national theme for Black History Month 2024 is “African Americans and the Arts” to celebrate Black contributions to music, television, literature, visual and performing arts, fashion, cuisine and other forms of cultural expression. Here at Montclair, the theme is “Walking in the Footsteps of Greatness,” and programs include art and museum exhibits, a film festival, a panel discussion and more. [Click here](#) for the full schedule of events.

#### The Origin of Black History Month

Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard-educated historian, introduced Negro History Week in February 1926 during a week that included the birthdays of President Abraham Lincoln and Abolitionist Frederick Douglass. This first commemoration was awe-inspiring and suddenly, Black history clubs sprang up, teachers demanded classroom materials, and progressive white people endorsed the efforts. By 1950, the week had become a central part of Black life, and in the 1960s, the Civil Rights movement enlightened Americans of all colors about Black contributions to our history and culture.

In 1976, fifty years after it began, the celebration grew into Black History Month. President Gerald R. Ford urged citizens to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” Today, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), which was founded by Woodson, continues to promote the study of Black history year-round. ■

## Preventing Teen Dating Violence

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month is commemorated every February, to raise awareness about this all-too-common experience which affects 8% of US high school students through physical or sexual violence, verbal or psychological abuse, digital or electronic intimidation, harassment, or stalking.

**National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline**  
**866-331-9474**

If you or someone you know is a victim of dating violence, call the dating abuse hotline today for free, confidential help. And visit the Centers for Disease Control website for information on [Preventing Teen Dating Violence](#). ■

About **1 in 12**  
U.S. high school students  
experienced physical dating violence.



About **1 in 12**  
U.S. high school students  
experienced sexual dating violence.



## Red Hawks Athletics



Come out and cheer  
for your teams!

**Baseball**  
**Basketball**  
**Swimming & Diving**

Find the [full calendar here](#)

## Career Corner

With a degree in Family Science and Human Development, you can pursue a career in...

### Juvenile Justice

Professionals in the juvenile justice field work with young individuals who have become involved in the criminal justice system. The primary focus is on rehabilitating and reintegrating juveniles into society while promoting their personal growth and preventing future criminal behavior.

Job responsibilities might include:

- Assessing needs and advocating for young offenders
- Developing individualized treatment plans
- Coordinating interventions and counseling services
- Facilitating educational programs
- Collaborating with law enforcement, social services and community organizations
- Supporting the juvenile's family or guardians

Successful professionals in this field are committed to promoting positive change in the lives of young individuals. They possess strong skills in problem-solving, communication, conflict resolution and empathy. ■

## Explore the Urban Teacher Residency

**Information Webinar**  
**Wednesday, February 28, 2024**  
**6:00—7:00 p.m.**

The Urban Teacher Residency program is an apprenticeship for individuals dedicated to teaching in urban areas. UTR provides on-site education, intensive classroom experiences with a master teacher, mentoring, and professional development.

A generous living stipend helps cover the cost of graduate tuition while enrolled in the 12-month program. Graduates earn their NJ teacher certification and a Master of Arts in Teaching, and must make a three-year commitment to teach in the Newark or Orange Public School District.

[Register for the webinar](#) to learn more. ■



## Which Professor Impacted You?

Have any Montclair professors made a positive impact on you, your studies, or your career trajectory? Would you like the opportunity to let them know?

The Thank a Professor program invites you to show appreciation for instructors who have impacted your educa-



tional journey. Professors don't often get a chance to learn about how they inspire or motivate their students, so here's your chance to share your story with them! You can include your name or do it anonymously.

More than 200 students have already participated. In just a few minutes, you can make an impression far greater than you may ever realize.

Click [here](#) to express your appreciation and Thank a Professor today! ■

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