

Self-Guided Black History Tour of UC Berkeley

Introduction

The Self-Guided Black History Tour of UC Berkeley's campus was researched, written and designed by Gia White, with sound engineering and lead voice content contribution by Daniella Lake. Gia White, is a Cal alumna, and a steering committee member for Black Lives at Cal (BLAC). She is a long time staff member who works as the administrative director for both Global, International, & Area Studies and the Institute of European Studies. Daniella Lake is a senior majoring in Media Studies who has been a research apprentice for BLAC since its founding in 2021.

In this tour, listeners will discover the people, places and historic events connected to the Black history on the Berkeley campus! This is our first installment with more entries to come! We hope you enjoy the journey!

- Walter A. Gordon became the first "All American" football player in the history of the University of California.
 Listen here to find out the breadth and width of his extraordinary life.
- Ida Louise Jackson was awarded the Berkeley citation in 1971. Listen to her incredible life and her commitment to education and the Berkeley campus.
- In 2006, **Barbara Christian** Hall was named in honor of Professor Barbara Christian, the first Black woman to be granted tenure at UC Berkeley. Learn about her enduring legacy here.
- Listen to the life story of **Annie Virginia Stephens Coker**, the first Black woman to graduate from
 Berkeley's Law School in 1929.
- Modest Oreathial Richardson's family moved from Louisiana to Berkeley as part of the first wave of the Great Migration. Find out more about her life growing up in Berkeley here.
- Berkeley Library

- Learn about the **first Black tenured professors** at UC Berkeley. You might be surprised who holds the title as the first!
- The **UC Berkeley Campanile** is an incredible landmark right in the center of campus. Discover the layered meaning of the Lincoln Bust on the south facade.
- South Hall is the oldest building on campus that still stands. Learn about the history of two Black women who excelled in the world of Library Science.
- Wheeler Hall has been the site of several speeches by famous African American leaders such as James Baldwin and W.E.B. Du Bois. Find out more at this stop.
- The African American Studies and African Diaspora Studies department owes its beginning to student activism. Listen here to see why.
- At this stop, take the time to learn about the significance of the year 1909 and the milestone in history created by **Vivian Logan Rodgers**.
- Sather Gate was built in 1910 through the donation of **Jane Sather**. This iconic site has been a site for activism and change. Learn how at this stop.
- Learn about the significance of "The Wall" for Black people on campus and the ongoing efforts to continue its traditions for years to come.
- On May 17, 1967, **Martin Luther King Jr.** delivered a speech on Sproul Plaza to a packed crowd of 7,000 students. Listen to the way his presence was a catalyst for change on the Berkeley campus.



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