

Get Involved Today!

"Let us banish fear. We have been in this mental state for three centuries. I am a radical. I am ready to act, if I can find brave men to help me."

— Carter G. Woodson

Volunteers

OASC enthusiastically welcomes any and all volunteers! Retirees, senior citizen organizations and anybody with a flexible schedule can share their time and talents to promote the study of Black life, history, and culture. High school and college students may use volunteer service at OASC to fulfill their institution's community service learning requirements.

I would like to Join the following Committee(s):

- ___ Authors Spotlight Committee
- ___ African American/Black History Committee
- ___ Black History Bus Tour Committee
- ___ Oratorical Competition Committee
- ___ Scholarship Committee
- ___ Dr. Carter G. Woodson History Icon Awards and Scholarship Luncheon
- ___ Membership Committee/Community Relations
- ___ Historical Research and Educational Committee
- ___ African American Speakers Bureau
- ___ Special Events & Fundraising Committee
- ___ Media Relations Committee
- ___ Web and Online Relations Committee

"Real education means to inspire people to live more abundantly, to learn to begin with life as they find it and make it better."

— Carter G. Woodson,
[*The Mis-Education of the Negro*]

The OASC Store www.oascla.org/shop

Purchase a variety of items such Annual Black History Theme Resource Materials, lapel pins, and holiday ornaments to show your proud support of our mission. All items can be purchased at www.oascla.org/shop

History

Founded by Vassie D. Wright in 1945, OASC is the oldest organization devoted to the study of Black life, history and culture in Los Angeles. OASC is a branch of the Association for the study of African American Life and History (ASALH) founded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1926 in Washington, DC. OASC was chartered by Dr. Woodson, himself, in 1947.

Mission

OASC's mission is to promote, research, preserve, interpret, and disseminate information about Black life, history and culture to the global community.

VASSIE D.
WRIGHT
Founder,
Our Authors
Study Club, Inc.



CARTER
GODWIN
WOODSON
Father of
Black History



OUR AUTHORS STUDY CLUB, INC.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH OF THE
ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE
AND HISTORY, INC.

"If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated."

— Carter G. Woodson



Continue the Legacy

Founders of Black History Celebration In Los Angeles
Devoted to the study and promotion of
Black life, history and culture.



About

Our Authors Study Club, Inc.

Vassie Davis Wright and a group of Terminal Annex Postal employees organized Our Authors Study Club, Inc. (OASC) on February 14, 1945 to study the writings of African American authors, to review books, and to learn the authentic history of Africans in the Americas.

Mrs. Wright identified what was called the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, Inc. (ASNLH) as the premier African American history organization. She contacted ASNLH for membership information, and by June 1945, Dr. Carter G. Woodson the Founder and "Father of Black History" himself issued the membership charter declaring OASC as the Los Angeles Branch of ASNLH.

Dr. Woodson and his association established Negro History Week in February 1926. OASC first celebrated Negro History Week in February 1947 and in February 1950 the celebration became a citywide event when Los Angeles Mayor Fletcher Bowron issued the first proclamation recognizing OASC as the official sponsor for the celebration. Every succeeding Mayor has maintained this tradition.

In the 1970s ASNLH. changed its name to the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Inc. (ASALH); and Negro History Week became Black History Month in February 1976, during the nation's bicentennial year. As a 501(c) (3) non-profit California organization and local branch of ASALH. OASC provides resources for celebration of African American History 365 days a year. We rely on the support of individual and corporate gifts for research fellowships, scholarships and special programs that advance our mission to collect, preserve and interpret African American life and history. Meetings are held monthly. For additional information contact: vassie@oascla.org.

OASC Events

- February Black History Month City-Wide Celebration
- Local Annual Black History Bus Tour
- Annual Oratorical Program and Competition in partnership with Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
- Participation in Annual Black Book Fair
- Participation in National Conference/Annual Meeting
- Professional Speakers' Bureau
- Promotion of local, state, and national, history projects
- Annual observance of Founders' Day (September 9th)
- Annual observance of Dr. Carter G. Woodson's birthday (December 19th)

Join Membership Benefits

Individual General/Senior/Student Membership Benefits

- Discounts on annual conference registration
- Quarterly digital subscription to the *Journal of African American History (JAAH)*, including back issues
- Digital subscription to all published issues of *Fire!!!*, ASALH's cutting-edge Multimedia Journal of Black Studies
- Digital subscription to the *Black History Bulletin (BHB)* and available back issues – a perfect resource for K-12 educators
- Free online posting member-authored books ASALH Bookshelf

Life/Junior Life/Interim Life Membership Benefits

- All the benefits above, plus...
- Annual Black History Theme Resource Materials

Dual Membership Benefits

- All benefits of an Individual Membership are shared between both seniors (65+) living in the same household.
(Dual members should submit their own individual email address to receive correspondence. The first name listed on the membership will be the primary member.)

Associate Membership National Benefits (only)

- Present at the annual conference
- Participate at the annual conference Authors' Book Signing Event and the title of your book is posted at no cost on the ASALH website
- Receive discounts on conference registration and ads

Institutional Membership Benefits

- All benefits of a General Membership, plus...
- Two digital and print subscriptions to the *Journal of African American History* and the *Black History Bulletin*
- Two sets of Annual Black History Theme Resource Materials
- Priority booking of ASALH Speakers Bureau "Distinguished Lecturers" Volunteers

Publications:

Journal of African American History - ASALH's peer-reviewed scholarly journal; *Black History Bulletin* - Dedicated to historical teaching and learning. Edited by teachers specifically for K-12 educators; *Fire!!!* - The Multimedia Journal of Black Studies ASALH's cutting-edge all digital, electronic multimedia publication.

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"I want to continue the legacy!"

OASC Membership Form

Please complete and return:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Work Home Cell

Email _____

Membership Categories:

- General **\$130**
- General Senior (65+) **\$100**
- Student (*List school/college and anticipated graduation date.*) **\$45**

- Dual (2 seniors, same household) **\$190**
- Junior Life (Up to 26 years of age) **\$500**
- Life (Individuals only) **\$1,500**
- Life Interim (5 annual payments over 5 years) **\$300**
- Associate (National) **\$65**
- Associate OASC (Local Branch Benefits only) **\$50**
- Institutional **\$250**
- Add a print copy of the JAAH or the BHB

Check One (**\$20**) or Both (**\$40**) U.S. and Canadian members only.

(Enter the name of Institutional Member on the line above.)

Donations: Donations are always welcome. Individuals who donate \$100 or more will receive an ASALH Pin. Donations of \$2,000 or more will receive a premium "Limited Edition" of *Woodson's Appeal* while supplies last as our thank you for your generosity. *All Donations are tax deductible.* Amount of Donation: \$ _____

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Check (Make payable to "OASC") or Credit Card: Visa MasterCard
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